

# Subject Access Points: 6xx fields (RDA 23, RDA 23.4)

**Subject:** “A term, phrase, classification number, etc., that indicates what the work is about” RDA 23.1.3.

**Access point:** “A name, term, code, etc., representing a specific entity” RDA 23.1.4.

**Authorized access point:** A standardized access point representing an entity ... . The authorized access point representing a subject of work may be a controlled subject term or combination of terms, or a classification number, as specified in an identifiable subject system” RDA 23.1.4.

## MARC coding

For more information see [OCLC Bibliographic Formats and Standards: 6xx fields](#) or [Library of Congress MARC Bibliographic 6XX - Subject Access Field](#)

### Common 6xx Fields

600 Subject Added Entry–Personal Name  
610 Subject Added Entry–Corporate Name  
611 Subject Added Entry–Meeting Name  
650 Subject Added Entry–Topical Term  
651 Subject Added Entry–Geographic Name  
655 Index Term–Genre/Form

### Common Subfields

‡a Topical term, Personal, corporate, meeting, or geographic name  
‡x General Subdivision  
‡y Chronological Subdivision  
‡z Geographical Subdivision  
‡v Form subdivision

Don't add subject ‡v Biography to 600 personal name heading.

### Examples:

650 \_0 Determinism (Philosophy)  
651 \_0 Atlanta (Ga.)  
600 10 Mitchell, Margaret, ‡d 1900-1949.  
600 10 O'Hara, Scarlett (Fictitious character)  
610 20 Microsoft Corporation.  
650 \_0 Animals ‡z Africa ‡v Juvenile fiction.  
650 \_0 Women ‡z Georgia ‡v Biography.

651 \_0 United States †x History †y Civil War, 1861-1865 †v Fiction.

Don't apply some topical subject headings (e.g. American fiction, American poetry) to a single author's work. Use 380s (Form of Work) instead. For a single author's work, find more specific topics and use \$v to bring out the genre.

**Examples:**

650 \_0 Nature †v Poetry.

650 \_0 Christian life †v Fiction.

## Library of Congress Children's Subject Headings

Coding 2nd indicator 1 defines the thesaurus as the Library of Congress Children's Subject Headings. Use of the term Juvenile in the †v is unnecessary.

See [Introduction to Children's Subject Headings](#) and [Children's Subject Headings](#) for more information and a list of headings.

**Examples:**

650 \_1 Imagination †v Fiction.

650 \_1 Frontier and pioneer life †v Fiction.

650 \_1 Animals †z Africa †v Fiction.

## Genre/Form Headings

"A term indicating the form, genre, and/or physical characteristics of the materials being described. Genre terms for textual materials designate specific kinds of materials distinguished by the style or technique of their intellectual content (e.g., biographies, catechisms, essays, hymns, or reviews)" [Bibliographic Formats and Standards: 655 Index Term--Genre/Form](#)

Give source of term in †2 (See [Library of Congress Genre/Form Code and Term Source Codes](#))

**Examples:**

655 \_7 Suspense fiction. †2 gsafd

From Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc. (GSAFD), note †2

655 \_7 College stories. †2 lcgft

Library of Congress genre/format terms [Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms](#). and [Frequently Asked Questions about Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials \(LCGFT\)](#)

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