

Asterisked Display of Cataloging Codes

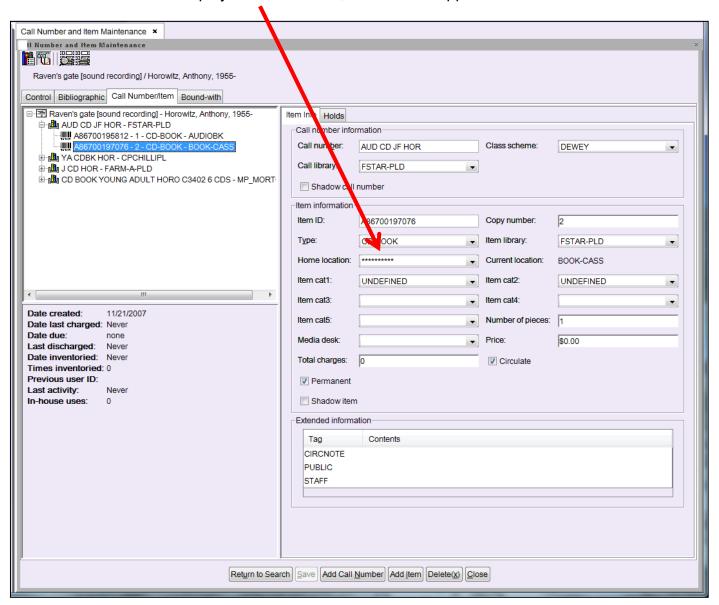
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What is an asterisked cataloging code?

If asterisks display instead of a home location, item type, or item category code when you look at the item record in WorkFlows, your drop-down menu has been customized. A code has been removed from your menu, but items in your collection are still assigned that code.

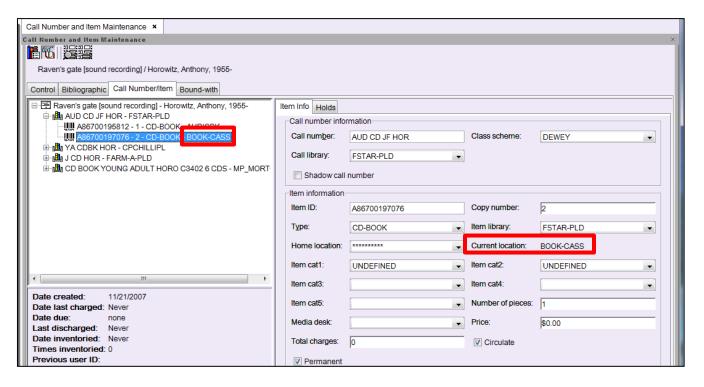
WorkFlows is unable to display the actual code, so asterisks appear instead.



Items assigned asterisks are problematic they do not generate accurate statistics about your collection. You cannot run reports in Web Reporter or Director's Station using asterisks as a report parameter. You cannot search by asterisked codes in the item group editor wizard.

To correct asterisked items in your collection:

- If you use the item group editor wizard:
 - Contact Amanda Gray, the RSA Projects & Implementations Coordinator, to tell you the actual value of the asterisked code and re-add it to your menu.
 - After Amanda re-adds the code to your menu, you can search by that code in the item group editor and edit the items.
 - Be sure to contact Amanda to remove the code when you are finished editing so you do not accidentally assign it when cataloging future items!
 - To contact Amanda to re-add or remove codes from your WorkFlows drop-down menus, send a message directed to Amanda at <u>rsahelp@railslibraries.info</u> or call 1-866-940-4083 and ask to speak to Amanda.
- If you do not use the item group editor wizard:
 - Contact Wendy, the RSA Reports Coordinator, to tell you the actual value of the asterisked code. Ask Wendy to run a report of the items assigned the asterisked code.
 - You can then use the report to find the items in WorkFlows and edit them in either Call Number and Item Maintenance or the Global Item Modification wizard.
 - For asterisked home location codes, the current location code (if it is not checked out, intransit, etc.), as well as the item line in the tree, will indicate the actual value of the asterisked code. For example:



- You will not be able to identify the actual value of the asterisked item type or item category code from the Item Info tab or the tree. Contact Wendy to find out the actual value of the asterisked code and run a report of the items.
- To contact Wendy to run a report of asterisked items, send a message directed to Wendy at rsahelp@railslibraries.info or call 1-866-940-4083 and ask to speak to Wendy.