

The GMD

(WYLD Technote 072)

The addition of general material designations (GMDs) enables users to find items more easily because the GMD appears as part of the title hit list. Libraries are responsible for updating or adding GMDs to bibliographic records to improve accurate record retrieval.

[game (Nintendo)]
[game (Nintendo 64)]
[game (Nintendo Gamecube)]
[game (Play Station)]
[game (Sega)]
[game (SuperNintendo)]
[game (Xbox)]
[sound recording (CD book)]
[sound recording (MP3CD book)]
[text (board book)]
[text (large print)]
[videorecording (DVD)]

These non-standard terms have been approved by the [Online Quality Committee](#) and endorsed by the WYLD Governing Board. If libraries use any GMDs that do not appear here or in [Appendix D](#) of the Database Guidelines, they must submit a request to the WYLD Office to initiate the approval process before using the new GMD.

How to Add or Edit the GMD

The GMD for all material follows the title proper (subfields |a, |n, |p) in the 245 tag. The subfield delimiter, the vertical bar, is created by depressing the shift key and then the \ key which is usually found directly above the <enter> key of the keyboard. The delimiter is followed immediately by the character that is the subfield code...in these cases, it is the letter **n** or **p**. Note: subfield **a**, typically the first subfield in a tag, is unlabeled in WYLD records.

1. The GMD appears in this form: |h[text (large print)]

Be sure to include the square brackets! Also pay attention to correct spacing and punctuation as this impacts how items appear on hit lists. There is no space before or after the subfield h.

Example: 245 Walking wounded|h[text (large print)] /c...

In Symphony software, the space is naturally created when the subfield delimiter and subfield code (|h) drop out of the WYLD CAT and Workflows displays. This is true for other subfield codes as well so in these examples there is no space after the /c.... but there is a space before the slash / as shown here.

2. If there is a subtitle, the GMD goes before it.
Example: 245 Fang|h[sound recording (MP3CD book)] :|ba Maximum Ride novel /cJames....
3. If there are numbered or named section subfields related to the title proper (subfields n and p), the GMD follows those subfields.
Example: 245 Glee.|nVol. 1,|pRoad to sectionals|h[videorecording (DVD)] /c....
Example: 245 Fruits basket.|pPuddles of memories|h[sound recording (CD book)] :|ba novel
Example: 245 Farscape.|nVol. 3|h[sound recording (CD book)] /cRockne...