

Subject Headings and Genre Headings

SHARE Catalogers

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What are subject headings?



Subject headings

Be as specific as possible!

BAD:

650 _0 ‡a Zoology.

NOT QUITE AS BAD:

650 _0 ‡a Domestic animals.

GOOD:

650 _0 ‡a Cats.

650 _0 ‡a Kittens.



Anatomy of a subject heading

650 _0 ‡a Sculpture ‡x Technique ‡z Italy ‡z Florence ‡y 18th century.

600 10 ‡a Collins, Michael, ‡d 1890-1922.



Subject vs Genre

650 _0 ‡a Cats ‡v Fiction.

655 _7 ‡a Science fiction. ‡2 lcgft

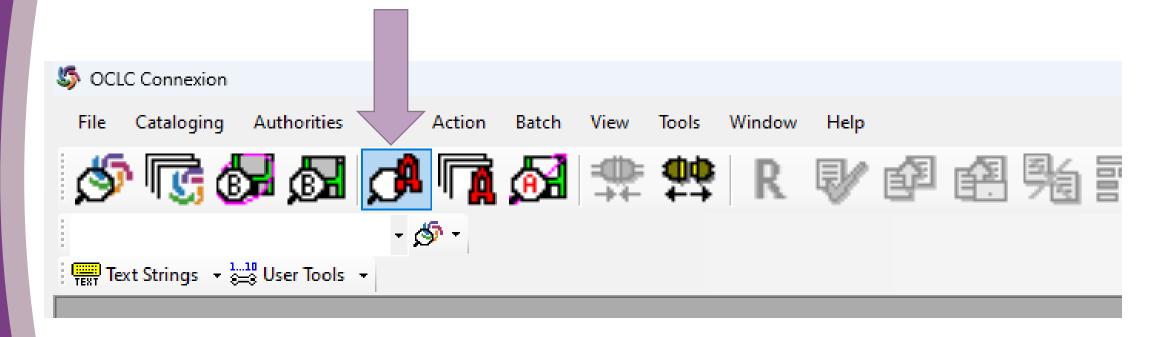
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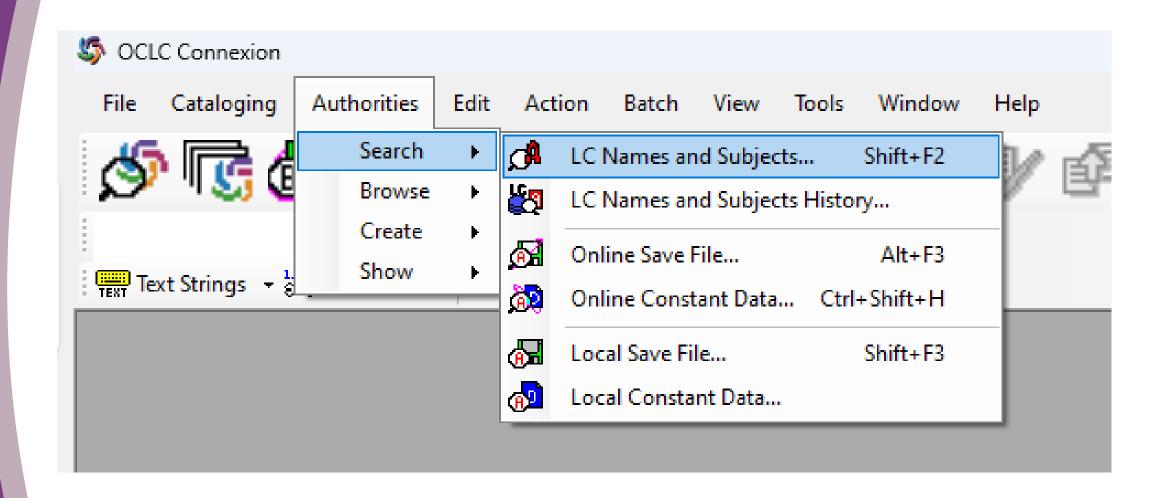




