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Revision to MARC Coding in the Authority 670 Field

In order to better support automated linking, the Library of Congress is revising the policy on the subfield coding used in the 670 field (Source Data Found) in subject heading and genre/form authority records. This revision will affect MARC Distribution Service Subject-Authorities subscribers. Records with the new coding will be distributed no earlier than May 1, 2020.

Bibliographic record control numbers present in the 670 fields of records for new headings and new 670 fields added to existing authority records will now be coded in subfield \$w (Bibliographic record control number). This subfield will appear as the final subfield in the field and will not be repeated. The control number will be preceded by the MARC organization code to which the control number applies. Examples:

670 ## Work cat.: Finding Julia, 2014: \$b p. 13 (Bollinger family) \$w
(DLC)2015300502
[subfield \$w contains a Library of Congress LCCN]

670 ## \$a Work cat: White, Ingelia. Pharmaceutical and nutraceutical
values of Vanda Miss Joaquim, 2016: \$b p. 4 (Having a delicate flavor,
high protein content, attractive color, and year-round flowering, V.
Miss Joaquim flower is an idea candidate for use in fine cuisine) \$w
(OCoLC)966694262
[subfield \$w contains an OCLC number]

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