

MARC Authority Records for LC Demographic Group Terms L 405

BACKGROUND: Demographic Group authority records in Classification Web take precedence over all other products as authority for LC demographic group terms.

The master authority records reside in Classification Web, and copies are also available in LC's Linked Data Service (<http://id.loc.gov>). Full MARC 21 authority records in MARC UTF-8 format are freely provided for downloading from <http://classificationweb.net/LCDGT/>. The structure of the file names and information about downloading the files is provided at <http://classificationweb.net/LCDGT/>.

In addition to being the most authoritative and up-to-date list of demographic group terms, Classification Web is also used for products such as the monthly Tentative Lists of proposals and **Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms**, which is published annually as free PDF files beginning in 2016. The files may be found on the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access website (<http://www.loc.gov/aba>).

1. Characteristics of demographic group authority records.

a. Approved terms.

(1) **Control numbers.** An existing term that is approved and valid for use is represented in Classification Web by a single authority record with a control number in the 010 field having the prefix **dg**.

(2) **Fixed field and data fields.** Authority records for demographic group terms may also be identified by the following coding.

008/15	z (Other)
040	\$f lcdgt

Demographic group terms employ the 150 field (authorized term), 450 fields (UF references) and 550 fields (broader terms; related terms).

Each demographic group authority record includes an 072 (subject category code) field that contains a three-character alphabetical code and a **\$2** subfield containing **lcdgt**. The 072 field is repeatable.

Demographic group authority records also contain other fields, e.g., 670, 675, 680, and 681.

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a. Approved terms. (Continued)

(3) Examples.

010 ## \$a dg2015060414
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a occ \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Dictators
450 ## \$a Tyrants
550 ## \$w g \$a Rulers
670 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, July 8, 2015: \$b (dictator: def. 1
a person who rules a country with total authority and often in a
cruel or brutal way)
670 ## \$a LCSH, July 8, 2015: \$b (Dictators: UF Tyrants)

010 ## \$a dg2015060608
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a mpd \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Recovering addicts
550 ## \$w g \$a Addicts
670 ## \$a LCSH, Aug. 10, 2015: \$b (hdg.: Recovering addicts'
writings)
670 ## \$a Google, Aug. 10, 2015: \$b ("recovering addicts" 424,000
hits)
675 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, Aug. 10, 2015; \$a OED online, Aug.
10, 2015

010 ## \$a dg2015060422
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a lan \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Dutch speakers
450 ## \$a Flemish speakers
450 ## \$a Hollands speakers
450 ## \$a Nederlands speakers
450 ## \$a Vlaams speakers
670 ## \$a Ethnologue online, July 8, 2015: \$b (Dutch: a language of
the Netherlands; also spoken in Belgium and several Caribbean
countries; alternate names: Hollands, Nederlands, Flemish, Vlaams)

010 ## \$a dg2015060524
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a occ \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Story editors
450 ## \$a Editors, Story
670 ## \$a OED online, July 31, 2015: \$b (under story: story editor:
a person who edits film, television, or radio scripts)
675 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, Dec. 7, 2015.
680 ## \$i People who edit film, television, radio, etc., scripts.

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(3) Examples. (Continued)

010 ## \$a dg2015060815
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a nat \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Soviets
550 ## \$w g \$a Asians
550 ## \$w g \$a Europeans
670 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, Oct. 15, 2015: \$b Soviet (def. 3: plural usually capitalized : the people, leaders, or armed forces of the U.S.S.R.) Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (former country 1922-91 in eastern Europe and northern Asia bordering on the Arctic and Pacific oceans and Baltic and Black seas)
670 ## \$a American Heritage dictionary, 2006: \$b Soviet (def. 2 A native or inhabitant of the former Soviet Union)
680 ## \$i Residents of the former Soviet Union in general. For residents of one of the constituent countries of the former Soviet Union use the term for the residents of the country, e.g., \$a Russians.

