

## Matching an OCLC Record to Your Book Cheat Sheet

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If you have questions about this cheat sheet, please contact the RSA Help Desk at help@rsanfp.org or 1-866-940-4083.

Below is a chart of the fields to compare between the OCLC record and your video or sound recording. The most important fields to compare appear in bold.

FIELD	<u>FUNCTION</u>
040 DLC	Library of Congress as Cataloging Source
	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	When possible, use a record created by the Library of Congress, indicated by DLC in the 040 field.
	Example:
	040 DLC beng erda cDLC dGMPMT dCCPLG dHRF dGL4 dOCLCF
	The Library of Congress, however, does not create a record for every book published in the United States.
040	English Language Records
b eng	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	If present, the 040  b should contain eng, or the 040  b will not be present at all. 040  b eng and the lack of it both indicate certain fields on the record, such as the physical description in the 300 field, will appear in English.
	Example: 040 DLC beng erda cDLC dGMPMT dCCPLG dHRF dGL4 dOCLCF
	If you are unable to find an English language record that matches your book, please create a brief record following the instructions in this guide.

020	ISBN
	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	When comparing a record to your book, check the ISBN on your book's
	title page verso. Do not use the ISBN on the book's back cover as the
	point of comparison unless there is no ISBN on the verso.
	Trade paperback and hardcover ISBNs may appear on the same record,
	but mass market paperback ISBNs should be on separate records.
	The ISBN may appear as 10 or 13 digits or both.
	The lobby may appear as 10 or 13 digits of both.
	Examples:
	020 9781419718427
	020 1419718428
	ISBN should <i>not</i> be the only field considered. Be sure to look at the rest
	of the fields in bold in this chart.
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	If you find an ISBN on your book, such as a library binding ISBN, that needs to be added to the existing record in WorkFlows, either brief or
	OCLC, email help@rsanfp.org.
1XX	Author
(usually 100)	This field may or may not be present on the record.
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	Compare the author on the record to the author printed on your book's
	title page.
	Do not use the author on the book's front cover or spine as the point of
	comparison unless there is no title page.
	Example:
	100 1_ Hirschmann, Kris, d1967- eauthor.
245	Title
	This field should always be present on the record.
	Compare the title on the record to the title printed on your book's title
	page.
	Do not use the title on the healt's front according as the waint of
	Do not use the title on the book's front cover or spine as the point of
	comparison unless there is no title page.
	Example:
	245 10 Hello Kitty beach day / cby Kris Hirschmann.

250	Edition
200	This field may or may not be present on the record.
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	Compare the edition statement on the record to the edition statement
	printed on your book's title page verso.
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	Example:
	250 _ First edition.
260	Publication Information
	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	Check your book's title page and verso for the publisher location,
	publisher name, and publication year.
	If there are multiple publication or copyright dates, use the latest date
	when comparing your book to the record. Ignore reprint dates.
	Example:
	260 _ New York : bMinotaur Books, c2009, c2008.
264	Production, Publication, Distribution, Manufacture, or Copyright
	Information
	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	The second number (or "indicator") that appears to the right of the 264
	on the record specifies the type of information described by that 264
	field:
264 _0	Production information
264 _1	Publication information
264 _2	Distribution information
264 _3	Manufacture information
264 _4	Copyright notice date
	Check your book's title page and verso for the publisher location,
	publisher name, and publication year.
	If there are multiple publication or copyright dates, use the latest date
	when comparing your book to the record. Ignore reprint dates.
	Examples:
	264_1 [Place of publication not identified]: bKokolo Home &
	Gift, c[2020]
	264_4  c©2020

300	Physical Description This field should always be present on the record.
	Compare the last numbered page of your book to the pagination mentioned on the record. Ignore any unnumbered pages at the end of the book.
	Estimate your book's dimensions:  18 cm = paperback  22 cm = hardcover  29-30 cm = oversized
	If the pagination varies by more than 3 pages, <i>or</i> the dimensions vary by more than 3 cm, search for another record that matches your book.
	Example: 300 x, 241 pages : billustrations ; c22 cm
	Create a brief record following the instructions in this guide if no other record is available.
338	Carrier Type This field may or may not be present on the record.
	The carrier type indicates the physical format of the resource.
	The most frequently used carrier term for a book is: volume with the corresponding code: nc
	Example: 338 volume bnc 2rdacarrier
505	Contents Note This field may or may not be present on the record.
	Check this field to verify the chapters or stories match that of your item.
	Example: 505 00  tPoets square tMy tiny tender heart tHunger tMen call cats sluts tSad Boy & Lola tMothering tBubbles tViral cat videos & the American dream tIn this one the cats don't survive tTrash tLetting myself go tThe hotdog man tThe pigeon house tAn incomplete list of names I've given cats.

520	Summary
	This field may or may not be present on the record.
	The summary is a description of the book's content.
	Example:
	520 "Join Pete the Cat as he makes a new friend, goes camping, saves money, and more in this collection of five Pete-tastic stories
	bound up into one groovy book! This bind-up includes the following
	favorite Level One I Can Reads starring Pete the Cat."Provided by
	publisher.
6XX	Subject Headings
(usually 650	These fields may or may not be present on the record.
or 651)	
	Subject headings indicate what the book is about. Retain all subject
	headings regardless of their source.
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	Examples:
	650_0 Presidents zUnited States vBiography vJuvenile literature. 651_0 San Diego (Calif.) vFiction.
655	Genre Headings
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	process and many or many more process and many more process.
	Genre headings indicate what kind of book it <i>is</i> , not what it is <i>about</i> .
	Retain all genre headings regardless of their source.
	Examples:
	655 _7 Christian fiction. 2gsafd
	655 _7 Western fiction. 2lcgft