

Where to download authority records

Library of Congress records

1. Use Firefox to go to <http://authorities.loc.gov/>
2. Click "Search authorities"
3. Decide whether the heading is for a subject (most of them), or name (of an author, biographee, band, corporation, or place) and select the "Search Type" option accordingly.
4. Copy/paste the heading from the spreadsheet into the "Search Text" box.
5. If you see a result with an "Authorized Heading" button next to it, click that button.
6. Click on the link in the middle of the screen that has the heading as its text.
7. Under "Select download format", choose "MARC (Unicode, UTF-8)"
8. Click "Press to SAVE or PRINT".

Batch download Library of Congress records

You can use this Python script: https://github.com/sandbergja/dlc_authority_fetcher

MeSH records

1. Go to <http://locatorplus.gov>
2. In the "As" field, select the appropriate "Browse MARC Authority" option (found at the bottom of the list).
3. Click the authority button.
4. Select Download format: MARC with UTF8.

Spanish-language records

1. Go to <http://lcsb-es.org> -- you will need a free login
2. To download just one:
 - a. Do a search.
 - b. To the left of the headings, click on a link with a 2-character thesaurus codes (LBCC prefers QB and BX).
 - c. Click UTF-8
3. To download the entire Spanish-language authority file from Queens or San Francisco:
 - a. Click Links
 - b. Click UTF-8 on the appropriate MARC file.

Canadiana authorities

1. Go to <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canadiana-authorities/index/index?lang=eng>
2. Do a search.
3. Click on a result.
4. Press Save.
5. Choose MARC 21 [TXT].
6. Open the file up in a text editor and remove the last 3 lines (the <!-- ---> stuff)