Proposed Revision to the Hierarchies of Moving Image Genre/Form Headings

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In 2007 the Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress began an experiment to develop genre/form headings in the area of moving images (films, television programs, and video recordings), knowing that some of the decisions made in the first years of the project would be revisited as the genre/form thesaurus was further developed and libraries began to implement the headings.

LC began to apply moving image genre/form headings in new cataloging on January 1, 2009, and the need for more hierarchy in the thesaurus became evident. Therefore, PSD is requesting comment on a proposed change to the hierarchies for moving image genre/form headings. Responses may be sent to jayo@loc.gov by February 26, 2010.

Background
In the first year of the moving image genre/form project there was very little hierarchy; most headings were “orphans” in that they did not have a broader term. Therefore individual groups of headings, such as those for films, could not be easily found. Searching and retrieval was facilitated when PSD added the broader term Motion pictures, Television programs, Video recordings, or Radio programs as appropriate to those headings that did not already have a broader term. However, there have been ongoing debates over individual headings, in particular whether they can and should be applied to both fiction and nonfiction works.

Proposal
PSD has examined all of the genre/form headings for moving images and is proposing that many of them be placed explicitly into a fiction or nonfiction hierarchy. The headings fall into four groups:

1. Fiction … hierarchy: the heading may be applied only to fictional works (e.g. Caper television programs)
2. Nonfiction … hierarchy: the heading may be applied only to nonfiction works (e.g. Television talk shows)
3. Fiction … and Nonfiction … hierarchies: the heading may be applied to both fiction and nonfiction works (e.g. Christmas television programs)
4. Motion pictures or Television programs or Video recordings hierarchy: the heading is neither fiction nor nonfiction. Most of the headings that fall into this group are forms, not genres (e.g. Outtakes).

Explicit hierarchies will provide more guidance to catalogers as they apply the headings, and promote consistency in bibliographic records. This should in turn allow for easier record sharing and copy cataloging.
In addition to the changes in the BTs, the RT references will also be changed for some headings, to increase understanding of the relationships between them.

The Appendix to this document comprises a list of the genre/form headings for television programs approved through the end of 2009. It shows the proposed broader term, narrower term, and related term relationships as they would appear in *Classification Web* and in the printed volumes of *LCSH*. For example, *Werewolf television programs* is a narrower term of *Monster television programs*, which is a narrower term of *Fiction television programs*, which is then a narrower term of *Television programs*. The entries therefore appear in this way:

**Fiction television programs**
- BT Television programs
- NT Monster television programs
  - [additional NTs omitted]

**Monster television programs**
- BT Fiction television programs
- NT Ghost television programs
  - [additional NTs omitted]

**Television programs**
- NT Fiction television programs
  - [additional NTs omitted]

**Werewolf television programs**
- BT Monster television programs

The UFs and scope notes have not been included in the list. The headings for television programs are provided because of the relative brevity of the list, as compared to that of the film headings. Decisions made for forms and genres of television programs will also be applied in the area of film.

If PSD decides to implement this new hierarchical structure, *Subject Headings Manual* H 1913 (Moving Image Genre/Form Headings) section 1.b would be revised. It currently instructs catalogers to always apply *Fiction films*, *Nonfiction films*, *Fiction television programs*, or *Nonfiction television programs* to every bibliographic record, in order to distinguish between fiction and nonfiction treatments of a subject. Since the new hierarchical structure would determine which headings denote fiction and nonfiction treatments, the instruction would no longer be strictly necessary. However, PSD is aware that some libraries have found the headings useful, since they can be used as keywords or as search limits. Therefore, PSD intends to make the application of one of these four headings optional.

