Genre/Form Headings for Videorecordings

I. Terms should be taken from Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT). When searching OCLC, use label “ge:” to retrieve authority records. They will have the following characteristics:

- prefix “gf” (instead of “sh”) in the 010 field
- ‡f of “lcgft” in the 040 field
- tag 155 for the heading itself

Scott Dutkiewicz of Clemson University maintains a list of just the moving image terms, and this can be found at the OLAC Web site (http://olacinc.org/drupal/?q=node/471):

- LCGFT for Moving Image Materials

Dutkiewicz has also created a LibGuide with scope notes for the terms:

- LCGFT with Scope Notes

II. Verify genre/form terms against genre authority records and code them in field 655 with second indicator “7” and “‡2 lcgft.” See exceptions in step V.H. below.

   Note that ‡2 should be preceded by a period unless the genre heading ends in parentheses or other punctuation. For example:

   655 7 Horror films. ‡2 lcgft BUT
   655 7 Thrillers (Motion pictures) ‡2 lcgft

III. As needed, export genre authority records to the genre index. The 949 command is:

   949 *atab=agenre

IV. For videorecordings, the following types of headings should either be converted to “lcgft” headings or removed from the record:

- 655 second indicator 0
- 655 second indicator 7 and ‡2 with other codes

V. In assigning headings, follow these provisions adapted from Subject Headings Manual H 1913.

A. Use the term “film” for materials originally recorded and released on motion picture film, on video, or digitally, and use “television program” for works originally telecast. This is sometimes difficult to determine; in the absence of clear evidence the work was originally telecast, prefer the term “film.”

B. Films featuring the performing arts should receive headings of the type:

- Opera films/Opera television programs
- Dance films/Dance television programs
- Ballet films/Ballet television programs
- Musical films/Television musicals
- Rock films (includes works of fiction)
- Music videos
- Rock videos
For live performances recorded on film, additionally assign headings of the types below to bring out the live aspect:

- Filmed plays/Televised plays (no corresponding heading of the type above)
- Filmed operas/Televised operas
- Filmed musicals/Televised musicals
- Filmed dance/Televised dance
- Filmed ballets/Televised ballets
- Filmed performances/Televised performances (no corresponding heading of the type above)
- Rock concert films (includes rock documentaries)

Note that the pair of headings below does not follow the same pattern; as defined by scope notes, they are used for performances recorded in front of a live audience only:

- Concert films/Concert television programs

C. Genre/form headings can be assigned to both fiction and non-fiction works. In the case of multiple genres, assign as terms as necessary to bring out important forms and genres. For example, *The Wizard of Oz* could be assigned the following headings:

655 7 Musical films. +2 lcgft
655 7 Fantasy films. +2 lcgft
655 7 Children's films. +2 lcgft
655 7 Film adaptations. +2 lcgft
655 7 Fiction films. +2 lcgft

D. H 1913 instructs that “headings may be assigned from different levels of the same hierarchy if desired,” meaning you are not bound by broader term/narrower term restrictions.

E. To bring out the fiction/nonfiction aspect, assign one of the following headings:

- Fiction films
- Nonfiction films
- Fiction television programs
- Nonfiction television programs

F. Length. For motion pictures assign one of the following:

- Short films (those running less than 40 minutes)
- Feature films (full-length films running 40 minutes or longer)

G. Moving image works for people with disabilities.

1. Hearing impaired. Assign one of the following terms to works produced with captions or sign language for viewing by the hearing impaired:

- Films for the hearing impaired
- Television programs for the hearing impaired

But do not assign this heading to works in one language with subtitles in another language if the subtitles are intended only as a translation, and not specifically as an aid for the hearing impaired.
2. **Visually impaired.** Assign one of the following to works with additional audio description provided for people with visual disabilities:

- Films for people with visual disabilities
- Television programs for people with visual disabilities

H. **Subdivisions.** Generally, do not use subdivisions (topical, chronological, geographical, or form) with genre/form headings in OCLC or InfoLinks.

However, for our library catalog only, we will make exceptions for the following headings and assign geographic subdivisions 1) at the country level if other than the United States; and 2) at the state level if Arkansas. Because this is a local practice, code +2 as "AFU."

- **Feature films/Short films.** For example:
  
  655 7 Feature films +z France. +2 AFU
  655 7 Feature films +z Arkansas. +2 AFU

  Note that this is our local practice for designating foreign films. There are no genre headings that correspond to the LCSH "Foreign films, "Foreign language films," or "Motion pictures, French" (etc.).

- **Documentary films/Documentary television programs**

- **Motion pictures/Television programs** (used only for collections that are composed of multiple genres and/or forms to which more specific headings cannot be applied)

I. **LC has recently cancelled LCGFT for two types of headings in favor of more general terms.**

- **Characters and franchises.** The following LC chart lists common terms, along with their replacement LCGFT and suggested LCSH (tag 650) that can be assigned. For example, the heading "Harry Potter films" has been cancelled and replaced with:

  655 7 Fantasy films. +2 Icgft
  650 0 Potter, Harry (Fictitious character) +v Drama.
  650 0 Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (Imaginary organization) +v Drama.

  Cross-references for the character/franchise terms have been added to authority records for the corresponding replacement headings.

- **Sports.** As instructed in this LC document, use one of the replacement LCGFT headings and an LCSH (tag 650) for the sport subdivided by +v Drama.

  655 7 Sports films. +2 Icgft
  OR 655 7 Sports television programs. +2 Icgft
  AND 650 0 Baseball +v Drama
  650 0 Football +v Drama etc.