

GMD (General material designation)/Genre headings

AACR2 approved list (AACR2 “list 2” with very slight changes):

[activity card]

[art original]

[art reproduction]

[braille]

[map] (not approved by AACR2, but used in our catalog)

[map (tactile)] (ditto; maps for the visually impaired)

[chart]

[diorama]

[electronic resource]

[filmstrip]

[flash card]

[game]

[kit]

[large print] (In this case, “large print” alone is assumed to be [**text** (large print)])

[manuscript]

[microform]

[microscope slide]

[model]

[motion picture]

[music]

[music (large print)]

[music (braille)]

[picture]

[realia]

[slide]

[sound recording]

[technical drawing]

[toy]

[transparency]

[videorecording]

In many situations in this catalog, subject headings have been used to convey gmd-type format information. In some cases ipac limits work from the gmds and in some they work from subject headings. For example:

245 14 The kite runner \$h [sound recording].

650 0 Playaway.

245 14 The good Samaritan strikes again \$h [sound recording].

650 0 Audiobooks.

245 00 Elizabethtown \$h [videorecording].

650 0 Videocassettes.

The use of LCSH for format in this way is **unconventional**. Normally, the 650 Audiobooks, for example, might be used for a work **about** audiobooks (and please be aware that a search might call up a few resources where this is the case). However, the use of an authority controlled field gives us the ability to control the incoming headings, to easily change them if we need to, and it gives you the ability to link to an existing authority rather than type the entire subject heading when/if you add them in Dynix.

For those who have a Kids ipac, the catalog currently reads the following tags and format information will have to be entered in these:

600 1 /650 1/651 1 (AC headings or Annotated card program headings from LCSH “red books”)

600 8/650 8/651 8

600 7/650 7/651 7

Genre

Normally, to reflect genre in subject, we will use heading from the “gsafd” list. These come from the book: Guidelines on subject access to individual works of fiction, drama, etc. 2nd ed. Chicago : American Library Association, 2000. Terms may be found online at:

<http://alcme.oclc.org/gsafd/OAIHandler?verb=ListIdentifiers&metadataPrefix=z3>
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<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/public/gsafd/>

GSAFD terms are entered as such:

655 7 Medical novels. \$2 gsafd

LCSH has been approved to be used as genre when appropriate as:

655 0 Audiobooks.

Guidelines suggest using LCSH as genre only when GSAFD terms do not answer the need. 655 0 coding should only be used if the term is a valid LCSH heading, backed by an authority record (in the National Authority File, not in our Dynix catalog).

Again, if there's a reason we need control over the heading, we may approve unconventional subject heading use, as mentioned previously in this document, especially in the current catalog.