Comments on this proposal as a whole, or on the hierarchical placement of individual headings, may be sent to Janis Young at jay@loc.gov by February 26, 2010.
Appendix

Genres and Forms of Television Programs with Proposed Broader, Narrower, and Related Terms

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Action and adventure television programs
  BT Fiction television programs
  NT Indiana Jones television programs

Animal television programs
  BT Fiction television programs
  BT Nonfiction television programs

Animated television programs
  BT Television programs
  NT Clay animation television programs
  NT Computer animation television programs

Anti-war television programs
  BT Fiction television programs
  RT War television programs

Anthology television programs
  BT Television programs

Audience participation television programs
  BT Nonfiction television programs
  RT Television talk shows

Autobiographical television programs
  BT Biographical television programs

Aviation television programs
  BT Fiction television programs

Award presentations (Television programs)
  BT Nonfiction television programs

Ballet television programs
  BT Fiction television programs
  RT Televised ballets

Baseball television programs
  BT Sports television programs
  NT Televised baseball games

Basketball television programs
  BT Sports television programs
  NT Televised basketball games

Beauty contest television programs
  BT Nonfiction television programs

Bible television programs
  BT Religious television programs
Big Brother television programs
   BT Reality television programs

Biographical television programs
   BT Fiction television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs
   NT Autobiographical television programs

Book review television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs

Buddy television programs
   BT Fiction television programs

Caper television programs
   BT Fiction television programs
   RT Television crime shows

Children’s television programs
   BT Fiction television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs

Christian television programs
   BT Religious television programs

Christmas television programs
   BT Fiction television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs

Clay animation television programs
   BT Animated television programs

College life television programs
   BT Fiction television programs

Coming-of-age television programs
   BT Teen television programs

Commissario Montalbano television programs
   BT Detective and mystery television programs

Compilation television programs
   BT Television programs

Computer animation television programs
   BT Animated television programs

Concert television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs
   RT Television musicals

Cultural television programs
   BT Nonfiction television programs
   NT Dance television programs

Dance television programs
   BT Fiction television programs
   RT Televised dance

Dark comedy television programs
   BT Television comedies

DeGrassi television programs
   BT Fiction television programs

Detective and mystery television programs
BT Television crime shows
RT Television cop shows
NT Commissario Montalbano television programs
NT Sherlock Holmes television programs

Disaster television programs
BT Fiction television programs
RT Survival television programs

Documentary television programs
BT Nonfiction television programs
NT Ethnographic television programs
NT Historical reenactments (Television programs)
NT Travelogues (Television programs)

Documentary-style television programs
BT Fiction television programs

Domestic comedy television programs
BT Television comedies
RT Situation comedies (Television programs)

Don Juan television programs
BT Fiction television programs

Dracula television programs
BT Vampire television programs

Educational television programs
BT Nonfiction television programs
NT Science television programs

Entertainment news programs
BT Television news programs

Epic television programs
BT Fiction television programs

Erotic television programs
BT Fiction television programs
BT Nonfiction television programs
RT Pornographic television programs

Ethnic television programs
BT Fiction television programs
BT Nonfiction television programs

Ethnographic television programs
BT Documentary television programs

Fantasy comedies (Television programs)
BT Fantasy television programs
BT Television comedies

Fantasy television programs
BT Fiction television programs
NT Fantasy comedies (Television programs)
NT Superhero television programs

Fiction television programs
BT Television programs
NT Action and adventure television programs
Animal television programs
Anti-war television programs
Aviation television programs
Ballet television programs
Biographical television programs
Buddy television programs
Caper television programs
Children’s television programs
Christmas television programs
College life television programs
Dance television programs
DeGrassi television programs
Disaster television programs
Documentary-style television programs
Don Juan television programs
Epic television programs
Erotic television programs
Ethnic television programs
Fantasy television programs
Haunted house television programs
Historical television programs
Horror television programs
Journalism television programs
Jungle television programs
Legal television programs
Made-for-TV movies
Medical television programs
Military television programs
Monster television programs
Nanny television programs
Opera television programs
Pink Panther television programs
Political television programs
Pornographic television programs
Puppet television programs
Religious television programs
Road television programs
Romance television programs
Science fiction television programs
Scooby-Doo television programs
Show business television programs
Social problem television programs
Sports television programs
Spy television programs
Survival television programs
Teen television programs
Television adaptations
NT Television comedies
NT Television crime shows
NT Television melodramas
NT Television musicals
NT Television soap operas
NT Thrillers (Television programs)
NT War television programs
NT Western television programs

