



## **GENRE/FORM HEADINGS CHANGES**

Effective May 24, 2011, the Library of Congress (LC) has reissued genre/form heading authority records to make them part of a new thesaurus, Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT). This change affects the coding of genre/form term authority records, as well as both coding and usage of genre/form headings in bibliographic records.

### **LCGFT Genre/form heading authority records**

LC has deleted applicable existing LESH genre/form authority records and reissued them as LCGFT records. New LCGFT records will also be added.

Authority records for LCGFT terms will be coded as follows:

010 subfield a: LCCN prefix: gf. A superseded LCCN with an LESH prefix will be retained in subfield z.

Fixed field Subj : z (Other)

040 subfield f: lcgft

LCGFT terms are searched in the OCLC authority file using index label ge:. After May 24, 2011, terms that have been added to the LCGFT will not be searchable using index label su:

### **LCGFT headings in bibliographic records**

#### **MARC Coding**

MARC coding for LCGFT genre/form terms has changed effective May 24, 2011.

Previous coding: 655 ^0 Teen films.

New coding:

655 ^7 Teen films. #2 lcgft (OCLC)

Please make sure an LCGFT record exists before using the lcgft coding. Many form terms are not in the LCGFT and should still be coded as LESH or as local headings. Example (this is not an exhaustive list):

655 ^0 Audiocassettes.  
655^0 Blu-ray discs.  
655 ^0 CD-ROMs.  
655 ^7 Compact discs. †2 local  
655 ^0 DVD-ROMs.  
655 ^0 DVDs.  
655 ^0 Videocassettes.

### **Usage of LCGFT terms**

Usage of genre/form terms will also change from our current procedure. It is LC's policy to prefer LCGFT terms over terms in other thesauri. Terms for the following disciplines have been added to LCGFT as of May 2011:

Moving images (including films, television programs, and video recordings)  
Cartographic materials  
Law terms  
Cookbooks  
Some terms for spoken-word sound recordings

With this policy we will no longer use gsafd terms in records for video recordings—we'll be using LCGFT terms instead.

Example:

655 ^7 Detective and mystery films. †2 lcgft

*Not:*

655 ^7 Mystery films. †2 gsafd

Literature terms have not yet been added to the LCGFT. For works of fiction, we will still use terms from the thesaurus called Guidelines on subject access to individual works of fiction, drama, etc. (GSAFD), or an LCSH term if no GSAFD term exists.

Example:

655 ^7 Love stories. †2 gsafd

*But*

655 ^0 Domestic fiction. (There is no GSAFD term for domestic fiction; the LCSH is used instead)

The choice of coding for a subject heading depends on usage. The same heading may have an authority record in the LCSH authority file for use as a topical term (MARC tag 150—coded in a bibliographic record as 650) as well as an authority record in the LCSH or LCGFT for use as a genre/form term (MARC tag 155—coded in a bibliographic record as 655). How the heading is used in a bibliographic record depends on the piece being cataloged:

Topical terms describe what a work is *about*

Genre/form terms describe what a work *is*

Example:

A documentary exploring the making of the Star Wars film trilogy:

650 ^0 Star Wars films. (The work is *about* Star Wars films)

And

655 ^7 Documentary films. †2 lcgft (The work *is* a documentary)

Example:

A Blu-ray disc of The empire strikes back

655 ^7 Star Wars films. †2 lcgft (The work *is* a Star Wars film and the heading is in the LCGFT)

And

655 ^0 Blu-ray discs. (The work *is* a Blu-ray, but the heading is not in the LCGFT. The heading meets the criteria to be coded as an LCSH genre/form term)