GMDs versus Carrier Types on Bibliographic Records in WorkFlows

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Bibliographic records created according to the **Anglo American Cataloging Rules (AACR2)** use bracketed terms after the title to indicate the format of the title. The bracketed format term in the title line is called a **General Material Designation (GMD)**. Here are examples of GMDs you are used to seeing after titles include:
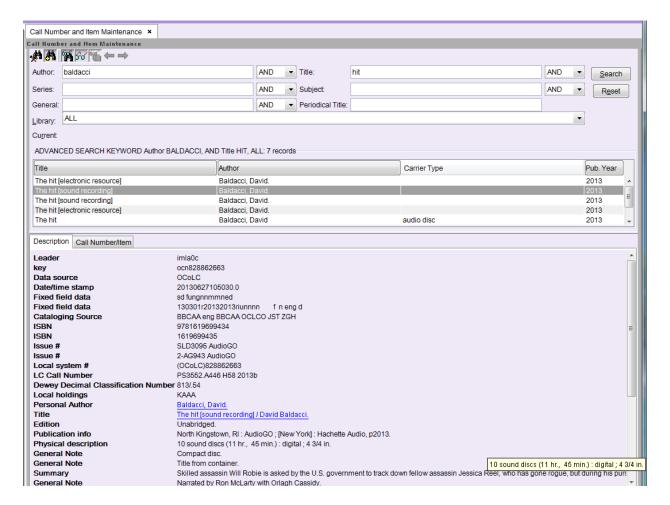
[electronic resource]
[kit]
[sound recording]
[videorecording]

Below is an example of a record with the GMD [sound recording]. The GMD appears in the title line on the result list and in the record.

Bibliographic records created according to the new cataloging rules, **Resource Description & Access (RDA)**, do not use the bracketed GMD in the title line. Instead, RDA uses a **carrier type term**, toward the middle of the record in the 338 field, to indicate the physical format of the title. Effective December 10, 2013, a new column labeled "Carrier Type" will appear in the result list in WorkFlows when you search for records in one of these wizards:

- Call Number and Item Maintenance
- Item Search and Display
- Delete Title, Call Numbers or Items
- Add Item
- Edit Item
- Transfers

The "Carrier Type" column will display the term from the 338 field if the record contains this field. Here are examples of terms you are likely to see in the "Carrier Type" column, along with the formats they describe:

Carrier Type Term:	Used for These Formats:
audio disc	book on CD, music CD
audiocassette	book on cassette tape, music cassette tape
computer disc	CD-ROM, video games
online resource	e-book, e-audiobook, streaming video
other	Playaway
volume	Regular or large print book, paperback book, board book, other textual resource
videocassette	VHS cassette tape
videodisc	DVD, Blu-ray disc
This is not a complete list of carrier type terms. For a complete list, see http://goo.gl/g2vCeK	

Below is an example of a record with the carrier type term "audio disc." This term appears in the "Carrier Type" column on the result list and in the record.