

# Library of Congress to Implement Cartographic Genre/Form Headings

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The Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress continues to develop genre/form headings on a discipline-by-discipline basis, and will implement genre/form headings for cartographic resources on September 1, 2010.

As a first step toward implementation, the Policy and Standards Division approved approximately 65 new cartographic genre/form headings on May 19, 2010. The second step will occur on August 18, 2010, when revisions to the form subdivisions that include the word “maps” will be approved. The explanation of the decision to revise the subdivisions is available in the document, “[Library of Congress to Modify Structure of Form Subdivisions used for Cartographic Materials](#)”.

(Other form subdivisions commonly used for cartographic materials, such as **--Aerial photographs** and **--Remote-sensing images**, are not being modified at this time.)

On September 1, 2010 the Library will implement cartographic genre/form headings and the revised form subdivisions in new cataloging. PSD will work to update existing bibliographic records to change the form subdivisions and add genre/form headings, and expects to complete the process within a year.

The authorized cartographic genre/form headings may be viewed in *Classification Web* by searching on the heading **Cartographic materials** and drilling down through the hierarchy. Full authority records are also available through the Library’s [authorities Web site](#), through its SKOS-based [Authorities and Vocabularies Web site](#), and have also been distributed to subscribers to the MARC Distribution Service.

## *A note on MARC coding*

In June 2010, PSD announced that the MARC [coding for genre/form headings will be revised](#). The revisions will not be implemented until late 2010 at the earliest. Catalogers should continue to use second indicator “0” (zero) in the 655 field of bibliographic records until further notice.