



The University of Manchester chooses Talis Keystone, integrating library services within Campus uPortal.

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The University of Manchester, Britain's largest single-site University, has successfully integrated library services within their campus uPortal. Through the use of [Talis Keystone](#), The University of Manchester has exposed rich functionality from their Talis Library Management System into their uPortal based campus portal.

Since launching the service in March 2007, students have experienced immediate time saving benefits. Using the single sign-on capabilities of Talis Keystone, 35,000 students can now directly view their library account information, together with their email and course information, all within a single student environment. In one instant the students are able to view their library charges, inter-library loan requests and reserved items. Students can also instantly view their latest five loans, along with all return and renewal dates for their items.

Steve Campbell, Library Systems Manager, The University of Manchester, commented "We have been looking for ways to bring library information closer to students. With Talis Keystone, uPortal displays instant library information to students, as soon as they login to their computer profile. We believe that this will lead to a faster turn around of reservations and a quicker response to requests. The University portal team and Library team were all very impressed by the speed and ease with which the portal link was setup. We also particularly liked how students can get further details, by a transparent link to My Account within Talis Prism, without needing to resubmit their pin number or password."

The University of Manchester joins a growing community of Talis Keystone customers. Already 10 academic libraries have purchased Talis Keystone to seamlessly integrate their Library Management System with diverse institution-wide systems. Successful implementation examples include The University of Greenwich and The University College Dublin, who have both integrated rich library functionality into the SunGard Luminis portal.

The Talis Keystone architecture leverages industry standards such as XML Web Services to enable genuine interoperability between library and institutional systems. It is therefore not dependent on the underlying operating systems or databases employed by different applications. Talis' approach is to empower both institutions and the developer community to deploy Talis Keystone based integrations themselves, by providing the necessary tools and support via a special 'sandbox' which is available within the [Talis Developer Network \(www.talis.com/tdn/keystone\)](#).

Talis Keystone delivers significant business benefits to libraries seeking a robust and easy to deploy integration solution that helps to promote and make their library services more visible throughout the institution. For more information about Talis Keystone please visit [www.talis.com/keystone](#) or contact 0870 400 5090.

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Our expertise in software development, information management, metadata and the Semantic Web play an integral role in helping our customers achieve their objectives. Robust and open dialogue with customers, and a demonstrable commitment to engage with the wider community, ensures that together we realise the potential of shared innovation.

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