

Rapid Rocks!



Rapid101: Scanning Guidelines

This Rapid Rocks! topic was suggested by Jo Ann Bradley from California State Univ., Chico (CCH)

Good scanning practices can help keep resend requests to a minimum and are an easy way to be a great resource sharing partner.

The Rapid contract states simply that you should “Monitor article scanning for quality & consistency.”

Admittedly that statement is a bit vague, so here are a couple of guidelines; and in the words of Jack Sparrow, these aren’t rules, they are more *guidelines*.

- NEVER update before scanning. (Actually this IS a rule.)

- Keep dark edges and dark borders to a minimum. If the borrower (library or patron) needs to print the article you don’t want to be the reason the printer runs out of black ink.
- Scan so all pages conform to one size. In other words, don’t start scanning an article 2 pages per sheet and then switch mid-way to one page per sheet.
- Similarly, don’t mix landscape and portrait orientations within the same scan.
- It is good practice to scan one page per scan. Why? Two pages per scan can result in smaller font size, reduced readability and no way to choose one page when working with the document. Don’t reduce a document to cram two pages on a sheet.
- Spot check the scanning that is coming from your unit. Spot checking outgoing articles may cut down on resend requests. If a resend is requested because of a poor scan, rescan the material—don’t resend the original poorly scanned file.

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