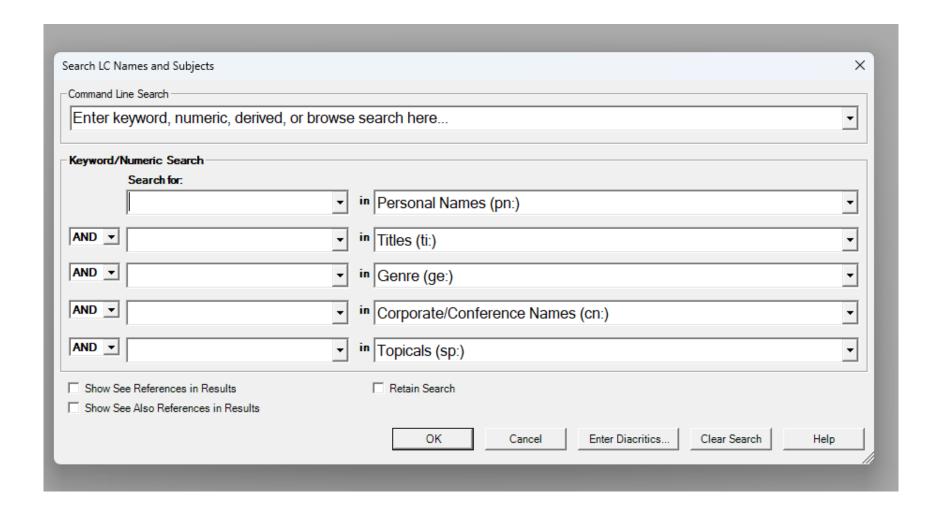
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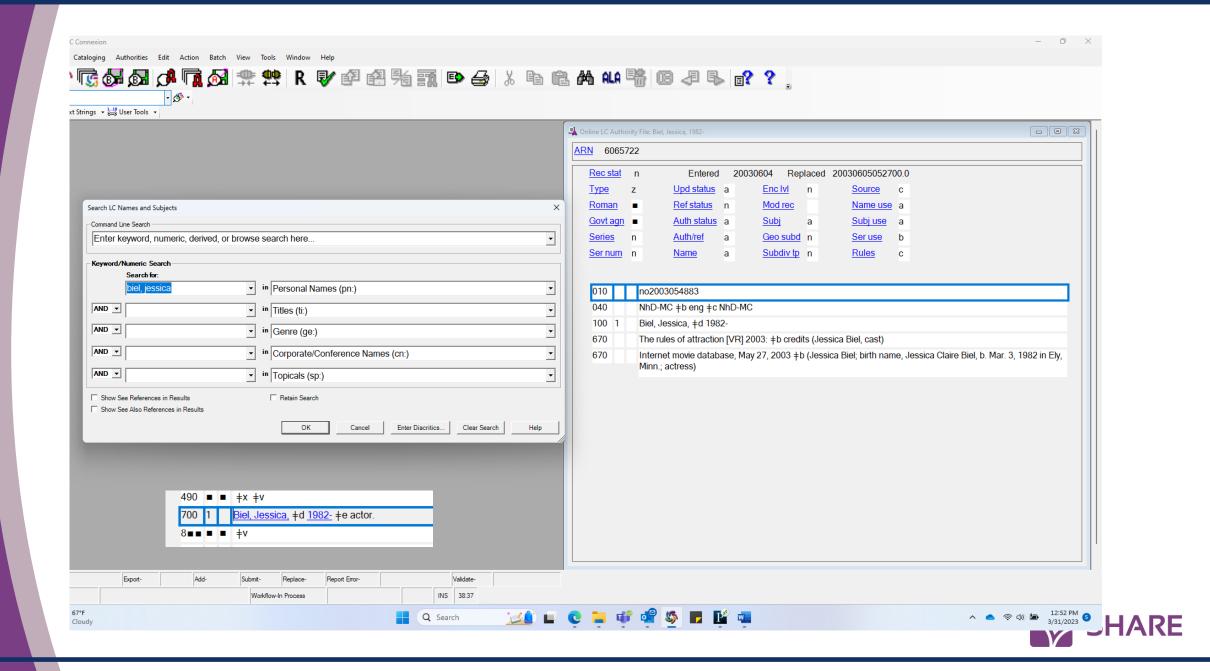


