

Public Notes to the Rescue!

Connecting Resources,
Services, and Practices
in the Library Catalog



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Public Notes : What are they?

- In cataloging, notes fields are used to provide detailed information to the user about the item they are viewing.
- These fields can provide general or specific information pertaining to the piece.
- It is the catalogers judgement as to which fields to use, therefore there are no note fields that are required in a record.
 - Examples of public note fields in a bibliographic record are:
 - 500 - general note
 - 505 - formatted contents note
 - 520 - summary note
 - 590 - local note
 - Examples of fields with a subfield for public notes in Holdings records are:
 - 852 - Location \$z
 - 866 - Textual Holdings, Basic Bibliographic Unit \$z
- To know when and how to use the Notes fields, catalogers use a resource called [Bibliographic Formats & Standards](#).

Public Notes: How do you use them?

- In a bibliographic record, the notes fields are entered when creating or updating a record.
- Some note fields are used more often than others, like a general note (500), the content note (505) or a summary note (520).
- Other fields that may not be used as often maybe the Cumulative Index/Finding Aids (555), or the Awards note (586).

Bibliographic Formats and Standards

5xx Fields

- 500 General Note
- 501 With Note
- 502 Dissertation Note
- 504 Bibliography, Etc. Note
- 505 Formatted Contents Note
- 506 Restrictions on Access Note
- 507 Scale Note for Graphic Material
- 508 Creation/Production Credits Note
- 510 Citation/References Note
- 511 Participant or Performer Note

5xx Fields

5xx Introduction

5xx fields

Use 5xx fields for notes about the resource identified by the record. Use [field 500](#) for general notes and fields 501-588 for more specialized notes. Use fields 590-599 for notes of local interest only. Use a separate 5xx field for each note.

Under RDA, notes are not required to justify authorized access points. However, under RDA instruction 5.9.1.3, they are allowed if considered important for clarification or justification. According to AACR2 rule 21.29F, notes may be required to justify added entries.

If you are inputting full-level records, enter all applicable notes related to the manifestation according to RDA instructions 2.17.1-2.17.14 or AACR2, chapters 1-12, rules x.7. If you are inputting minimal-level records, most notes are optional. If you are following BIBCO or CONSER standard record practice, include those notes that support identification of the item.

Display constants

Local system and other bibliographic displays may supply display constants for some 5xx fields. The 1st indicator value determines the display constant for the field. Do **not** include display constants in the text of the fields.

Display constants may vary for current versus older cataloging instructions. Use the codes in fixed-field element [Desc](#) and [field 040 subfield #e](#) to determine or indicate the cataloging instructions used.

Bibliographic Notes

511 0	1a Read by Jim Dale.
520	1a "During his third year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry Potter must confront the devious and dangerous wizard responsible for his parents' deaths"--Title page verso.
586	1a ALA Notable Children's Book, 2000.
586	1a Whitbread Children's Book of the Year, 1999.
521	1a Middle School.
500	1a "Year 3"--Spine.
500	1a "Sequel to: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"--Title page verso.
500	1a Sequel: Harry Potter and the goblet of fire.
526 0	1a AR 1c 6.7 1d 18.0.
526 0	1a Accelerated Reader 1c 18.0.
526 8	1a Accelerated Reader AR 1c 6.7 1d 18.0 1z 32082. 1b MG.
526 8	1b 3-5 1c 5.9 1d 22.0 1z 17112. 1a Reading Counts RC.
505 0	1a Owl Post -- Aunt Marge's Big Mistake -- The Knight Bus -- The Leaky Cauldron -- The Dementor -- Talons and Tea Leaves -- The Boggart in the Wardrobe -- Flight of the Fat Lady -- Grim Defeat -- The Marauder's Map -- The Firebolt -- The Patronus -- Gryffindor Versus Ravenclaw -- Snape's Grudge -- The Quidditch Final -- Professor Trelawney's Prediction -- Cat, Rat, and Dog -- Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs -- The Servant of Lord Voldemort -- The Dementor's Kiss -- Hermione's Secret -- Owl Post Again.

Master record after creation in
OCLC

Patron's view in
catalog during
search process.



TOP	Audience	Middle School > Children >
SEND TO	Contents	Owl Post -- Aunt Marge's Big Mistake -- The Knight Bus -- The Leaky Cauldron -- The Dementor -- Talons and Tea Leaves -- The Boggart in the Wardrobe -- Flight of the Fat Lady -- Grim Defeat -- The Marauder's Map -- The Firebolt -- The Patronus -- Gryffindor Versus Ravenclaw -- Snape's Grudge -- The Quidditch Final -- Professor Trelawney's Prediction -- Cat, Rat, and Dog -- Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs -- The Servant of Lord Voldemort -- The Dementor's Kiss -- Hermione's Secret -- Owl Post Again.
GET IT		
DETAILS		
LINKS	Summary	"During his third year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry Potter must confront the devious and dangerous wizard responsible for his parents' deaths"--Title page verso.
VIRTUAL BROWSE	General Note	"Year 3"--Spine. "Sequel to: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"--Title page verso. Sequel: Harry Potter and the goblet of fire. ALA Notable Children's Book, 2000. Whitbread Children's Book of the Year, 1999. Series: Harry Potter Series ; 3

Bibliographic Notes



520 8	‡a The collection consists of 14 scrapbooks containing programs, newspaper clippings,
555 8	‡a Finding aid available in repository.
555 0	‡3 Finding aid: ‡u https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/finding-aids/75
524	‡a Statesboro-Georgia South Symphony Guild scrapbooks, 1972-1997. Special
 590	‡a Gift of Mrs. Alawayne Nessmith, 1996.


Master record after
creation in OCLC and
export to catalog.



Patron's view in
catalog during search
process.




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OTHER

American Association of University Women Statesboro Branch papers.

1939-1993

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 FINDING AID >




Holdings Record Notes



- In a holdings record, the utilized subfield is used when the cataloger, or institution's policy, determines that there is information the patron should have that is unique to that institution.
- The 866 and 852 fields in a holdings record allow the use of public notes in subfield z.
- Notes in \$z will be displayed on the public facing record of the catalog for patrons to view. This note can have any information determined to be necessary by the library.

Holdings Working on - Statesboro-Georgia S (22119702470002950), Created by System (08/24/2018 03:50:11 PM EDT), Modified by System (12/22/2020 09:05:12 PM EST)

LDR	00393nx##a22000974##4500
001	761604
004	739607
005	20201222210512.0
008	0501074u####8###1001uu###0901128
852 8	1b GASOUTH 1c ARCSpecial
866	1z <p> </p><p>Request an appointment to view Special Collections here.</p>

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Year All  Volume All  Description All 

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- Working with our liaisons, we developed brief instructions with a linked FAQ for more information.
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- Our liaisons were getting lots of questions from faculty about all three.
- In this case, we broke out support topics into multiple headings, creating a “proto” FAQ post.

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Example Public Notes

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Thank You!

Oh, wait... What are y'all doing with public notes?

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