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UK STANDARD LIBRARY CATEGORIES

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INTRODUCTION

The UK Standard Library Categories form a set of headings developed by BIC as part of its e4libraries project. These UK Standard Library Categories are an adaptation of the full BIC scheme of *Standard Subject Categories and Qualifiers*, and revisions to the latter will in future consider the needs of both the library and trade communities.

The BIC *Standard Subject Categories and Qualifiers* form a well-established standard classification scheme. Used throughout the UK book trade, the scheme provides a comprehensive hierarchical listing covering non-fiction subjects and fiction genres, plus qualifiers covering place, language, time period, educational purpose, interest age/level and special interest.

The UK Standard Library Categories cover the full range of adult, children's and teenage stock. They are included in the Nielsen and BDS databases, supported in MARC 21 and QUOTES, endorsed by major library suppliers, and promoted by the National Acquisitions Group as a national standard.

Adopting the UK Standard Library Categories offers many benefits. They can be used to facilitate the evidence-based assessment and benchmarking of stock supply, demand and performance. They support standardised servicing and supply specification, reducing the complexity and cost of processing and selection. On the library shelf, they provide the basis for a logical and user-friendly display of stock, scaleable for different sizes and type of library. Most significantly, they underpin improvements in access to library stock, facilitating on-line browsing by subject and genre using the 'search, discover, refine' methodology familiar from on-line retailers like Amazon, Tesco or Marks & Spencer, and supporting personalised reader recommendations, regional and national catalogue initiatives, and links to retail sites.

The UK Standard Library Categories provide a range of title-level descriptors reflecting interest age/reading level, subject, genre, booktype, audience and treatment. Where more than one BIC code has been assigned to a title, the UKSLC denoting subject, genre or booktype is mapped from the primary code, i.e. that first cited in the string. Any further UKSLCs are mapped in accordance with the rules set out below, and typically take account of supplementary BIC Categories or Qualifiers. In theory, the maximum number of UKSLCs applicable to any one title varies between different categories of stock as follows: Adult Non-Fiction (3), Adult Fiction

(4), Early Years (1), Children's and Teenage Non-Fiction (3), Children's and Teenage Fiction (5). In practice, however, the number of categories attributed to any one title will seldom exceed three. USKLCs are cited in the following order of precedence: Age (not applicable for Adult categories); Subject or Genre or Booktype; Audience; Treatment.

Each UK Standard Library Category also has a unique two- or three-character identifying code. This code can be used to identify the UKSLC within an EDI message or to indicate a shelf location particular to an individual item of stock. When used as a shelfmark, the codes may be printed on a spine label or marked in a standard position on the flyleaf of the book. All spine labels should be produced and positioned in accordance with the [NAG Guidelines for Servicing, Revision 2](#).

Multiple UKSLCs are designed to facilitate search and retrieval. Where a title carries more than one UKSLC, user-defined mapping rules will govern which category (or categories) is used to produce the shelfmark, subject to the three-line limitation of the spine label itself. Items may also be mapped as required to a local shelfmark.

Authorities wishing to undertake retrospective conversion of stock to the UKSLC scheme should in the first instance approach the bibliographic data agencies Nielsen or BDS for the appropriate records.

1 ADULT NON-FICTION

UK Standard Library Categories based around subject:

Table 1.1 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Non-Fiction – Subject

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
General	GB Encyclopaedias / reference GP Research / information GTG General studies GTH Flags, symbols, emblems, logos GTN Institutions and learned societies	GEN
Libraries and Museums	GL Library and information science GM Museology and heritage studies	LIB
Skills for Life	VSL Adult literacy VSN Adult numeracy	SKI
English Language Training	EB ELT general and reference EL ELT learning ES English for specific purposes	ELT
Computers and IT	U (as a single-letter code only) Computing and IT UB Information technology, general issues UD Digital lifestyle (includes ebook readers, tablets, iPad, smartphones etc.) UF Business applications UG Graphical and digital media applications UK Hardware UL Operating systems	COM

