

Barcodes Deconstructed



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- Bar codes are always 14 numbers.
 - The first five numbers start with 20 and end with your library's local phone exchange.
 - The second four numbers can be used to accommodate lots of accounts (for instance, my card from Menomonie is xxxxx-0004-xxxxx), or to skip over a series of numbers to avoid duplicates.
 - The last group is five numbers. **Only the first four are your barcode series numbers.**
 - The very last number (highlighted) is random, and is added to provide extra security. You don't consider that very last number when figuring out your ending number.