609 FORM HEADING*

This field contains a term or terms indicating the form, genre and/or physical characteristics of the resource being described.

Subfields & repeatability

FIELD/SUBFIELD			REPEATABILITY
609		Form heading*	r
	a	*Entry element*	nr
	x	*Topical subdivision*	r
	y	*Geographical subdivision*	r
	w	*Form subdivision*	r
	z	*Chronological subdivision*	r
	2	*System code*	nr
	3	*Authority record number*	nr
	6	*Linking data*	nr
	9	*Previous authority record number**	nr

Indicators

INDICATOR	VALUE	MEANING
1		*Name display indicator**
	␣	*No value*
	0	*Not displayed***
	1	*Displayed in catalogues***
	2	*Displayed in bibliographies***
	3	*Displayed in catalogues and bibliographies***
2		*Not defined*

SUBFIELDS

609a Entry element

A term in the form prescribed by the subject system used.

609x Topical subdivision

A term added to further specify the topic that the subject heading represents (see examples 2, 8, 9, 12).

609y Geographical subdivision

A term to further specify a place in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents (see examples 1, 3, 4, 9).

609z Chronological subdivision

A term to further specify the time period in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents (see examples 1, 2, 3, 4, 9).

609w Form subdivision

A term to further specify the kind or genre of the material (see example 5).

6092 System code

Code of the system or subject heading list (thesaurus) from which the subject heading is derived. It is recommended that this subfield is always filled in in a field 609.

6093 Authority record number

Identification number of an authority record for a form, genre and/or physical characteristics (see examples 7, 10, 11).

6096 Linking data

A two-digit number (01–99) for linking the 609 fields with the corresponding 969 fields.

6099 Previous authority record number*

This subfield is generated automatically in the compatibility process of bibliographic and authority records that are marked to be deleted.

If field 609 is linked to such authority record, the identification number of the authority record, that is used instead of the "deleted" record, is entered automatically in subfield 3 during the compatibility process; the former content of subfield 3 is transferred into subfield 9.

NOTES ON FIELD CONTENTS

This field contains data entered in accordance with the subject system used.

Subfield 6096 is used only when form, genre and/or physical characteristics are not linked to an authority record via subfield 6093.

RELATED FIELDS

606 *TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT*
This field contains topical name used as subject.

EXAMPLES

1.

609	␣␣	**a**Emblem books **y**Germany **z**17th century **2**rbgenr
		(Form heading which has been chosen from the thesaurus for rare books.)

2.

609	␣␣	**a**Dictionaries **x**French **z**18th century **2**rbgenr
		(The item is a French dictionary published in 1770.)

3.

609	␣␣	**a**British marble papers (Paper) **x**Germany **z**17th century **2**rbpap
		(A term specifying the physical characteristics of the item based on the thesaurus Paper terms: a thesaurus for use in rare book and special collections cataloguing*.)*

4.

609	␣␣	**a**Vellum bindings (Binding) **y**Italy **z**16th century **2**rbbin

5.

609	␣␣	**a**Children's stories **w**Pictorial works **2**lc

6.

609	␣␣	**a**Detective and mystery stories **2**gsafd

7.

200	1␣	**a**Martine à la montagne **f**conçu et réalisé par White Birds
609	␣␣	**3**FRBNF133189029 **a**Jeux video
		(The item is a video game.)

8. *

609	␣␣	**a**Kuharski recepti **x**Med **2**NUK

9. *

609	␣␣	**a**Koledarji, stenski **x**Krajinske fotografije **y**Slovenija **z**2016

10. *

| 609 | ␣␣ | **3**14915688 **a**Glasba za kljunasto flavto **2**SGC |

11. *

| 609 | ␣␣ | **3**1210728 **a**Enciklopedije in leksikoni **2**SGC |

12. * COBISS.net

| 609 | ␣␣ | **a**Leksikoni **x**Sociologija **2**BH |