

OCLC Support for ISBN 13 – Technical Bulletin 253

A new international standard is expanding the current 10-digit ISBN to a 13-digit ISBN. The new ISBN consists of 13 digits: the 3-digit prefix that identifies the book industry (currently 978), followed by the core 9-digit number and the recalculated check digit that validates the internal integrity of the whole number. While the official date for moving to this new standard is January 1, 2007, some publishers have begun printing both the current 10-digit and the new 13-digit ISBNs.

The Library of Congress began recording ISBN-13 numbers in LC records on October 1, 2004.

Implementation by OCLC is scheduled for mid-November 2006 and is described in *Technical Bulletin 253: ISBN and OCLC Number Changes*, available at: < <http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/253/default.htm> >.

OCLC adopted an interim support policy for ISBN-13 numbers in WorldCat, which remains in effect until OCLC has completed implementation of ISBN-13. It consists of the following:

Records loaded into WorldCat from the Library of Congress and other partners:

- OCLC will convert a 13-digit number appearing in field 020 subfield \$a to an EAN (field 024, first indicator '3').
- If the record contains a 13-digit ISBN without a corresponding 10-digit ISBN, OCLC will convert a 13-digit ISBN beginning with 978 to a 10-digit ISBN, modifying the check digit along the way, as well as convert to an EAN as indicated above.

Online input:

- For original records, OCLC libraries were to input ISBN-13 numbers into an EAN field (024, first indicator '3') rather than inputting into the ISBN field (020).

Searching:

You can search for 13 digit ISBNs during this interim period under the index sn: for "standard number," for example: sn:9783540393689.

After OCLC completes implementation, support for the ISBN-13 numbers in the 020 field for Batchload, online input and searching will be available.

In the future:

All 10-digit ISBNs will be converted to 13-digit ones and both forms stored and indexed in WorldCat records.

13-digit ISBNs in field 024 (EAN) will be converted to field 020 and both forms (10-digit and 13-digit) will be stored and indexed in WorldCat records

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Currently OCLC numbers consist of the prefix ocm followed by 8 digits. Starting with WorldCat record numbered 100 million, records will consist of prefix ocn followed by 9 digits.

Systems and processes were planned to be ready by November 1, 2006. With the assignment of OCLC bibliographic record 100000000, the number format will change to the new prefix (ocn) and a nine-digit number. Records numbered 99999999 and under will retain the ocm prefix, be eight digits in length, and end with a trailing space.

The 9-digit OCLC numbers will not occur until they have assigned the last of the 8-digit ones. OCLC does not have an estimated date when that might happen; although it is not likely before the end of the calendar year.

OCLC is providing information and testing files to local system vendors.

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WorldCat Collection Analysis Adds a New Authoritative List

Doody's Core Titles in the Health Sciences has just been added to the WorldCat Collection Analysis service as an Authoritative List for comparison purposes. From the Doody Enterprise, Inc. web site < <http://www.doody.com/dct/> >, you'll see it is a successor to the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists, providing reviewed and recommended titles in 121 specialties for academic healthcare professionals and health sciences librarians. Included areas are Clinical Medicine, Basic Science, Nursing, Allied Health and other associated health-related disciplines.

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