What does EL Only mean?

When setting up a pilot profile, question 2.2 asks libraries if they want to “Limit to electronic, to match Item Profile,” or what is generally referred to as “EL only.” Selecting the EL only option means that only catalog records for online resources will be provided to the library. Stated another way, when GPO creates two catalog records following the Separate record cataloging approach (one for a print version and one for an online version), only the catalog record for the online version will be provided to the library.

This option only affects libraries whose pilot profile includes item numbers that have multiple formats associated with them. If a pilot profile is made up of exclusively EL only item numbers, by default only EL catalog records will be provided. Likewise, if a pilot profile is made up of item numbers for tangible formats, by default only catalog records for tangible material will be provided.

The latest edition of the **List of Classes** will be used to determine the formats of item numbers. For libraries that choose to get EL only catalog records, the bibliographic records will be delivered to pilot libraries for online resources with 776 MARC field links to catalog records for tangible format counterparts. Online resource records contain Persistent Uniform Resource Locator (PURLs) in the 856 MARC field.