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	UM Programming and software development UN Databases UQ Certification UR Security UT Networking / communications UY Computer science	
Philosophy	HP Philosophy	PHI
Religion	HR Religion / belief VXA Mind, body, spirit – general VXM Meditation VXW Mysticism, ritual	REL
Customs and Folklore	JFHF Folklore, myths JHBT Customs / traditions	CUS
Paranormal	JFH (not JFHF) Popular beliefs / hoaxes VXF Fortune telling VXN Dreams VXP Psychic phenomena VXQ Paranormal VXV Feng shui	PAR
Media Studies	GTC Communication studies GTE Semiotics JFD Media studies KNT Media, information, communication industries	MED
Society	J (as a single-letter code only) Society and social sciences JFC (not JFCK) Cultural studies JFF Social issues JFM Ethical issues JFS Social groups JH (not JHBT) Sociology / anthropology JK (not JKSW1, JKV) Social services / welfare	SOC
Politics and Government	GTJ Peace studies JP Politics / government KNV Civil service and public sector	POL
Law	L (as a single-letter code only) Law LA Jurisprudence LB International LN Specific jurisdictions LR Study / revision guides	LAW
Crime	JKSW1 Police JKV Crime KNSS Security industries BTC True crime	CRI
Education	JN (not JNP) Education	EDU
Economics	GTF Development studies	ECO

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	KC Economics - KCY Popular economics	
Careers	JNP, VSC Careers	CAR
Finance and Accounting	KF Finance / accounting KNST Financial services industry	FIN
Business and Management	KJ Business / management	BUS
Languages	CB Reference / general CF Linguistics CJ Teaching / learning WTK Phrasebooks	LAN
Literature	DB Classical texts DC Poetry DD Drama DN Non-fiction prose DQ Anthologies DS History / criticism FZ Popular fiction companions	LIT
Humour	WH Humour	HUM
Mathematics	PB Mathematics	MAT
Science	PD (not PDZ) Science: general PG Astronomy, space PH Physics PN Chemistry PS Biology / life sciences RB Earth sciences, meteorology, palaeontology	SCI
Popular Science and Mathematics	PDZ Popular science and mathematics WNA Dinosaurs, prehistory WNC Wildlife WNH Zoos WNP Trees, plants WNR Rocks, minerals WNW Earth sciences, weather WNX Popular astronomy, space	SCP
Environment and Ecology	RN Environment THX Alternative energy TQ Environmental science	ENV
Technology	TB Technology – general TC Biochemical TD (not TDPB1, TDPH) Manufacturing TG Mechanical engineering TH (not THX) Energy TJ Electronic engineering TN (not TNK, TNT) Civil engineering, surveying TT (not TTD, TTM, TTVC, TTVH, TTVR, TTX)	TEC

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	Other technologies	
Industry	KN (not KNAC, KNDR, KNDS, KNDV, KNG, KNSG, KNSH, KNSP, KNSS, KNST, KNSX, KNT) Industry - KNX Industrial relations, health and safety	IND
Transport	KNDR Road vehicle manufacturing KNDS Shipbuilding KNDV Aircraft manufacturing KNG Transport industries TR Transport technology TTD Space exploration VSF Driving skills WG Transport - general	TRA
Farming and Country Life	KNAC agricultural industries MZ Veterinary science TV (not TVS) Agriculture, farming VSZ Green lifestyle and self-sufficiency WND Country life WNF Farm / working animals	COU
Psychology	GTR Cognitive science JM (not JMC) Psychology VSP Popular psychology	PSY
Health and Wellbeing	M (as a single-letter code only) Medicine MB Medicine – general issues MF Pre-clinical medicine: anatomy, physiology MJ Clinical and internal medicine MM Other branches MN Surgery MQ Nursing MR Study / revision MX Complementary medicine VFB Personal safety VFD Popular medicine, health VFG Home nursing VFJ (not VFJX) Personal problems VFL Smoking VFM Fitness, diet VXH Complementary medicine / healing	HEA
Beauty and Fashion	AFY Body art, tattooing AKT Fashion / textiles - design, history JFCK Fashion and society KNSX Fashion / beauty industries TDPH Clothing manufacture TTVH Hairdressing skills WJF Fashion, style guides WJH Hair, beauty	BEA
House and Home	TNK Building construction TNT Building trades /skills	HOU

