

Weekly Dose Copyright Notices

“For braille transcribers, proper formatting is essential to ensure clarity for our braille readers. Even small details, like how to place special symbols next to letters or numbers, can make a big difference. One question that often comes up is the Copyright symbol, what’s the best way to space it?”

You’ll often find copyright symbols (dots 45)(dots 14) at the front or back of a book, sometimes with more than one year listed. But what’s the best way to format them, and what if no copyright date is given?

Here are a few simple guidelines to help keep things clear and consistent:

- Use the copyright symbol when it appears in print. Follow print for spacing.
- Only the most recent copyright date and copyright holder are placed on the title page

Example 2-4: Copyright Year

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- When a text is copyrighted without a date, only the word “copyright,” or the copyright symbol, is placed on the title page.

- When a text is not copyrighted, place the word “printed” on the title page followed by the latest printing date that is given in the text.
- Omit the statement about reservation of rights. Do not add anything when copyright and printing information is not in print.

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