

Library of Congress
Name Subject Authorities
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An Explanation for Indexers



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Dear indexing colleagues:

As a dyed-in-the-wool cataloger and a 15-year teacher of cataloging & indexing now embarking on a career in indexing, I can go on at excruciatingly great length about LC name authority records and how they work. Here's a mercifully brief explanation that may help you with their use.

Let me know if you want more detail.

Heidi (the new indexer on the block)



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Authority Records

- Authority records have two main purposes:
 1. Collocation
 - Bringing together all concepts fairly given the same name together under one form of that name
 2. Providing alternative access points (references)
 - Allowing a searcher to be led from a variant form to the one chosen form
- Generally, library catalogs do not have dual postings; they only have references even if only one posting exists for the heading



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Like Most Things Related to Library Cataloging ...

- The authority records were created by thousands of catalogers over the course of many years under strict sets of ever-changing rules.
- Currently, authority records are created by the Library of Congress and the Name Authority Cooperative and the Subject Authority Cooperative, comprising hundreds of libraries here and abroad.



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Do Not Expect Total Consistency

1. It's a cooperative
2. The rules change
3. Individual records are constantly being updated or added
4. It is driven by what items are cataloged by the participating libraries
5. The rules it is based on vary over time



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- Currently, name authority records are based on the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules and the rule interpretations of the Library of Congress.
- These are sometimes affected by needs of participating libraries so on occasion, a modernizing change is not made so as not to necessitate the change in thousands of library catalogs.



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Anatomy of a Name Authority Record

- Heading
- References
- Notes
- Encased in format data: Marc Authorities Format



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General Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All searches are "left-anchored" (enter search starting with leftmost word) - Keyword searching is not available - Omit all punctuation (including "-" in subject headings) - Drop initial articles for titles - Truncation is automatic
Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Searches LC Subject Headings and Annotated Card Program (AC) Headings - Does not search free-floating subdivisions directly <p>Examples: united states history civil war 1861 1865 regimental histories bible n t criticism interpretation etc persian gulf war 1991</p>
Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Searches personal, corporate, meeting, and jurisdiction headings - For personal names, enter surname first - For group names, enter in direct order <p>Examples:</p>

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References 2	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Absolūtuyte druž'ba	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 3	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Absolute friends. Polish	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 4	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Absolute friends. Russian	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 5	0 Le Carré, John, 1931-...Characters	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 6	3 Le Carré, John, 1931-...Characters--George Smiley	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 7	1 Le Carré, John, 1931-...Characters--George Smiley--Map	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 8	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Constant gardener. Italian	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 9	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Constant gardener. Portuguese	LC subject headings
Authorized heading 10	0 Le Carré, John, 1931- Constant gardener. Russian	LC subject headings
11	14 Le Carré, John, 1931-...Criticism and interpretation.	LC subject headings
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13	1 Le Carré, John, 1931-...Ethics.	LC subject headings
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400 1 _ |a Cornwell, David John Moore, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a LeCarré, John, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a Carré, John Le, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a Le Karre, Dzhon, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a Karre, Dzhon Le, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a יארי, דז'ון, |d 1931-

400 1 _ |a لئو كاربه، جون، |d 1931-

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670 _ _ |a V odnom nemetskom gorodke, 1993: |b t.p. (Dzhon Le Karre)

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LeCarré, John, 1931-

Carré, John Le, 1931-

Le Karre, Dzhon, 1931-

Karre, Dzhon Le, 1931-

תורו, יארי, 1931-
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This record may be changed at any time, usually to add more variant forms of the name as LC and the participating libraries catalog more Le Carré books in different languages. Death dates aren't usually added unless the lack of one would cause confusion with another person with the same name.

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