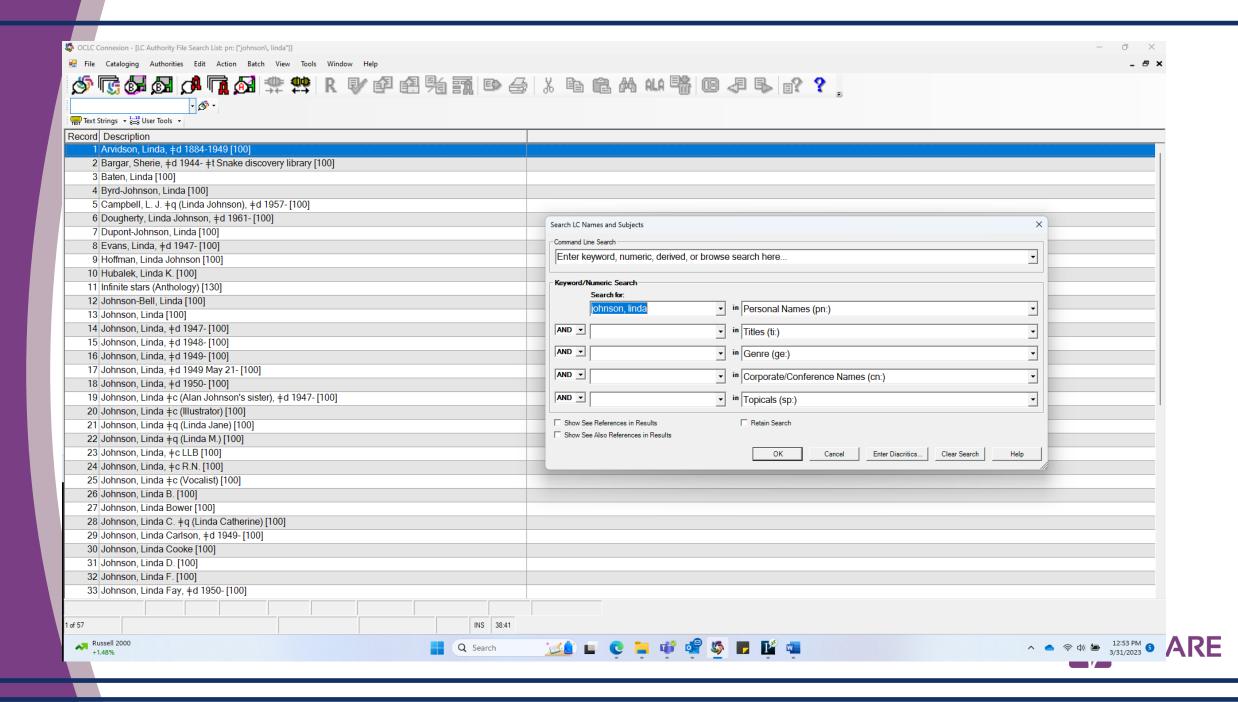


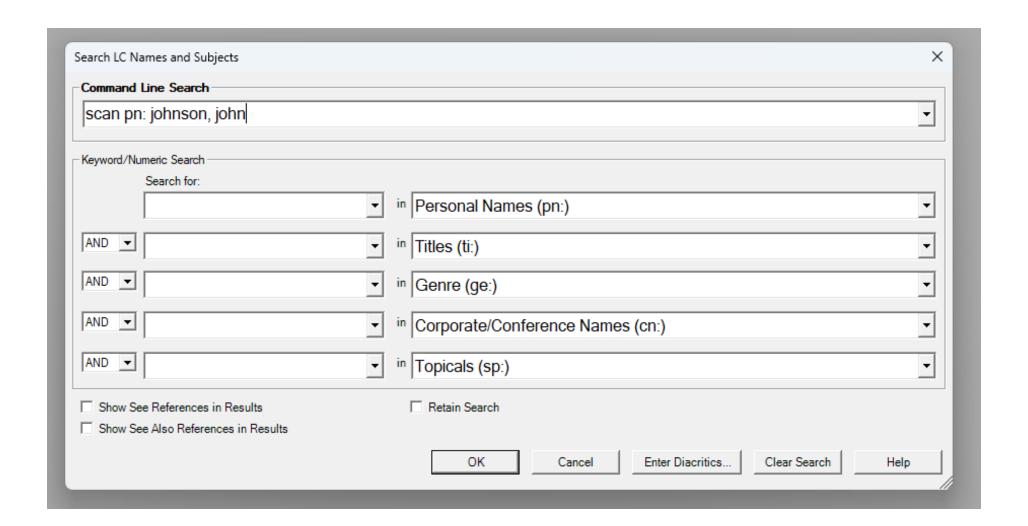




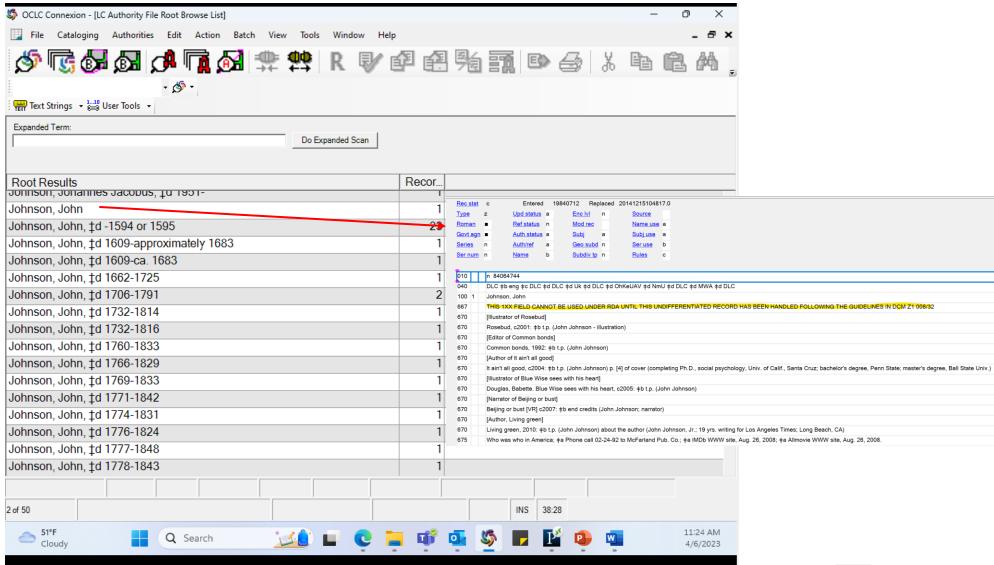




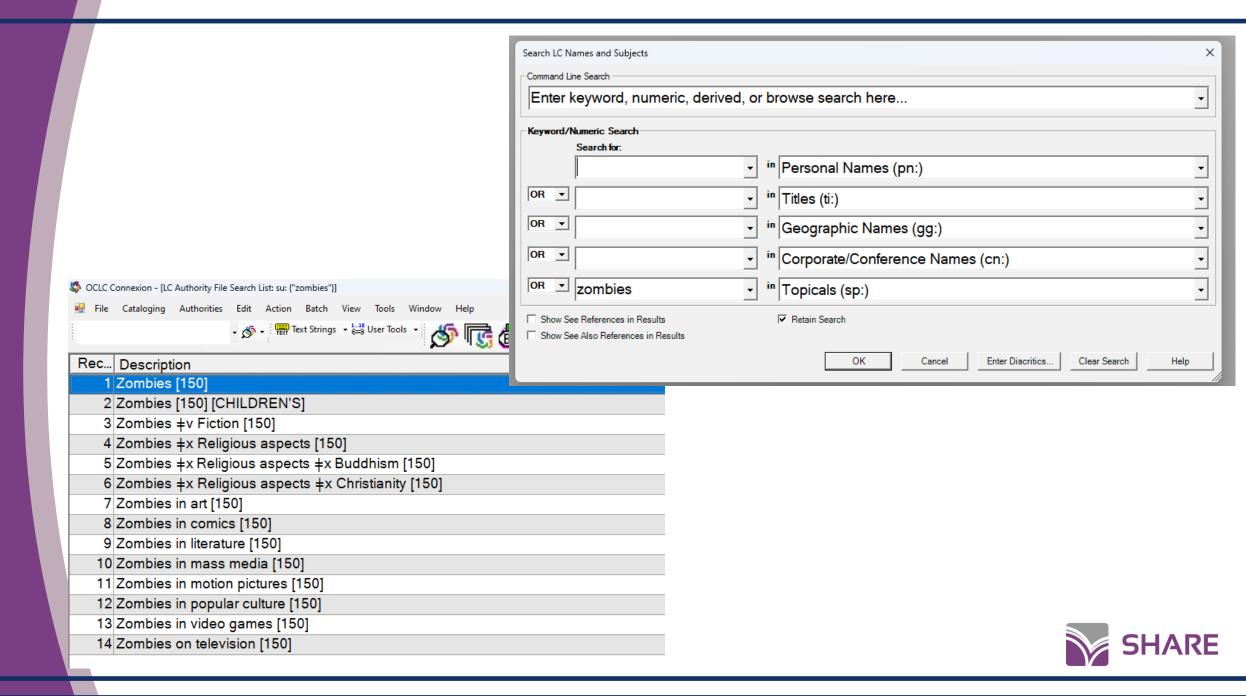


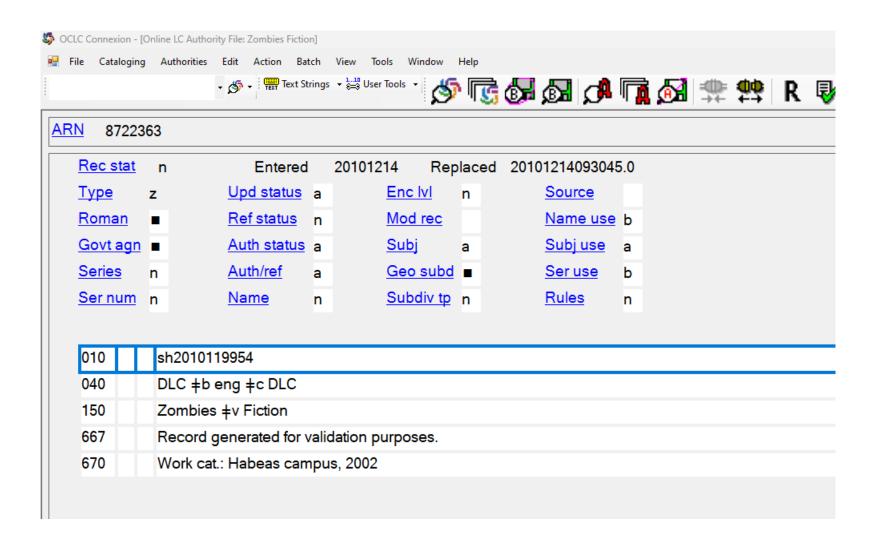














https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nqp57uGvcJo

If you would like to see more search techniques, use the link to this SHARE video. Demonstration starts at the 2-hour point.





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https://authorities.loc.gov/





