

608 FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS HEADING

Field Definition

This field contains a term or terms indicating the form, genre and/or physical characteristics of the item being described.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable.

Indicators

Indicator 1: blank (not defined)

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

\$a Entry Element

The term in the form prescribed by the system of form headings used. Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

A term added to the subject heading to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material (EX 6). Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$x Topical Subdivision

A term added to the form heading to specify the aspect that the heading represents. Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

A term added to the form heading to specify a place in relation to the topic that the heading represents. Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

A term added to the form heading to specify the period of time in relation to the topic that the heading represents. Repeatable.

\$2 System Code

An identification in coded form of the system from which the form heading is derived. It is recommended that subfield 2 always be present in each occurrence of the field. Not repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Number

The control number for the authority record for the heading. This subfield is intended to be used with the *UNIMARC Authorities Format*. Repeatable when it is necessary for more than one authority record number to indicate each part of a heading where the indexing system uses a pre-coordinate syntax.

\$5 Institution to which the Field Applies

Name of institution to which field applies in coded form. Since there are no internationally accepted codes, the codes from *USMARC Code List for Organizations*, which includes codes for many non-U.S. library agencies, are recommended. Otherwise, the full name of the agency or a national code may be used. If the institution holds more than one copy the subfield should also contain the shelfmark after a colon. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

This field contains data entered according to the provisions of the system of form headings used.

Related Fields**606 TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT**

Field 606 contains a topical name used as subject.

Examples

EX 1: 608 ##\$aEmblem books\$yGermany\$z17th century\$2rbgenr

A form heading constructed according to Genre terms : thesaurus for use in rare book and special *collections cataloging*.

EX 2: 608 ##\$aDictionaries\$xFrench\$z18th century\$2rbgenr

The item is a French dictionary published in 1770.

EX 3: 608 ##\$aBritish marble papers (Paper)\$yGermany\$z17th century\$2rbpap

The term indicating physical characteristics of the item constructed according to *Paper terms* : a thesaurus for use in rare book and special *collections cataloging*.

EX 4: 608 ##\$aVellum bindings (Binding)\$yItaly\$z16th century\$2rbbin

EX 5: 608 ##\$aArmorial bindings (Provenance)\$2rbprov\$5UkCU

The term indicating physical characteristics of the copy in Cambridge University Library.

EX 6: 608##\$aChildren's stories\$jPictorial works\$2lc

EX 7: 608 ##\$aDetective and mystery stories\$2gsafd