

Common MARC Tags

MARC stands for Machine Readable Cataloging. It is a standard format for the records which describe items available in the library. A MARC record could have up to 999 fields, each represented with a 3-digit tag.

Knowing some common tags is helpful to match an item in the library's collection with an existing record when copy cataloging. Some common tags are:

020	International Standard Book Number (ISBN)
035	OCLC records number (a unique identifier in the WorldCat database)
100	Main entry (author)
245	Title and author statement
250	Edition statement
260	Publishing information
300	Physical description
5xx	Notes
6xx	Subject headings

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ICFL Adult Basic Library Education online tutorials
<http://libraries.idaho.gov/able>

WebJunction Online Training: Introduction to Cataloging for Non-Catalogers
<http://id.webjunction.org/catalog>

Introduction to MARC Tagging by OCLC
<http://www.oclc.org/support/training/connexion/marc/default.htm>

