

# Links in Member-Contributed Records in the Central Catalog

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Due to the nature of the Internet, links break or are otherwise not maintained, which can cause access problems for users. Members are encouraged to regularly check links, including verifying access (removing broken or dead links) and checking link format and domain names (updating links due to platform changes, etc.).

Member institutions should only contribute 856 links in records for the following resources:

1. Local special collections
2. Government documents and government websites
3. Electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs)

Member institutions should convert all other 856 links to the 956 field, including supplemental resources such as:

1. Supplemental Resources
  - a. Table of Contents (TOCs)
  - b. Book cover images
  - c. Book reviews
  - d. Publisher descriptions
  - e. Contributor biographical information
  - f. Index available online
  - g. Supplemental material
  - h. Author websites

DIAD also recommends using \$3 in the 956 field to label the supplemental resources, as appropriate:

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001    24174052
245 04 $aThe Oxford book of gothic tales /$cedited by Chris Baldick.
956 41 $3 Table of Contents $u http://www.gbv.de/dms/bowker/toc/9780192141941.pdf
956 42 $3 Contributor biographical information $u
http://catdir.loc.gov/catdir/enhancements/fy0725/91027290-b.html
956 42 $3 Publisher description $u
http://catdir.loc.gov/catdir/enhancements/fy0638/91027290-d.htm
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