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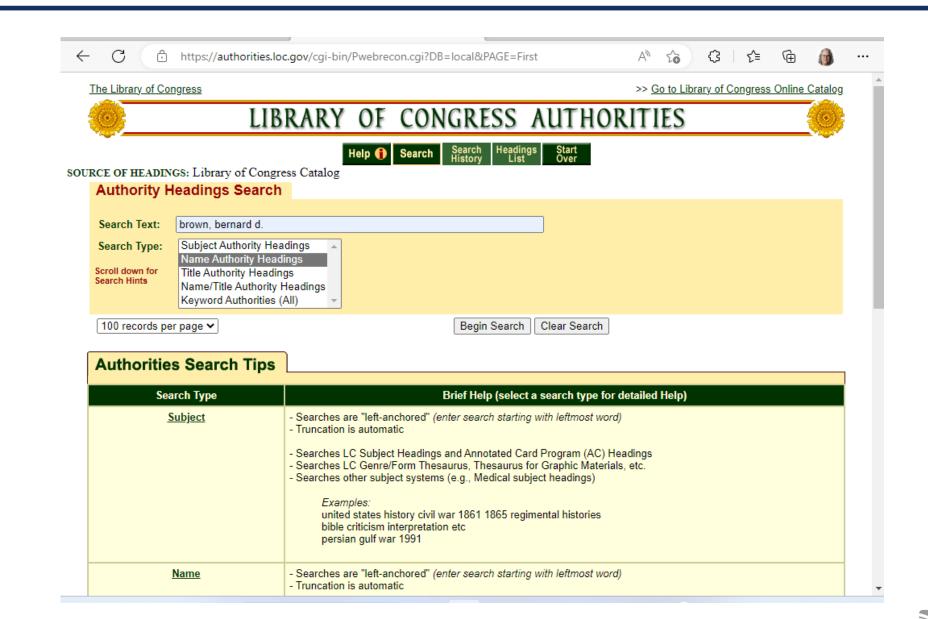
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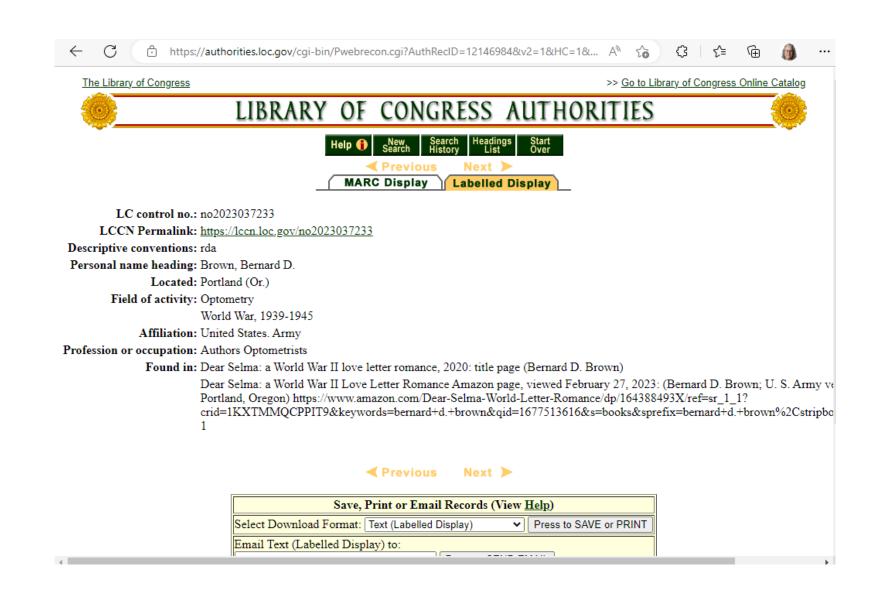
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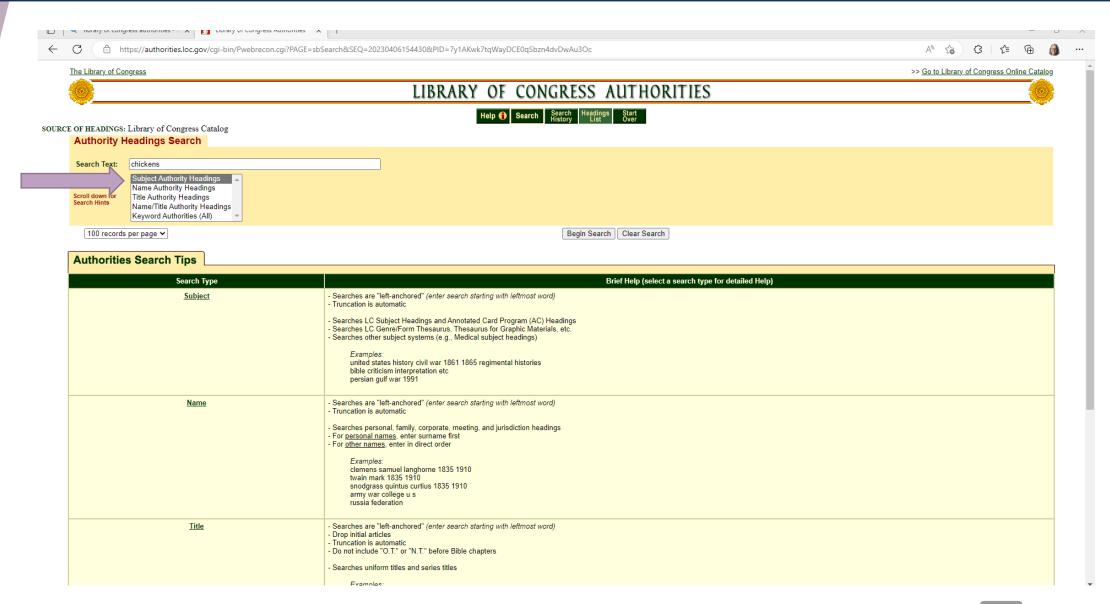
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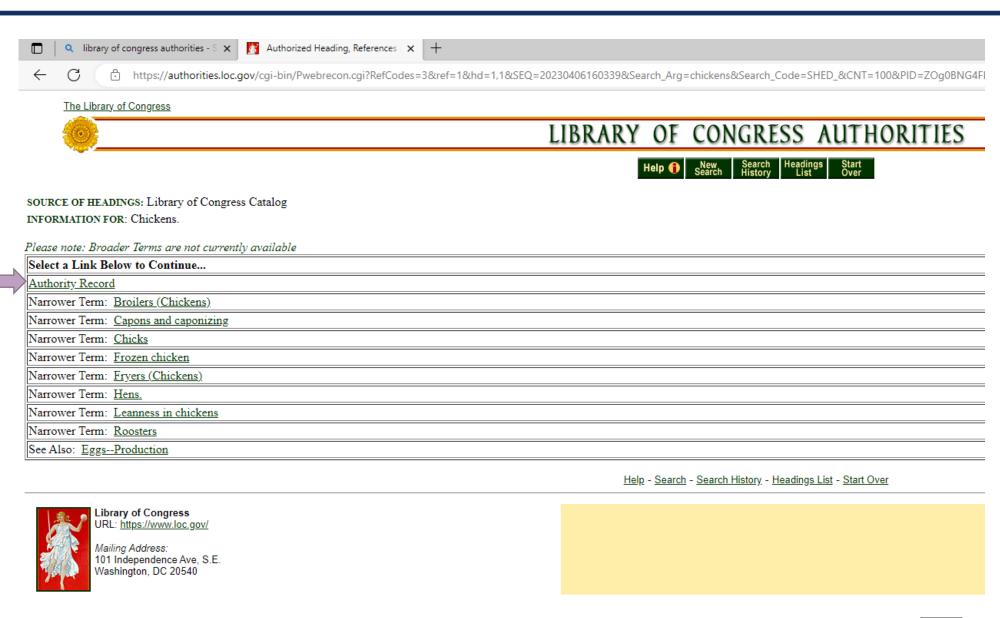
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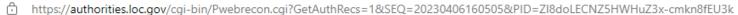
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Building subject headings



