QUESTIONING AUTHORITY: AN ANALYSIS OF DESCRIPTIVE FIELDS IN AUTHORITY RECORDS

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“it deals with the formation and recording of authorized heading forms in catalog records”

“Headings must not only be consistent, they must also be unique.”

*Maxwell’s Guide to Authority Work, 2002*
A separate record of decisions made during authority work, particularly on authorized headings.

Records contain information that helps catalogers identify the entity being described, justifies the choice and form of heading.
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MARC FIELDS

- 370 – Associated Place
- 371 – Address
- 372 – Field of Activity
- 373 – Associated Group
- 374 – Occupation
- 375 – Gender
- 376 – Family Information
- 377 – Associated Language
- 378 – Fuller Form of Personal Name
372 – Field of Activity

- Person: a field of endeavor, area of expertise, etc. in which the person is engaged or was engaged.
- Corporate body: a field of business in which the corporate body is engaged, its area of competence, responsibility, jurisdiction, etc.
- Repeat if the entity has multiple fields of activity for different time periods.

373 – Associated Group

- Information about a group, institution, association, etc., that is associated with the entity in the 1xx. This can also be a group with which a person is or has been affiliated, including dates of affiliation.
- Repeat if the person has multiple affiliations for different time periods.

374 – Occupation

- Information about the profession or occupation in which a person works or has worked, including dates applicable.
- Repeat if the person has multiple occupations for different time periods.
LC control no.: no2007021589
LCCN Permalink: https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007021589
Descriptive conventions: rda
Personal name heading: Florens, Andrea
Associated country: South Africa
Field of activity: Children’s literature
Profession or occupation: Authors

Found in: The Zulu: traditional customs and culture, 2006?: p. 128 (Andrea Florens)
OCLC, Feb. 22, 2007 (hdg.: Florens, Andrea; usage: Andrea Florens)

Associated language: eng
Meeting name heading: International Schenker Symposium
  Variant(s): Internationale Schenker-Symposium
            Schenker Symposium, International
Field of activity: Musical criticism
Type of corporate body: Congresses and conventions

Special note: See also related access points for individual instances of this conference which include specific information about the number, date, or place of the individual conference.

            Schenker-Traditionen, c2006: foreword (Internationalen Schenker-Symposium 2003, Vienna)

Associated language: eng ger
Personal name heading: Jensen, Belinda
Place of birth: Minneapolis (Minn.)
Field of activity: Meteorology, Children’s literature
Profession or occupation: Meteorologist, Author

Found in: Seeley, Mark W. Minnesota weather almanac. c2006. t.p. (Belinda Jensen) prelim. p. 4 (meteorologist for KARE 11, the NBC affiliate in the Twin Cities)

Publishers Weekly website, Dec. 24, 2015 : Book Deals: Week of October 13, 2014 By Rachel Deahl, Oct 10, 2014 (Carol Hinz at Millbrook Press acquired world rights to a six-book children’s series from Belinda Jensen, senior meteorologist at KARE-11, a TV station in Minneapolis/St. Paul. The picture books feature Bel the Weather Girl, a character based on Jensen as a child. Through fictional story lines, the series explains weather phenomena such as blizzards and tornadoes to kids ages 5-8 and looks to “allay fears they may have,” according to the publisher. Publication for the first book is scheduled for spring 2016; Chritin Cardenas at the Platts Agency negotiated the deal.)

Her Facebook page, Dec. 24, 2015 (Belinda Jensen (Bel the Weather Girl); Studied at University of Wisconsin-Madison; Studied at University of Wisconsin-Madison)
LC control no.: no2007015157
LCCN Permalink: https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007015157
Descriptive conventions: rda
Personal name heading: Robbins, Ann Roe, 1905-2000
   Variant(s): Robbins, Ann Brokaw Roe, 1905-
   Associated country: United States
   Birth date: 19050914
   Death date: 20000625
   Field of activity: Cooking
Fuller form of name Ann Brokaw Roe
   OCLC, May 15, 2014 (usage: Ann Roe Robbins)
Associated language: eng
LC control no.: no2007014488
LCCN Permalink: https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007014488
Descriptive conventions: rda
Personal name heading: Stannard, June, 1922-2011
Associated country: South Africa
Birth date: 1922-05-18
Death date: 2011-05-08
Field of activity: Birds Birdsongs Animal sounds
Fuller form of name: June Marjory
Found in: Wild rhymes, 1987: p. 2 of cover (grew up in Zululand, educated at Durban Girls College)
SANB 1988 (Stannard, June, 1922-)
SANB correspondence with author, July 8, 1988 (full name: Stannard, June Marjory; date of birth: May 18, 1922)
Birds sing for us, 2009: title page (June Stannard) page 1 (She traces African birds and animals, their sounds, and behaviour, as she experienced them throughout her life, bringing wildlife closer to human ears, eyes and hearts. She established the first Library of Bird Sounds, Songs & Calls in SA. She wrote and illustrated the witty and informative, Wild Rhymes)
BirdLife Trogons Bird Club Website, November 17, 2015 (June Stannard passed away on Sunday 8th May 2011. June was not only a well-known writer on birdlife and other conservation issues, but is best remembered as a pioneer in recording bird-song) http://birdlifetrogons.blogspot.co.za/2011/05/june-stannard-1922-2011.html
Associated language: eng
Field of activity: Motion picture plays Motion picture authorship Motion pictures—Production and direction
Screenplays

Profession or occupation: Screenwriters Motion picture producers and directors

Found in: Snow White, 2000: t.p. (Julie Hickson; screenwriter)
IMDb, December 26, 2015 (Julie Hickson; writer, producer, director;
Wikipedia, December 26, 2015 (Julie Hickson; American film producer and screenwriter. She helped write a thirty-page story treatment for Tim Burton's 1989 film Batman in 1986. Prior to this, she produced Burton's 1982 television special Hansel and Gretel (also co-wrote) and his 1984 short film Frankenweenie. Her other works include directing a short film entitled Fishing with George (1994), and co-writing the films Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco (1996) and Snow White: The Fairest of Them All (2001))

Pima County government web site, 31 Dec. 2013: Medical Examiner page ("The mission of the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner-forensic Science Center is to provide accurate, timely, compassionate and professional death investigation services for the citizens of Pima County, Arizona.") http://weboma.pima.gov/government/medical_examiner/

Left behind, 2012: page 7 (Chief Medical Examiner, Pima County Forensic Science Center, Tucson, Arizona)
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