



QUESTIONING AUTHORITY: AN ANALYSIS OF DESCRIPTIVE FIELDS IN AUTHORITY RECORDS

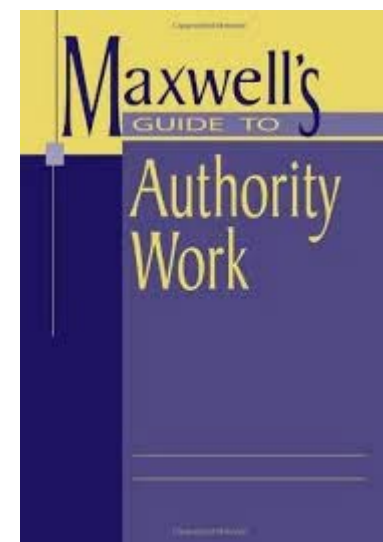
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AUTHORITY WORK

- “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

AUTHORITY FILES

- 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



NBC News, *Fats Domino, New Orleans Rock Pioneer and Piano Prodigy Dies at 89*

THE DEBATE: 2018

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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

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- 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 Ixx. 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

LC control no.: no2007023395

LCCN Permalink: <https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007023395>

Descriptive conventions: rda

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

Found in: Its (3rd : 1999 : New York, N.Y.). Essays from the Third International Schenker Symposium, 2006: t.p. (International Schenker Symposium)
Schenker-Traditionen, c2006: foreword (Internationalen Schenker-Symposium 2003, Vienna)

Associated language: eng ger



LC control no.: no2007019032

LCCN Permalink: <https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007019032>

Descriptive conventions: rda

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; Christi Cardenas at the Plains 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)

Associated language: eng

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

Found in: The seven-ingredients cookbook, 1968: t.p. (Ann Brokaw Roe Robbins)

OCLC, Feb. 7, 2007 (hdgs.: Robbins, Ann Brokaw Roe,1905-)

New York times WWW site, May 15, 2014 (in obituary published July 8, 2000: Ann Roe Robbins; Sept. 14, 1905, Newark, d. June 25, 2000, Manhattan; teacher of cooking who, along with James A. Beard and other food writers, helped to convince Americans of the 1960s that cooking could be an art form) <http://www.nytimes.com/2000/07/08/nyregion/ann-roe-robbins-94-a-writer-and-teacher-both-about-food.html>

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: t.p. (June Stannard) 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

LC control no.: no2007018574

LCCN Permalink: <https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007018574>

Descriptive conventions: rda

Personal name heading: Hickson, Julie

Other standard no.: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0382997> uri

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<http://viaf.org/viaf/34664224> uri

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<http://isni.org/isni/0000000048872765> uri

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))

Associated language: eng

LC control no.: no2007022852

LCCN Permalink: <https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007022852>

Descriptive conventions: rda

Corporate name heading: Pima County (Ariz.). Office of the Medical Examiner

Variant(s): Pima County (Ariz.). Medical Examiner, Office of the
Pima County (Ariz.). Medical Examiner's Office
Pima County (Ariz.). Office of the Medical Examiner-Forensic Science Center
Pima County (Ariz.). Office of the Medical Examiner. Forensic Science Center
Pima County (Ariz.). Forensic Science Center
Pima County Forensic Science Center (Tucson, Ariz.)

Located: Tucson (Ariz.)

Address: Office of Medical Examiner, 2825 E. District St. Tucson AZ 85714

Field of activity: Crime laboratories

Found in: The "funnel effect" & recovered bodies of unauthorized migrants processed by the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, 1990-2005, 2006: t.p. (Pima Count Office of the Medical Examiner); p. 1 (Pima County Medical Examiner's Office.

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://webcms.pima.gov/government/medical_examiner/

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

Associated language: eng

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LC control no.: no2007027020

LCCN Permalink: <https://lccn.loc.gov/no2007027020>

Descriptive conventions: rda

Personal name heading: Daly, Hugh F.

Variant(s): Daly, Hugh Francis Xavier, II

Associated country: United States

Birth date: 1921-10-27

Death date: 2010-06-07

Place of birth: Boston (Mass.)

Place of death: Covington (Ky.)

Field of activity: World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American

Fuller form of name Hugh Francis Xavier

Affiliation: United States. Army

Profession or occupation: World War, 1939-1945--Veterans Soldiers

Found in: The ingenious bluff, 2006: permission page (Hugh F. Daly) title page (Hugh Francis Xavier Daly II) end page (Hugh F. Daly, Jr.; Bronze Star Medal Citation)

Veterans History Project website, viewed August 18, 2015: Hugh F. Daly page (U.S. Army; private first class, 1942-1945; born 10/27/1921 in Boston, Massachusetts; served in Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands in the Intelligence Reconnaissance Platoon HQ and HA Company 415th Infantry 104th Timberwolf Division in World War II) <http://vhp.cincinnati.library.org/search.aspx?v=126>

Social Security Death Index Online, viewed August 18, 2015 (Hugh F. Daly died June 7, 2010 in Covington, Kentucky)

Associated language: eng



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