**Football television programs**
- BT Sports television programs
- NT Televised football games

**Gangster television programs**
- BT Television crime shows

**Ghost television programs**
- BT Monster television programs
- RT Haunted house television programs

**Golf television programs**
- BT Sports television programs
- NT Televised golf matches

**Haunted house television programs**
- BT Fiction television programs
- RT Horror television programs

**Historical reenactments (Television programs)**
- BT Documentary television programs
- RT Historical television programs

**Historical television programs**
- BT Fiction television programs
- RT Historical reenactments (Television programs)

**Hockey television programs**
- BT Sports television programs
- NT Televised hockey games

**Home shopping television programs**
- BT Nonfiction television programs
- RT Infomercials

**Horror television programs**
- BT Fiction television programs
- RT Haunted house television programs
- RT Monster television programs

**Indiana Jones television programs**
- BT Action and adventure television programs

**Industrial television programs**
- BT Instructional television programs

**Infomercials**
- BT Nonfiction television programs
- RT Home shopping television programs

**Instructional television programs**
BT  Nonfiction television programs
NT  Industrial television programs
Internet videos
  BT  Motion pictures*
  RT  Webisodes
Journalism television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
Jungle television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
Juvenile delinquency television programs
  BT  Teen television programs
  BT  Television crime shows
Legal television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
Live television programs
  BT  Television programs
Made-for-TV movies
  BT  Fiction television programs
Magazine format television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
Makeover television programs
  BT  Reality television programs
Martial arts television programs
  BT  Sports television programs
  NT  Televised martial arts events
Medical television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
Military television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  RT  War television programs
Monster television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  RT  Horror television programs
  NT  Ghost television programs
  NT  Mummy television programs
  NT  Vampire television programs
  NT  Werewolf television programs
Music videos
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  BT  Video recordings*
  NT  Rock videos
Mummy television programs
  BT  Monster television programs
Nanny television programs
BT Fiction television programs

Nature television programs
- BT Science television programs
- NT Wildlife television programs

Nonfiction television programs
- BT Television programs
- NT Animal television programs
- NT Audience participation television programs
- NT Award presentations (Television programs)
- NT Beauty contest television programs
- NT Biographical television programs
- NT Book review television programs
- NT Children's television programs
- NT Christmas television programs
- NT Concert television programs
- NT Cultural television programs
- NT Documentary television programs
- NT Educational television programs
- NT Erotic television programs
- NT Ethnic television programs
- NT Home shopping television programs
- NT Infomercials
- NT Instructional television programs
- NT Jungle television programs
- NT Legal television programs
- NT Magazine format television programs
- NT Medical television programs
- NT Music videos
- NT Political television programs
- NT Pornographic television programs
- NT Public affairs television programs
- NT Public service television programs
- NT Puppet television programs
- NT Reality competition television programs
- NT Reality television programs
- NT Religious television programs
- NT Special events television coverage
- NT Teen television programs
- NT Televised performances
- NT Televised speeches
- NT Televised sports events
- NT Television adaptations
- NT Television comedies
- NT Television commercials
- NT Television cooking shows
- NT Television dance parties
- NT Television debates
Television game shows
Television interviews
Television lectures
Television news programs
Television panel discussions
Television public service announcements
Television quiz shows
Television talk shows
True crime television shows
Variety shows (Television programs)

Opera television programs
  Fiction television programs
  Televised operas

Outtakes
  Motion pictures*
  Television programs
  Unedited footage

Parody television programs
  Television comedies

Pink Panther television programs
  Fiction television programs

Podcasts
  Motion pictures*
  Sound recordings*
  Television programs

Political television commercials
  Television commercials

Political television programs
  Fiction television programs
  Nonfiction television programs

Pornographic television programs
  Fiction television programs
  Nonfiction television programs
  Erotic television programs

