

German National Library  
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**Data Service: Changes in MARC-21 format from week 38**

Dear Sir or Madam

As the result of a new export release, new information is to be issued and suggestions for improvement put into action in the data service deliveries in MARC 21 and MARC 21-XML formats from **week 38 (17 - 21 September 2012)**. Please note that updates can now only be made in MARC format. The provision of data in MAB2 format will be discontinued as of 1.7.13 (see also [http://www.dnb.de/EN/Service/DigitaleDienste/Aktuelles/aktuelles\\_node.html](http://www.dnb.de/EN/Service/DigitaleDienste/Aktuelles/aktuelles_node.html)) .

This includes:

- **Genre types in field 655**

The German National Library is introducing cataloguing with genre terms for the fiction and poetry works and children's and young people's literature it collects. There are currently 63 genre terms which are based on the corresponding fields in the VLB product groups and which describe the literary genre of the publication in question. Genre terms are issued for all titles of the relevant series of the national bibliography.

The introduction of the genre terms now gives all publications of fiction and poetry, children's and young people's literature collected by the DNB an extra level of classification in addition to the DNB subject class. This move represents the DNB's response to a long-standing request from its customers. At the same time as introducing the genre terms, the DNB will also restrict its subject indexing for fiction and poetry to publications issued originally in German from the 830;B class in order to streamline its subject cataloguing capacities.

The genre terms are issued as follows in the MARC 21 and MARC 21-XML formats in the existing field 655:

**MARC 21 Field 655 INDEXING TERM --GENRE/Form (W)**

1. Indicator "#" (blank)
  2. Indicator "7" (seven)
- \$0 "(DE-101)" + Number of authority record literary genre (W)  
\$a Description of genre term (full list in PDF file, attached) (NW)  
\$2 "gatbeg" (NW) as official value for genre terms

The order of the subfields is \$0, \$a, \$2. If there are several genre terms, a new field 655 will be generated in each case.

Example:

655 #7 \$0(DE-101)1010718363\$aBooks for children up to age 11\$2gatbeg

The official documentation of field 655 of the Library of Congress can be found at

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd655.html> .

- **Nationalbibliografie number issued more than once**

The German National Library's previous practice was to issue only one WV number of the bibliography in field 015. In the case of a printed edition of a university publication which was included in Series A and in Series H, the result was e.g. that only one WV number was issued. Following the adjustment, both numbers will now be listed in the repeatable subfield \$a of field 015.

**MARC 21 Field 015 Number of Nationalbibliografie (W)**

1. Indicator "#" (blank)

2. Indicator "#" (blank)

\$a Number of Nationalbibliografie (W)

\$2"dnb"(NW)

Example:

015 ##\$a,A07\$a12,H03\$2dnb

The official documentation of field 015 of the Library of Congress can be found at

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd015.html> .

**Planning for December 2012**

The **DDC subject classes** of the German National Library are to be registered as a separate DDC edition. In order to give the cataloguing greater international visibility and to increase its re-usability, in addition to the current practice in field 084 (Other notation) the DDC subject groups of the DNB and the ZDB will also be given **in fields 082** (Dewey Decimal Classification notation) **and 083** (additional DDC notation) in the future. Field 082 is used if only one subject group has been issued but no DDC cataloguing, and field 083 (repeatable field) if DDC notation has also been issued. To distinguish between DNB or ZDB subject classes the ISEL DE-101 for the DNB and the ISIL DE-600 for the ZDB is recorded as the issuing institution in subfield \$q. Parallel provision (as previously with field 084, and then also in fields 082 and 083) is scheduled to start in mid December 2012 for an initial period of 2 years. It will then be decided whether or not to represent the subject groups exclusively in fields 082 and 083.

We will inform you again when it becomes clear when parallel provision will be launched.

Examples:

**082 Dewey Decimal Classification number** (and also 083 Additional DDC notation)

DNB subject groups:

082 ##\$a330\$qDE-101@2sdbn

ZDB subject groups

082 ##\$a330\$qDE-600@2sdbn

Full DDC notation takes precedence and is issued in fields 082 and 083 before the DDC subject groups.

The official documentation of field 082 of the Library of Congress can be found at  
<http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd082.html> .

The file and the text of this circular are also available on our homepage at  
<http://www.dnb.de/EN/Service/DigitaleDienste/Datendienst/rundschreibenDatendienst.html>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [datendienste@dnb.de](mailto:datendienste@dnb.de) or phone us on the usual telephone numbers.

Best regards,

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