

## Audience and Awards Notes Fields

There are two notes related to the intended audience for an item. The 521 field is for a general audience note, and the 526 field is for a study program information note.

The 521 audience note can include things like intended reading level for children's books or ratings for movies. You should only add a 521 field for audience information if it is stated on the item – don't supply it.

For the 521 field, the first indicator designates the display constant. There are a variety of options:

0 = reading grade level

1 = interest age level

2 = interest grade level

3 = special audience characteristics

4 = motivation interest level

8 = no display constant

The second indicator is undefined.

For a movie that is rated R, the 521 field would look like this:

521 8\_ \$a MPAA rating: R.

The 526 field is used for a very specific type of audience note, one that refers to a study program. These are used very often in school libraries to indicate formal, curriculum-based programs that titles might be a part of.

The 526 field has many subfields. Subfield a gives the name of the program, and other subfields deal with different ratings assigned to books by study programs.

\$a = Program name (NR)

\$b = Interest level (NR)

\$c = Reading level (NR)

\$d = Title point value (NR)

Here is an example of a 526 field for a book in the Accelerated Reader program:

526 0\_ \$a Accelerated Reader/Advantage Learning Systems \$b 6.0 \$c 5.0 \$d 80.

The 586 field is used for information related to any awards won by the item being cataloged. Both of the indicators are undefined, and the award information goes in subfield a.

Here are some examples of 586 fields:

586 \_\_ \$a Golden Sower, 2005.

586 \_\_ \$a Best Picture, Cannes Film Festival, 1999.

586 \_\_ \$a Academy Award for Best Actress, 2002.