Cardinal Authority Working Group – Subject Heading Recommendations

General Links

Library of Congress Authorities  http://authorities.loc.gov/
Subject Heading files  http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/
lcgft  https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCGFT/GENRE.pdf
gsafd  http://experimental.worldcat.org/gsafd/browseGSAFD.html

Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)

- The Cardinal Authority Working Group recommends the sole use of LCSH for all adult English materials.
- All headings from other vocabulary lists (including fast and bisacsh) should be either deleted or converted to LCSH.

Example:
The second indicator on the 6XX field will be a “0” to indicate LCSH
(keep) =650 0$aMarried people$vFiction.
(delete) =650 7$FICTION / Marriage.$2bisacsh
(delete) =650 7$aMan-woman relationships.$2fast

Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (lcgft)

Secondary source: Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, etc. (gsafd)

- The Cardinal Authority Working Group recommends the sole use of lcgft for genre/form terms.
- The Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc. (gsafd) may be consulted for secondary use when a lcgft term is not yet available.
- All genre terms from other vocabulary lists should be either deleted or converted to lcgft.

Example:
The second indicator on the 6XX field will be a “7” and the source will be identified in subfield $2.
=655 7$aRomance fiction.$2lcgft
=655 7$aChristian fiction.$2gsafd

Foreign language subject headings (use Bilindex)

- For materials in all formats whose primary language is Spanish, the Cardinal Authority Working Group recommends that in addition to LCSH terms, subject headings from the Bilindex vocabulary list should also be added, or at least preserved.
- All foreign language subject terms other than those from Bilindex should be deleted.

Example:
These headings should be correctly coded as 650 7$a [Topic term] $2bilindex
=650 7$aMúsicos.$2bilindex
### Children’s subject heading recommendation

- The Authorities Working Group recommends the use of adult subject headings with the appropriate juvenile subject subdivision heading.
- Children’s subject headings from the lcshac list should not be used.

**Example:**

=650 \0$aRailroad trains$vJuvenile fiction.

- If a record contains both adult headings with juvenile subdivisions and children’s headings, the children’s headings should be deleted.

  (keep)  = 650 \0$aTrees$vJuvenile fiction.
  (delete) = 650 \1$aTrees$vFiction.

- If a record contains only children’s headings, they should be adapted to adult headings with appropriate juvenile subdivisions and a second indicator of 0 instead of 1.

=650 \1$aDogs$vFiction.
  
  should be converted to:

=650 \0$aDogs$vJuvenile fiction.

- Genre headings should also be used and should be taken from the Library of Congress Genre and Form Thesaurus and are applied in the same manner regardless of audience age.

=655 \7$aHumorous fiction.$2lcgft

### Young Adult subject and heading recommendation

- The Authorities Working Group recommends that adult subject headings without juvenile subject subdivisions be used for young adult materials.

**Example:**

(keep)  =650 \0$aCyborgs$vFiction.
  (delete) =650 \0$aCyborgs$vJuvenile Fiction
  (delete) =650 \1$aCyborgs$vFiction

- In addition to the subject headings, the working group encourages the use of the following genre headings when appropriate:

  655 \7$aYoung adult literature.$2lcsh
  655 \7$aYoung adult drama.$2lcsh
  655 \7$aYoung adult fiction.$2lcsh
  655 \7$aYoung adult poetry.$2lcsh
  655 \7$aTeen television programs.$2lcgft
  655 \7$aTeen films.$2lcgft

**Add:**

=655 \7$aYoung adult fiction.$2lcsh

### Large Print genre heading recommendation

- The Authorities Working Group recommends the use of the “large type books” subject heading as a genre heading for large print materials in the 655. Do not use a 650 field for genre/form purposes.

**Example:**

=655 \7$aLarge type books.$2lcsh

(NOT) =650 \0$aLarge type books.