010 ## \$a dg2015060814
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a nat \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Russians
550 ## \$w g \$a Asians
550 ## \$w g \$a Europeans
670 ## \$a CIA World fact book online, Oct. 15, 2015: \$b Russia (location: North Asia bordering the Arctic Ocean, extending from Europe (the portion west of the Urals) to the North Pacific Ocean; nationality: Russian(s), noun; Russian, adjective)
681 ## \$i Example under \$a Soviets

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(3) Examples. (Continued)

010 ## \$a dg2015060465
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a occ \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Administrative assistants
670 ## \$a OED online, July 10, 2015: \$b administrative assistant (a person employed to perform administrative duties, now esp. of a supportive or ancillary nature; a secretary; (U.S. Polit.) the principal aide or advisor to a politician, esp. a member of Congress (abbreviated AA)))
680 ## \$i People employed to perform administrative duties. For people who manage correspondence and routine work for a superior use \$a Secretaries.
681 ## \$i Note under \$a Secretaries

010 ## \$a dg2015060464
040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt
072 #7 \$a soc \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Secretaries
670 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, July 10, 2015: \$b secretary (1: one employed to handle correspondence and manage routine and detail work for a superior; 2a: an officer of a business concern who may keep records of directors' and stockholders' meetings and of stock ownership and transfer and help supervise the company's legal interests; 2b: an officer of an organization or society responsible for its records and correspondence; 3: an officer of state who superintends a government administrative department <the secretary of labor>)
680 ## \$i People who manage correspondence and routine work for a superior. For people employed to perform administrative duties use \$a Administrative assistants.
681 ## \$i Note under \$a Administrative assistants

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(3) Examples. (Continued)

040 ## \$a DLC \$b eng \$c DLC \$f lcdgt \$d DLC
072 #7 \$a sxo \$2 lcdgt
072 #7 \$a gdr \$2 lcdgt
150 ## \$a Gay men
450 ## \$a Gay males
450 ## \$a Men, Gay
450 ## \$a Queens (Gay men)
550 ## \$w g \$a Gays
550 ## \$w g \$a Males
670 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, April 29, 2015; \$b gay (homosexual, especially a homosexual male)
670 ## \$a Merriam Webster online, Sept. 14, 2015: \$b queen (def. 8: often disparaging: a male homosexual, especially an effeminate one) urning (medical def.: homosexual)
670 ## \$a OED online, Sept. 14, 2015: \$b queen (def. 13. slang: A male homosexual, typically one regarded as ostentatiously effeminate) urning (now rare: a homosexual)
670 ## \$a Collins English dictionary, Sept. 14, 2015: \$b queen (def. 4: slang: an effeminate male homosexual) urning (a rare word for (esp a male) homosexual)

b. Records for newly proposed terms. Proposed terms reside in the Proposal System, which is a module of Classification Web. The control number in the 010 field has the prefix **dp**. The term is not valid for use until it has been approved during the editorial process. Once the Data Integrity Section has assigned a proposal to a Tentative List, the list number may be found in the 907 \$t subfield of the MARC authority record.

c. Records for terms being updated. An existing term that is being changed in any way is represented in the Proposal System by two authority records, one having a control number with the prefix **dg** in the 010 field, and the other having the same control number but with the prefix **dp**. In order to determine the nature of the update being performed, it is necessary to compare the **dg** record to its **dp** counterpart. Once the Data Integrity Section has assigned a proposal to a Tentative List, the list number may be found in the 907 \$t subfield of the MARC authority record.

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2. Assigning valid terms. Before assigning an LC demographic group term to a work being cataloged, ascertain that it meets one of the following criteria.

- It is represented in Classification Web or the LC database by a single demographic group authority record that has an 010 field with a **dg** record number.
- It is represented in the Proposal System by two demographic group authority records, one of which has an 010 field with a **dg** number and the other with a **dp** number, and the change being made is to a field other than the 150 field.

Do not assign an LC demographic group term if the term is represented by both **dg** and **dp** records and a change is being made to the 150 field. If that is the case,

- Ascertain whether the proposal has been scheduled for a Tentative List (the list number is displayed in the 907 \$t subfield).
- Determine whether the editorial process is complete, based on the Tentative List number. List numbers consist of the year and month of the list in the format **yymm** (e.g., Tentative List 1512 was dated December 2015).
- If the editorial process is complete, consult the Approved List posted on the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access website (<http://www.loc.gov/aba>) to determine whether the change was approved. Records with a control number prefix **dp** in the Proposal System are converted to **dg** records approximately 3-4 weeks after the date on the Tentative List. The Approved List is posted shortly afterward.

Revised terms (i.e., those with changes to 150 fields) may be assigned if the change was approved, as indicated by the Approved List or the removal of the **dp** record.

Do not assign an LC demographic group term if the term is represented only by a single authority record that has an 010 field with a **dp** number (see sec. 1.b above).

3. Non-authoritative sources of demographic group terms. The following sources, although useful tools for reference purposes, may not be treated as authority for the assignment of a demographic group term.

- Bibliographic records in the LC database
- Tentative Lists of new proposals (including those marked **(A)**).