Subdivisions

‡v – form subdivision

‡y – chronological subdivision

‡z – geographic subdivision

‡x – general subdivision



‡v – form subdivision

Describes the type of work; not as specific as genre.

Examples:

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650 _0 ‡a Murder ‡v Fiction.
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650 _0 ‡a Cats ‡v Juvenile fiction.
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650 _0 ‡a Emotions ‡v Juvenile literature.

650 _0 ‡a Presidents ‡z United States ‡v Biography.

650 _0 ‡a Dysfunctional families ‡v Comic books, strips, etc.



‡v – form subdivision

More examples:

- Guidebook
- Poetry
- Periodicals
- Pictorial works
- Dictionaries
- Handbooks, manuals, etc.



‡y – chronological subdivision

Denotes a specific time period; this could be very broad, or very precise.

Examples:

```
651 _0 ‡a Ireland ‡x History ‡y Easter Rising, 1916.
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650 _0 ‡a Paleontology ‡y Cretaceous ‡v Juvenile literature.
```

650 _0 ‡a French literature ‡y 19th century.



‡z – geographic subdivision

Indicates the origin or the locality of the main topic; may be used with subjects that vary depending on location.

Examples:

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650 _0 ‡a Wilderness survival ‡z Rocky Mountains.
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650 _0 ‡a Agriculture ‡z France ‡z Loire River Valley.
```

650 _0 ‡a Subway stations ‡z France ‡z Paris.



‡z – geographic subdivision

Exceptions for certain countries and their divisions:

Canadian provinces

US states

Constituent kingdoms of the United Kingdom

Examples:

```
650 _0 ‡a Police ‡z Illinois ‡v Fiction.
```

650 _0 ‡a Subway stations ‡z Scotland ‡z Glasgow.



‡x – general subdivision

Describes something about the work that is not more appropriately contained in other subfields.

Examples:

650 _0 ‡a Zombies ‡x Religious aspects.

650 _0 ‡a Agriculture ‡x Accounting.



‡x – general subdivision

BAD:

650 _0 ‡a Art ‡x Sculpture.

GOOD:

650 _0 ‡a Sculpture.

BETTER:

650 _0 ‡a Sculpture ‡x Technique ‡z Italy ‡z Florence ‡y 18th century.



Personal or corporate names

Will sometimes have other subfields that come from being names.

```
600 10 ‡a Collins, Michael, ‡d 1890-1922 ‡v Biography.
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600 00 ‡a Napoleon ‡b I, ‡c Emperor of the French, ‡d 1769-1821.

610 10 ‡a United States ‡b Army.



Music CDs

An exception to the general rule of subject heading vs. genre.

```
650 _0 ‡a Rock music ‡y 2011-2020.
```

655 _7 ‡a Alternative rock music. ‡2 lcgft

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650 _0 ‡a Rock music ‡y 2001-2010.
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650 _0 ‡a Popular music ‡y 2001-2010.

650 _0 ‡a Country music ‡y 1951-1960.

650 _0 ‡a Country music ‡y 1961-1970.



