OCLC and ISBN-13

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OCLC's dilemma in 2004

- System migration in progress
- Desire to avoid "throw-away" code
- One of the most heavily-used searches
- Widely used across a broad range of services

OCLC's interim solution

- Instruct member libraries to enter ISBN-13s in field 024 and code them as EANs
- Convert incoming ISBN-13s to field 024
- Recommend searching using the "Standard Number" index

OCLC's plans

- **Active project now to fully incorporate ISBN-13s**
- **Data conversion**
  - Duplicate 024s beginning with '978' in field 020
  - Create ISBN-13s for all ISBN-10s
- **Record replacement**
- **Schedule to be set in the next 2 months**

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