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Id-Database tal-ISBN ta' Malta

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L-ewwel użu tal-ISBN f'Malta kien minn Henry Grech bil-ktieb tiegħu *Ilsien Pajjiżi: junior* ippubblikat fl-1969, iżda l-ISBN beda jiġi użat mill-pubblikaturi lokali b'mod regolari mis-snin disgħin. Kotba li m'għandhomx ISBN mhumiex se jinstabu f'din id-database. Għal kotba mingħajr ISBN, wieħed għandu jfittex il-listi tal-Librerija Nazzjonali.

Wieħed jista’ jfittex din id-database permezz tal-ISBN, titlu tal-ktieb, awtur/editur/traduttur/illustratur/fotografu, pubblikatur u data tal-pubblikazzjoni.

Sfortunatament, il-KNK m'għandux informazzjoni ta' xi numri li ġew allokati minn amministrazzjonijiet preċedenti. Dawn in-numri qegħdin f'lista aċċessibbli mill-pubbliku u kull min għandu informazzjoni dwarhom huwa ġentilment mitlub biex jgħaddi l-informazzjoni lill-KNK.

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The first recorded use of ISBN in Malta was Henry Grech's for his publication *Ilsien Pajjiżi: junior* published in 1969, however the widespread use of ISBN by local publishers only came about in the nineties. Books without an ISBN are not listed in this database. Anyone interested in locating these books should consult the National Library lists.

One may search this database using any of the following fields: ISBN, title of book, author/editor/translator/illustrator/photographer, publisher and/or date of publication.

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