J 215
Cartographic Materials

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Background
Cartographic materials may be sheets, books, three dimensional objects, digital files, projected media, and archival or other collections. Genre/form terms appropriate to these various formats as well as those specific to cartographic materials may be assigned as needed. Cartographic genre/form terms may also be assigned to other formats or collections with significant cartographic content.

Revision history
Added to LCGFT Manual in 2024.

1. General rule
Assign terms in accordance with J 110 and the special provisions below. For all cartographic materials, assign at least one genre/form heading.

2. Atlases
   • Do not assign the genre/form terms term Maps to atlases.
• Do not assign genre/form terms **Atlases** to world atlases. Instead, assign **World atlases**.
• Assign any other relevant cartographic genre/form terms.

**Other types of atlases**
For all other atlases, assign the genre/form term **Atlases**. If the atlas includes specific genres of maps, also assign all relevant cartographic genre/form terms.

### 3. Maps
- When assigning a genre/form term for a specific type of map, do not also assign the broader heading **Maps**.
- Assign the genre/form term **Road maps** only to items that represent geographic areas larger than a city or town, such as a suburban or metropolitan area.

  *Exception:* Assign **Road maps** if the subject of a city or town map is road construction or repair.

- Assign the genre/form term **World maps** to maps showing the known world. Also assign any other relevant cartographic genre/form terms.

### 4. Born-digital cartographic materials
Assign any relevant cartographic genre/form terms that bring out the digital format of the item. Do not assign the term **Atlases** even if the term “atlas” is in the title of the material. If the coverage of the resource is equivalent to that of a physical world atlas, assign the genre/form term **World atlases**.

### 5. Digitized cartographic materials
Assign any relevant cartographic genre/form terms that bring out the digital format of the item. Also assign cartographic genre/form terms relevant to the physical original.

### 6. Globes
For terrestrial globes (i.e. globes representing the planet Earth), assign the cartographic genre/form terms **Globes** and **World maps** as well as any other relevant genre/form terms.

### 7. Collections of cartographic materials
Assign any general and specific cartographic genre/form terms that bring out the content of a collection of cartographic materials.