Poetry

An exception to the general rule of subject heading vs. genre.

```
650 _0 ‡a French poetry ‡y 21st century.
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650 _0 ‡a Children's poetry, Irish ‡y 20th century ‡v Collections.
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650 _0 ‡a American poetry ‡z Illinois ‡z Chicago ‡y Literary collections.
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650 _0 ‡a American poetry ‡y 20th century ‡x History and criticism.



Juvenile vs. adult headings



Children's Subject Headings

- Separate from LCSH
- Not controllable in OCLC
- MARC tags 600/610/611/650/651
- Second indicator 1 instead of 0

19 Watermelons [150]

20 Watermelons [150] [CHILDREN'S]



SHARE Local Practice

- Subject headings are the same
 - 650 _0 ‡a Cemeteries ‡v Juvenile fiction.
 - Delete this one: 650 _1 ‡a Cemeteries ‡v Fiction.
- Subject headings are different (but still same subject)
 - 650 _0 ‡a Swine ‡v Juvenile literature.
 - Keep this one: 650 _1 ‡a Pigs.



Subdivisions

- If using normal LCSH
 - Use ‡v Juvenile fiction (for fiction)
 - Use ‡v Juvenile literature (for non-fiction)
 - Also use these for children's audiobooks
 - Instead of using ‡v Juvenile sound recordings
 - Use ‡v Juvenile films for children's movies
- If using children's subject headings
 - Use ‡v Fiction (for fiction) or nothing for non-fiction



Local practices reminders



Local subject headings

Local subject headings may be created in situations where the resources cannot be easily found using available searches by Collection, Shelf Location, Material Type, etc., and no other appropriate heading exists.

These subject headings MUST be approved by the SHARE Bibliographic and Cataloging Standards Committee before being used in Polaris.

Libraries may submit a request for a local subject heading through the SHARE help desk.



MARC coding

There are two ways local subject headings may be included in bibliographic records:

- An existing LC subject heading being used in a non-standard way according to LC guidelines. Coded in MARC tag 65X with subfield 2 local.
- A locally devised heading created when no LC, MESH, gsafd, or lcgft heading exists. Coded in MARC tag 690



Guidelines for local subject headings

A local subject heading will not be approved if an appropriate LC, MESH, GSAFD, or LCGFT heading is available

A local subject heading will not be approved that is intended solely to identify an individual library's collection of a particular format (i.e. a library's collection of DVDs)

A local subject heading may be approved for a special collection if an existing Collection code or Shelf Location does not suffice.



Procedures for the use of local subject headings

Add approved local subject headings as appropriate to records when they are brought into Polaris. DO NOT add them to WorldCat records in OCLC.

Delete MARC tag 690 from other libraries out of OCLC records before exporting the record to Polaris.

A list of approved subject headings is posted on the SHARE website and will be updated as headings are approved.



Local subject headings

A list of approved local subject headings can be found on the SHARE website, at the following link:

https://share.illinoisheartland.org/policies-and-procedures/bibliographic-cataloging-standards/359

Now includes more local subject headings for audio materials, such as Tonie boxes.



Subject headings we remove

Remove the following types of subject headings from records in Polaris. DO NOT remove these from the WorldCat Record.

- Sears headings
- Foreign language subject headings if they differ from the language of the item being cataloged.
- Headings from thesauri other than those currently approved for use.
 - Currently approved thesauri: LCSH, LCGFT, GSAFD, LC Children's headings if different than adult heading. MESH, OLACVGGT, Getty (ATT), GTTG, and Homosaurus.



Spanish language subject headings – current policy

We retain foreign language subject headings if they are the same as the language of the item being cataloged.

