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Digital Talking Book Unit

كتب تنطق ... معرفة تصل

Talking Books ... Accessible Knowledge

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Digital Talking Book

DAISY

It is a special type of digital book, consisting of a set of digital files, produced to facilitate access to printed books for the blind, visually impaired, those who suffer from learning difficulties, dyslexia, or any other disabilities in reading print, to assist them in education, obtaining knowledge, and gaining employment.

These files may contain digital recordings of human or artificial voices, encoded text, and a set of machine-readable files.

The term DAISY is an acronym for: Digital Accessible Information System

It means the digital system for obtaining information.

Unlike audiobooks, the features of the Digital Talking Book (DAISY) include:

- Easiness of loading and transferring its files.
- Ability to divide the book into pages and multi-level headings.
- Quick access to any part of the book and ease of navigating between phrases.
- Ability to view and describe images.
- Ability to write and record notes in the book and add bookmarks.

Digital Talking Book Unit

- The Digital Talking Book Studio was established at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in 2009. It is equipped with the latest and best technologies for recording and producing digital talking books.
- The Bibliotheca Alexandrina became a member of the DAISY Consortium in 2010. DAISY is the organization concerned with setting international standards for the production of digital talking books.
- The Unit produced the first digital talking version of the Holy Quran through the DAISY method in 2011.
- The Unit's productions of digital talking books are available at the Taha Hussein Library, and they can also be accessed at the Special Needs Programs Unit.
- The Unit organizes many conferences and seminars on intellectual property rights, and provides access to information for people with disabilities, with focus on access to publications.
- The Unit enters into partnerships with local and international agencies and entities to publish their digital talking book productions and methods.
- The Unit continues to produce several digital talking books, dealing with various fields.