Prison television programs
  Television crime shows

Promos (Television commercials)
  Television commercials

Public access television programs
  Television programs

Public affairs television programs
  Nonfiction television programs

Public service television programs
  Nonfiction television programs

Puppet television programs
  Fiction television programs
  Nonfiction television programs
Reality competition television programs [proposed]
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  BT  Reality television programs
  RT  Television game shows
Reality television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  NT  Big Brother television programs
  NT  Makeover television programs
  NT  Reality competition television programs
Religious television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  NT  Bible television programs
  NT  Christian television programs
Road television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
Rock videos
  BT  Music videos
Romance television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  NT  Romantic comedy television programs
Romantic comedy television programs
  BT  Romance television programs
  BT  Television comedies
  RT  Sophisticated comedy television programs
Rural comedy television programs
  BT  Television comedies
Rushes (Television programs)
  BT  Television programs
  RT  Unedited footage
Science television programs
  BT  Educational television programs
  NT  Nature television programs
Science fiction television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
  NT  Star Trek television programs
  NT  Superhero television programs
Scooby-Doo television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
Screen tests
  BT  Motion pictures*
  BT  Television programs
Sherlock Holmes television programs
  BT  Detective and mystery television programs
Show business television programs
  BT  Fiction television programs
Singing cowboy television programs
BT  Western television programs

**Situation comedies (Television programs)**
- BT  Television comedies
- RT  Domestic comedy television programs

**Sketch comedy television programs**
- BT  Television comedies

**Slapstick comedy television programs**
- BT  Television comedies

**Soccer television programs**
- BT  Sports television programs
- NT  Televised soccer games

**Social problem television programs**
- BT  Fiction television programs

**Sophisticated comedy television programs**
- BT  Television comedies
- RT  Romantic comedy television programs

**Special events television coverage**
- BT  Nonfiction television programs
- RT  Television news programs

**Sports television programs**
- BT  Fiction television programs
- BT  Nonfiction television programs
- NT  Baseball television programs
- NT  Basketball television programs
- NT  Football television programs
- NT  Golf television programs
- NT  Hockey television programs
- NT  Martial arts television programs
- NT  Soccer television programs
- NT  Televised sports events
- NT  Televised soccer games
- NT  Tennis television programs

**Spy television programs**
- BT  Fiction television programs

**Star Trek television programs**
- BT  Science fiction television programs

**Stock footage**
- BT  Motion pictures*
- BT  Television programs
- BT  Video recordings*
- RT  Unedited footage

**Superhero television programs**
- BT  Fantasy television programs
- BT  Science fiction television programs

**Survival television programs**
- BT  Fiction television programs
- RT  Disaster television programs

**Teen television programs**
BT Fiction television programs
BT Nonfiction television programs
NT Coming-of-age television programs
NT Juvenile delinquency television programs

**Televised ballets**
- BT Televised performances
- RT Ballet television programs

**Televised baseball games**
- BT Baseball television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised basketball games**
- BT Basketball television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised dance**
- BT Televised performances
- RT Dance television programs
- NT Televised ballets

**Televised football games**
- BT Football television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised golf matches**
- BT Golf television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised hockey games**
- BT Hockey television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised martial arts events**
- BT Martial arts television programs
- BT Televised sports events

**Televised musicals**
- BT Televised performances
- RT Television musicals

**Televised operas**
- BT Televised performances
- RT Opera television programs

**Televised performances**
- BT Nonfiction television programs
- NT Televised dance
- NT Televised musicals
- NT Televised operas
- NT Televised plays
- NT Televised stand-up comedy routines

**Televised plays**
- BT Televised performances

**Televised soccer games**
- BT Soccer television programs
- BT Televised sports events
Televised speeches
  BT  Nonfiction television programs

Televised sports events
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  BT  Sports television programs
  NT  Televised baseball games
  NT  Televised basketball games
  NT  Televised football games
  NT  Televised golf matches
  NT  Televised hockey games
  NT  Televised martial arts events
  NT  Televised soccer games
  NT  Televised tennis matches

Televised stand-up comedy routines
  BT  Televised performances
  BT  Television comedies

Televised tennis matches
  BT  Televised sports events
  BT  Tennis television programs

