

## MARC Coding for Holdings

Holdings data is recorded in MARC fields. Below are explanations of the 852, 866, 867, 868 and 856 fields. These four fields are not exhaustive. For the complete list of MARC tags with detailed explanations see *MARC 21 format for holdings data*. [2]

The holdings template mirrors that of bibliographic record in that it is divided into four main parts: *Tag*, *First Indicator (I1)*, *Second indicator(I2)*, and *Subfield Data*.

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
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### 852

**Definition:** The **852** field is used for the location or collection code, call number and copy number.

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852	3		\$a GYG \$b GVUSDOC \$h ED 1.109:

#### First Indicator (I1):

- 0** - the zero (0) is recorded when the Library of Congress classification is used
- 3** - the three (3) is recorded when the SuDocs classification is used
- 8** - the eight (8) is used for non-standard classification systems (e.g., the Georgia Documents classification system)

#### Second Indicator (I2):

the second indicator (I2) in the 852 is usually left blank. For additional coding of the second indicator, see the *MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data*

#### Subfields:

- a** - \$a is used to record the *location identifier* found in the MARC Code list for organizations (n.b., this should not be confused with the OCLC symbol)
- b** - \$b is used for the Voyager location or collection code (e.g., GVUSDOC). (n.b.: this is not a format, but a location code)
- k** - \$k is used for a prefix associated with a collection (e.g., REF, READY REF, etc.)
- h** - \$h is used for call number class. For Federal documents, this is the entire SuDocs number minus the enumeration or chronology.
- t** - \$t is used to indicate that the document is "Copy 2"
- x** - \$x is used for nonpublic notes
- z** - \$z is used for public notes

## 866

**Definition:** The **866** field is used for general holdings information (i.e., volumes, issues, years, parts, etc.)

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852	3		\$a GYG \$b GVUSDOC \$h ED 1.109:
866	4	1	\$8 0 \$a 2000

### First Indicator (I1):

**4** - the **4** in this example indicates that the recorded holdings statement is at piece-level. See the section on *Leader* found on the **Fixed Field** pages of these guidelines.

### Second Indicator (I2):

**1** - the use of **one (1)** indicates that the recorded data follows the ANSI/NISO Z39.71 standard

**0** - the use of **zero (0)** indicates that the recorded data does not follow a standard

### Subfields:

**8 - subfield 8 (\$8)** is the *Field link and sequence number*. The data in this field is used to identify linked fields and also establish the sequence for the data in display. The data value **0** (or, 1, etc.), is the *linking number* and connects all of the fields with the same linking number (e.g., 853/863 couplings). For some institutions, all serials migrated with the **\$8 0**. If your institution requires any use of the 866/867/868 to include this field, it should be added. Note that for this manual, the only examples of the use of this field are on this page. For detailed usage of this field, see the *MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data* [2]

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852	3		\$a GYG \$b GVUSDOC \$h ED 1.109:
866	4	1	\$8 0 \$a 2000

**a - subfield a (\$a)** contains the recorded information of the actual volumes, years, parts, etc. held by the institution

## 867

**Definition:** The **867** field is used to record supplements, etc.

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852	3		\$a GYG \$b GVUSDOC \$h ED 1.85/2:
866	4	0	\$8 0 \$a 1-6
867	4	0	\$8 0 \$a 995/SPEC.ED.

**Indicators and subfields**

Coding is the same as those used in the 866 field.

**868**

**Definition:** - the 868 field is used for indexes.

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852	3		\$a GYG \$b GVUSDOC \$h I 49.77:
866	4	0	\$8 0 \$a 7/1 (Jan.:1982)-7/12 (Dec.:1982)
868	4	0	\$8 0 \$a 82/INDEX v.7(1982)

**Indicators and subfields**

Coding is the same as those used in the 866 field.

**856**

**Definition:** - the 856 field allows World Wide Web sites to be hot linked, which mirrors in function that of the 856 in the bib record.

Tag	I1	I2	Subfield Data
852			\$a GYG \$b GVUSURL
856	4	1	\$u <a href="http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS862">http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS862</a>
866	4	1	\$a 1998-

Note, the usage of the 856 in the holdings record is still under discussion by the USG institutions. See *URLs in Holdings: Pros and Cons*, *URLs: The 852 for URL Holdings*, and *URLS on Holdings for Serials* for GSHWG recommendations.