



Library of Congress
Recommended Formats Statement
Change History from 2019-2020 version to 2020-2021 version

For online version, see [Recommended Formats Statement - 2020-2021 \(link\)](#)

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Overall edits include numerous formatting changes, renumbering and other editorial updates that do not directly affect the content.

1. Textual Works

- a. Removal of information about musical scores from Textual Works – Print: Completeness
- b. Removal of “Other text- or graphic-based formats not listed here that represent textual works” from Textual Works – Digital: Formats Acceptable
- c. Removal of iv. Digital Musical Compositions (score-based representations) table (information moved to new Musical Scores section)

2. Still Image Works

- a. Removal of DNG and GIF from Photographs – Digital: Preferred formats
- b. Addition of DNG and GIF to Photographs – Digital: Acceptable formats
- c. Rename table iii from Other Graphic Images – Print (e.g., posters, architectural drawings, postcards, maps, fine prints) to iii. Other Graphic Images – Print (e.g., posters, postcards, fine prints)
- d. Removal of “Cartographic materials, in order of preference” from iii. Other Graphic Images – Print (e.g., posters, postcards, fine prints)
- e. Removal of BMP from ii. Photographs – Digital and iv. Other Graphic Images - Digital
- f. Removal of DNG and GIF from iv. Other Graphic Images – Digital: Formats (raster) Preferred
- g. Addition of DNG, GIF and EPS to iv. Other Graphic Images – Digital: Formats (raster) Acceptable
- h. Removal of AutoCAD Drawing Interchange Format (*.dxf), Encapsulated Postscript (*.eps), Shapefile from Other Graphic Images – Digital: Formats (vector) Preferred
- i. Addition of Encapsulated Postscript (*.eps), to Other Graphic Images – Digital: Formats (vector) Acceptable
- j. Removal of “Cartographic materials, in order of preference” from Other Graphic Images – Digital (Moved to GIS, Geospatial and Non-GIS Cartographic)
- k. Addition of DWG to Formats (vector): Acceptable
- l. Changed link from SVG 1.0 to SVG File Format Family (new format description)

3. Moving Image Works

- a. Rename “A. Theatrically Released Motion Pictures, in order of preference” to “Motion Pictures - Digital And Physical Media”
- b. Addition of Viewing proxy options for Video – File based and Physical Media: Formats Acceptable:
 - i. Recordable DVD
 - ii. Recordable Blu-ray disc
 - iii. MPEG-4 (.mp4)
- c. Removed language from Audio Preferred and replaced with “Each language and mix for the final production version shall be in its original channel structure and audio resolution as it was delivered to the content distributor” in Audio Acceptable in Video – File based and Physical Media
- d. Addition of FFV1 (version 3) in Matroska (.mkv) container as an Acceptable format only for content without closed captions and/or timecode information.

4. Audio Works

- a. Addition of “Uncompressed file of final release version” for ii. Audio - Media-independent (digital): Audio Acceptable
- b. Removal of “Accompanying Image/Text Files, in order of preference: TIFF, JPEG, or PDF of text files of final release version; Other standard images and text formats” from Audio - Media-independent (digital) Acceptable (as it duplicated the same information from the Preferred section)

5. Musical Scores - NEW SECTION

- a. Duplication of Textual Works – Print for Musical Scores – Print
- b. Limited duplication of Textual Works – Digital in Musical Scores – Digital but with more detailed information specific to musical scores including MusicXML and MusicMEI

6. Datasets

- a. Renamed section from Datasets and Databases to Datasets
- b. Moved .xlsx and .xls from Acceptable to Preferred
- c. Addition of Shapefile to Preferred

7. GIS, Geospatial and Non-GIS Cartographic – NEW SECTION

- a. Some duplication from Still Image Works but mostly, this section and its content/formats are entirely new

8. Design and 3D – NEW SECTION

- a. Some duplication from Still Image Works but mostly, this section and its content/formats are entirely new

9. Software and Video Games

- a. Renamed from Software and Electronic Gaming and Learning to Software and Video Games
- b. Addition of specifics for Operating Systems
- c. Addition of specifics for Platforms
- d. Addition of specifics for Related Material
- e. Additional information about Technological Measures:
 - i. Preferred:

1. Submissions of uncompiled source code must include the rights clearance for the Library to install and use the compiler to read and use the provided information.
 2. Files must contain no measures (such as digital rights management technologies or encryption) that control access to or prevent use of the digital work.)
- ii. Acceptable:
1. A file containing digital rights management technologies or encryption which requires a stand-alone or proprietary platform is accompanied by a virtual or emulated version of the proprietary platform or a physical version of the platform. However, the file cannot include a connection to a remote server for DRM or encryption services.

10. Web Archives

- a. Renamed from Websites to Web Archives