

Edition Field

The 250 field is where you include the edition statement, if one appears on the item, in a MARC record.

We are only going to talk about one subfield for the 250 field:

- \$a=edition

Subfield a is where the edition statement goes.

You'll often see numbered edition statements, like in this example:

With edition statements, it's important to remember that, according to RDA, the statement should be recorded exactly the way it appears on the item. If words on the item are spelled out, they should be spelled out in the 250 field. If words on the item are abbreviated, they should be abbreviated in the 250 field.

The 250 field for this example looks like this:

250 __ \$a Fifth edition.

You might also see edition statements that indicate a revised edition.

The 250 field for this item would look like this:

250 __ \$a Revised edition.

You might also see editions that have a special name:

The 250 field for this item's record looks like this:

250 __ \$a Bison Books edition.

You may have noticed that in all of the above examples, both indicators are blank. Indicators for the 250 field are undefined, meaning that they are not used.