



Cataloger's Reference Shelf

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The CRS is an in-depth compendium of cataloging information, easily accessed with one keystroke (F1). It is a context-sensitive help source for specific cataloging questions as you are cataloging, or as a supplementary source for cataloging information. Want to drill down? The CRS has over 12,000 pages of cataloging information.

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- detailed information regarding MARC data formats – bibliographic, authority, classification, community information, holdings;
- MARC code lists for countries, geographic areas, languages, relators, sources, and description conventions;
- MARC specifications for record structure, character repertoires – including eight MARC-8 and UCS/Unicode code tables, and exchange media;
- the Library of Congress Rule Interpretations, which provides all valid LC rule interpretations issued since the AACR2 1988 revision for current cataloging standards;
- thirteen manuals covering cataloging practices for moving images, looseleaf publications, serials, authority control, rare books, graphic materials, cartographic materials, classification, cutting and shelflisting.