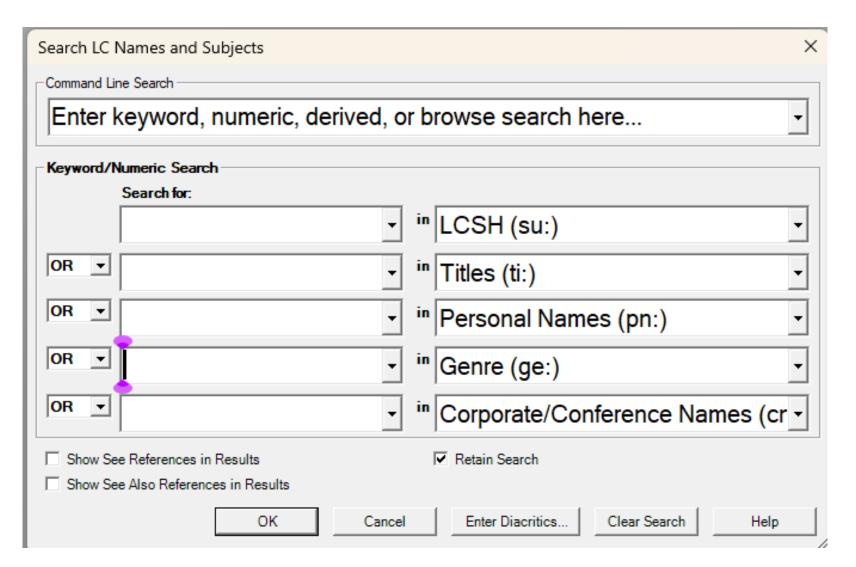
For video recordings, this includes the main language track and any dubbed language tracks. This DOES NOT include language(s) of subtitles.

Do not add foreign language subject headings if they aren't already in the record.

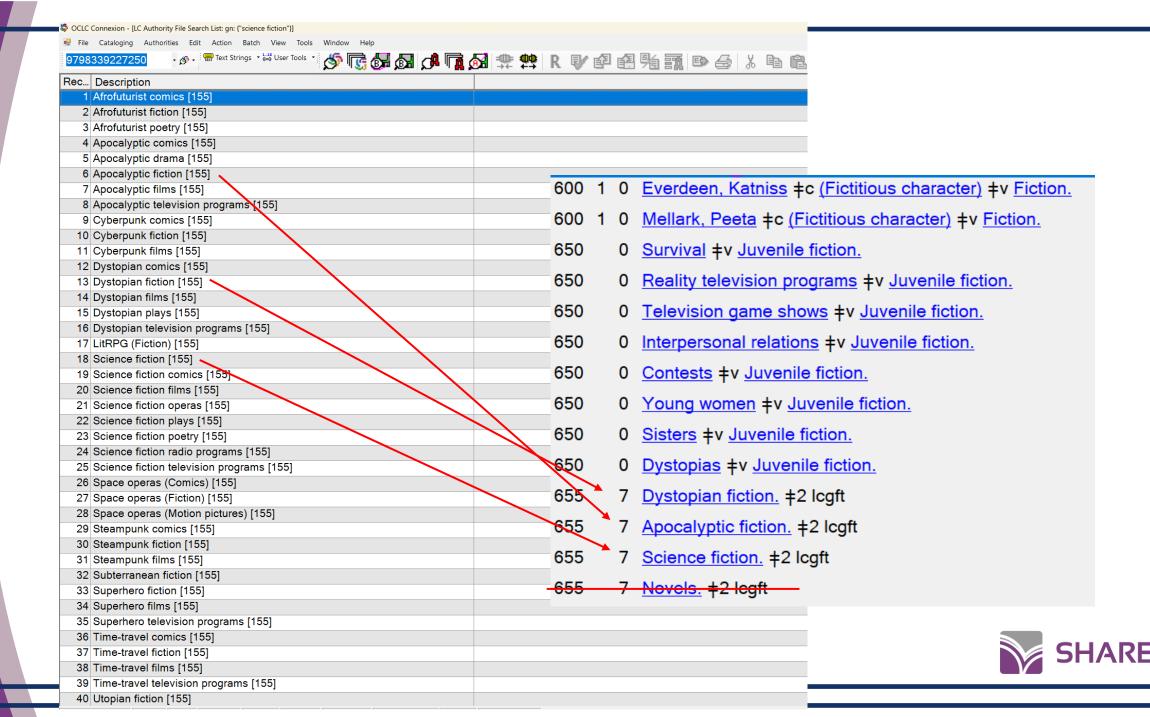




Genre headings







New thesauri

We have added and are exploring some additional thesauri to use in our catalog.

- Approved for use:
 - o Games: Genre Terms for Tabletop Games UNT Digital Library
 - Getty Art & Architecture: <u>Art & Architecture Thesaurus (Getty Research Institute)</u>
 - Homosaurus: Homosaurus Vocabulary Site

- Exploring:
 - Spanish Language Thesauri



Approved thesauri

Library of Congress Genre and Form Terms (LCGFT) -- \$2 lcgft

https://id.loc.gov/authorities/genreForms.html

Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc.-- \$2 gsafd

http://experimental.worldcat.org/gsafd/browseGSAFD.html

Getty Art & Architecture -- \$2 aat

https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/

Homosaurus -- \$2 homoit

https://homosaurus.org/

OLAC Video Game Genre Terms -- \$2 vggt

https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1021&context=olac-publications

Genre Terms for Tabletop Games-- \$2 gttg

https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc826647/



Library of Congress Genre and Form Terms (LCGFT)

The Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT) is a thesaurus that describes what a work is versus what it is about. Can be used on OCLC records.

Link to the PDF (https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/Archived-LCGFT20/GENRE.pdf)

Website to search (https://id.loc.gov/authorities/genreForms.html)

Example:

655 _7 ‡aDetective and mystery fiction.‡2lcgft



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

The "Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc." (GSAFD) was a thesaurus published by the American Library Association. It has largely been superseded for SHARE use by other thesauri. Should only be used on local records.

Website to search (http://experimental.worldcat.org/gsafd/browseGSAFD.html)

Example:

655 _7 ‡aRegency fiction.‡2gsafd



Getty Art & Architecture

The Getty Art & Architecture thesaurus contains many terms of particular use for art and architecture-related materials. Can be used on OCLC records.

Website to search (https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/)

Examples:

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650 _7 ‡aFalse-color infrared photography.‡2aat
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655 _7 ‡aMemory books.‡2aat



Homosaurus

Homosaurus is a thesaurus with a large number of subject headings and genre terms relating to LGBTQ+ issues. Should only be used on local records.

Website to search (http://experimental.worldcat.org/gsafd/browseGSAFD.html)

Example:

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650 _7 ‡aLesbian youth.‡2homoit
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655 _7 ‡aLGBTQ+ youth literature.‡2homoit



OLAC Video Game Genre Terms

OLAC's Video Game Genre Terms is a thesaurus of genre terms for video games. Should only be used on local records.

Link to the PDF (https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1021&context=olac-publications)

Example:

655 _7 ‡aFantasy video games.‡2olacvggt



Genre Terms for Tabletop Games

The Genre Terms for Tabletop Games, maintained by the University of North Texas, is a thesaurus covering a wide range of tabletop games. Should only be used on local records.

Website to search (https://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc826647/)

Example:

655 _7 ‡aCooperative games.‡2gttg



Links to associated policies and procedures

Use and retention of subject headings | SHARE (illinoisheartland.org)

Use of genre and form terms | SHARE (illinoisheartland.org)

Use of local subject headings | SHARE (illinoisheartland.org)

Video games and computer games | SHARE (illinoisheartland.org)



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