Implementation of History Notes in Field 688 in Subject Authority Records

The Library of Congress will implement MARC 21 field 688 (Application History Note) in authority records for the following vocabularies:

- Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)
- Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT)
- Library of Congress Demographic Group Terms (LCDGT)
- Library of Congress Medium of Performance Thesaurus for Music (LCMPT)
- Library of Congress Children’s Subject Headings (CYAC)

The field will be added to new authority records in these vocabularies. It will be added retrospectively to existing authority records only when needed, e.g. when a heading is being changed, and when the information is readily available.

Subscribers to MARC Distribution Service Subject-Authorities will begin to see the new field in distributed records no earlier than April 4, 2022.

Examples:

688 ## $a Established [month] [year].

688 ## $a Heading changed from [former heading] to [current heading] in [month] [year].

Questions regarding these records may be directed to the Policy, Training, and Cooperative Programs Division at policy@loc.gov.