



Example: Your library has just purchased the DVD “Premonition.”

How do you find the best record? The *right* record for it?

**Tip 1:** Look for a publisher number. You’ll generally find it on the spine of the DVD’s container or on the DVD’s disc surface.



The publisher number for this title is 18372.

**NOTE:** Publisher numbers are NOT unique, but at least your result list will be more manageable.

The downside of searching WorldCat is that you’re unable to tell if a record includes classification numbers. What do you do?

**Tip 2:** Limit your search to DVDs, enter your publisher number (ex. 18372) then enter the holding code of a cataloging agency you trust. I have found that TEFMT (that’s the holding code for Midwest Tape) creates full, complete, and accurate MARC records for AV titles (includes classification #s, subject headings, abstracts, cast list cast, film credits!)

Just as you enter DLC to search for Library of Congress copy, enter TEFMT at the end of your search term(s) to limit your results to TEFMT copy. In this example, I got two results; but only one of them was the title “Premonition.” Good hunting!

