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Acquiring ISBNs For Your Books

Overview

This guide will take you through the steps required to get your ISBNs from the Library and Archive Canada. You will need a number for each form of your book– ebook, paperback, hard cover, and audio. When requesting your numbers, request that they notify you with an email. You can then forward that to Dome Tree for reference. It saves you typing out this information, and avoids the risk of an error.

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Once you receive an email notification that your account is set up, this guide provides the steps to follow to get your ISBNs.

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Instructions

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