Television adaptations
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television comedies
  BT  Fiction television programs
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  NT  Dark comedy television programs
  NT  Domestic comedy television programs
  NT  Fantasy comedies (Television programs)
  NT  Parody television programs
  NT  Romantic comedy television programs
  NT  Rural comedy television programs
  NT  Situation comedies (Television programs)
  NT  Sketch comedy television programs
  NT  Slapstick comedy television comedies
  NT  Sophisticated comedy television programs
  NT  Televised stand-up comedy routines

Television commercials
  BT  Nonfiction television programs
  NT  Political television commercials
  NT  Promos (Television commercials)

Television cooking shows
  BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television cop shows
  BT  Television crime shows
  RT  Detective and mystery television programs

Television crime shows
  BT  Fiction television programs
RT  Caper television programs
RT  Thrillers (Television programs)
NT  Detective and mystery television programs
NT  Gangster television programs
NT  Juvenile delinquency television programs
NT  Prison television programs
NT  Television cop shows

Television dance parties
    BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television debates
    BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television game shows
    BT  Nonfiction television programs
    RT  Reality competition television programs

Television interviews
    BT  Nonfiction television programs
    RT  Television talk shows

Television lectures
    BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television melodramas
    BT  Fiction television programs
    RT  Television soap operas

Television mini-series
    BT  Television series

Television musicals
    BT  Fiction television programs
    RT  Televised musicals

Television news programs
    BT  Nonfiction television programs
    RT  Special events television coverage
    NT  Entertainment news programs
    NT  Television press conferences

Television panel discussions
    BT  Nonfiction television programs

Television pilot programs
    BT  Television series

Television press conferences
    BT  Television news programs

Television program clips
    BT  Television programs

Television program excerpts
    BT  Television excerpts

Television programs
    NT  Animated television programs
    NT  Anthology television programs
    NT  Compilation television programs
    NT  Fiction television programs
NT Live television programs
NT Nonfiction television programs
NT Outtakes
NT Podcasts
NT Public access television programs
NT Rushes (Television programs)
NT Screen tests
NT Stock footage
NT Television program clips
NT Television program excerpts
NT Television programs for people with visual disabilities
NT Television programs for the hearing impaired
NT Television remakes
NT Television sequels
NT Television series
NT Television specials
NT Unedited footage
NT Webisodes

Television programs for people with visual disabilities
  BT Television programs

Television programs for the hearing impaired
  BT Television programs

Television public service announcements
  BT Nonfiction television programs

Television quiz shows
  BT Nonfiction television programs

Television remakes
  BT Television programs

Television sequels
  BT Television programs

Television series
  BT Television programs
  NT Television mini-series
  NT Television pilot programs

Television soap operas
  BT Fiction television programs
  RT Television melodramas

Television specials
  BT Television programs

Television talk shows
  BT Nonfiction television programs
  RT Audience participation television programs
  RT Television interviews

Tennis television programs
  BT Sports television programs
  NT Televised tennis matches
Thrillers (Television programs)
   BT  Fiction television programs
   RT  Television crime shows

Travelogues (Television programs)
   BT  Documentary television programs

True crime television programs
   BT  Nonfiction television programs

Unedited footage
   BT  Motion pictures*
   BT  Television programs
   BT  Video recordings*
   RT  Outtakes
   RT  Rushes (Motion pictures)*
   RT  Rushes (Television programs)
   RT  Stock footage

Vampire television programs
   BT  Monster television programs
   NT  Dracula television programs

Variety shows (Television programs)
   BT  Nonfiction television programs

War television programs
   BT  Fiction television programs
   RT  Anti-war television programs
   RT  Military television programs

Webisodes
   BT  Television programs
   RT  Internet videos

Werewolf television programs
   BT  Monster television programs

Western television programs
   BT  Fiction television programs
   NT  Singing cowboy television programs
   NT  Zorro television programs

Wildlife television programs
   BT  Nature television programs

Zorro television programs
   BT  Western television programs

An asterisk (*) denotes headings that are not included in this list, because they are out of scope. The BT is provided to show the hierarchy.