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December 7, 1978, marks the international publication date for the long-awaited Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, Second Edition, the code designed to take cataloguing through the 20th century and into the 21st.

AACR 2 incorporates the latest international standards, makes provisions for a whole range of new materials and media now in library collections, and takes notice of the impact of machine readable cataloguing and bibliographic systems.

In anticipation of the demand for this landmark publication, the American Library Association (ALA) has printed 65,000 copies of AACR 2, one of its largest runs of a first edition.

AACR 2 continues the work of AACR 1 (published in 1967) by meeting the needs of many different kinds of libraries during a period of tremendous growth in libraries and in extensions of catalogue processes, bibliographic services and national library services not only in three Anglo-American countries for which AACR 2 was established, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada, but throughout the world.

The rules for description provide a uniform basis for recording not only every known category of print and nonprint material but those as yet unknown and uninvented!

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