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## Prepare for ISBN-13 with Dawson Books

Dawson Books has already begun to enhance its information technology systems in preparation for the industry-wide transition to a 13-digit ISBN. Some publishers already started creating 13-digit ISBN's in late 2004, and by January 1, 2007, only 13-digit ISBN's will be used by the entire library supply chain.

Dawson are fully prepared for this transition, the Dawson Books title database is already fully ISBN-13 compliant. The Dawson EDI systems, so vital to the information flow, have been tested with major suppliers and customers and are compliant. The implementation of the new Dawson system at the end of this year will give full compliance throughout all areas of the Dawson operation.

In 2006 Dawson Books will begin sending ISBN-13 in marc records as libraries request us to do so.

The NISO (National Information Standards Organisation) of the U.S. has produced an informative web site that examines the issues of this industry-wide change and gives further links to partner organisations, including the British Library who are involved with the project.

[www.niso.org/standards/resources/ISBN.html](http://www.niso.org/standards/resources/ISBN.html)

### About Dawson Books

Dawson Books is a member of Dawson Holdings plc and leads the market in the use of information technology to expedite the book buying process, providing a total acquisitions package for professional librarians worldwide. Dawson sets the industry standard with its web interfaces enterBooks.com and enterProfile.com, with its Fastracq and shelf-ready book supply, and now with the delivery of ebooks.

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