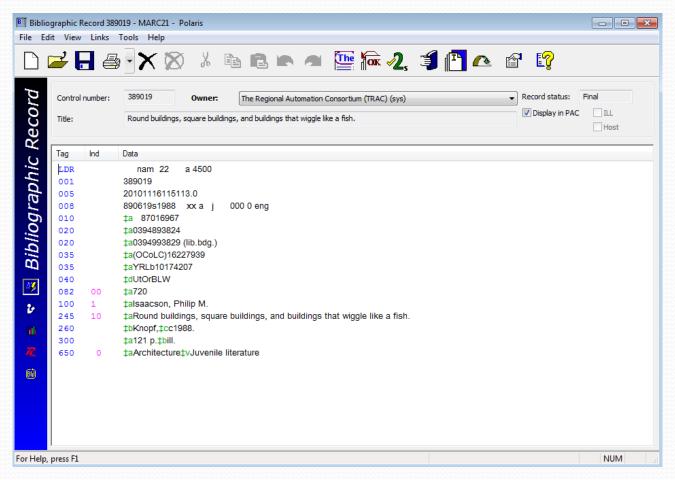
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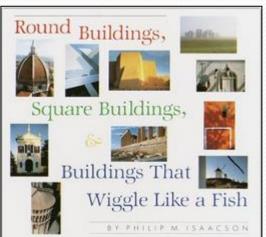
Bibliographic Records

- Bibliographic (Bib.) records contain the information about a particular publication or production and usually includes a 13 digit "International Standard Book Number" or ISBN.
- Only cataloguers at one of the 4 systems in TRAC create and make changes to these records.
- Each item in your collection is linked to a Bib. record in the Polaris database.
- Other libraries with similar holdings are linked to the same Bibs.
- Find one Bib, and you may find many items, owned by many TRAC libraries!

Bibliographic Records



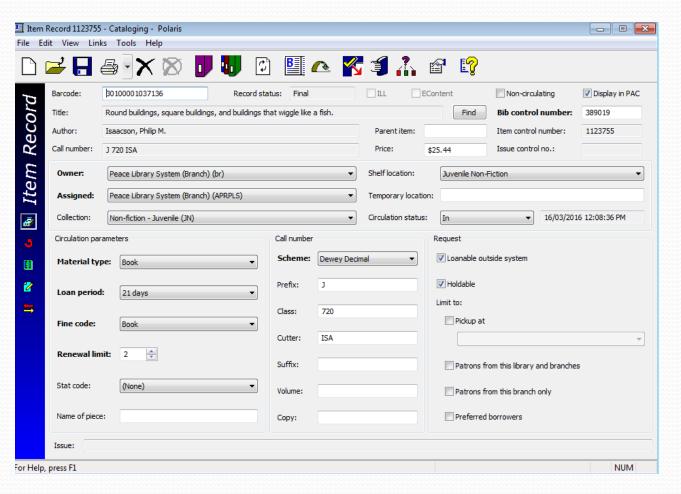
Bib records define publications in words so Polaris can show patrons exactly what they will be getting.....



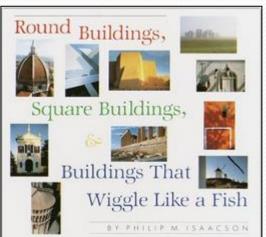
Item Records

- One or more "Item records" are attached to Bib records.
- They identify the specifics about ownership and where the exact piece can be located.
- Each item has a unique identifier attached to it: a barcode, beginning with the number 3 & your library number (ie: 0100).
- Every item has a unique combination of identifiers: collection code, shelf location and call number, etc.
- Learn more about Item Records and how to correctly create them, and attach them to the correct Bib Record on the PLS website with "<u>Creating and Editing Item Records and Volume</u> <u>Control</u>"

Item Records



Item records represent the specific copy found on your library shelf.



Bib Record with Three Linked Items

Questions?

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