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	WJK Interior design WK House maintenance	
Food and Drink	WB (not WBQ) Food and drink	FOO
Gardening	TVS Horticulture WM Gardening	GAR
Pets	WNG Domestic animals	PET
Childcare	JMC Child psychology VFX Parenting, pregnancy, childcare WBQ Cooking for/with children	CHI
Family and Relationships	VFJX Death, bereavement VFV Family / relationships	FAM
Advice and Rights	VSB Personal finance VSD Law, citizenship and rights for the lay person VSG Consumer advice VSH Property purchase / sale VSK Education advice VSR Retirement VSW Living / working abroad WJS Shopping guides WJW Wedding plans WJX Parties, etiquette	ADR
Sport	JWXZ Combat / self-defence skills KNSP Sport and leisure industries WS Sports / games	SPO
Hobbies and Games	WD Hobbies, quizzes, games	HOB
Crafts	TDPB1 Clock / watch making TTVR Traditional trades and skills TTX Taxidermy WF Handicrafts, decorative arts	CRA
Antiques and Collecting	WC Antiques, collecting	ANT
Art and Design	A (as single-letter code only) The arts AB Arts – general issues AC History of art AF (not AFY) Art forms – painting, sculpture, carving etc. AG Art treatment, subject AK (not AKT) Commercial art / design	ART
Architecture and Planning	AM Architecture RP Planning	ARC
Photography	AJ Photography	PHO
Music	AV Music	MUS
Performing Arts	AN Theatre AP Film, TV, radio	PER

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	AS Dance and other performing arts	
Geography	GTB Regional studies RG Geography	GEO
Travel and Tourism	KNSG Tourism industry KNSH Hospitality industry TTVC Hotel and catering trades WT (not WTH, WTK) Travel	TRV
Travel Guides	WTH Travel guides	TRG
History	H (as a single-letter code only) Humanities HB (not HBW) History HD Archaeology WQ Local / family history	HIS
Warfare and Defence	HBW Military history JW (not JWXZ) Warfare / defence TTM Military engineering	WAR
Biography	BG Biography BJ Diaries, letters BK Collected biography BM Memoirs BT (not BTC) True stories	BIO

Shelf locations may be derived directly from the UK Standard Library Categories (Adult Non-Fiction). Where a simpler scheme is required, a complementary set of sixteen broad adult non-fiction subject categories is also offered. Individual items may be mapped to these shelf locations as required, allowing the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to category, and by size and type of library.

Table 1.2 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Non-Fiction – Broad Subject Categories

UKSL Broad Subject Category	Includes UK Standard Library Categories	UKSLC Code
General	Generalities; Libraries and Museums	GE
Skills for Life	Skills for Life; ELT	SK
Computers and IT	Computers and IT	CI
Religion and Belief	Religion; Philosophy; Customs and Folklore; Paranormal	RB
Society	Media Studies; Society; Politics and Government; Law; Crime; Education	SO
Business and Money	Economics; Careers; Finance and Accounting; Business and Management	BM
Language and Literature	Languages; Literature; Humour	LL
Science	Science; Popular Science and Mathematics;	SC

UKSL Broad Subject Category	Includes UK Standard Library Categories	UKSLC Code
	Environment and Ecology	
Technology and Industry	Technology; Industry; Transport; Farming and Country Life	TI
Health and Beauty	Health and Wellbeing; Psychology; Beauty and Fashion	HB
Home and Family	Family and Relationships; House and Home; Food and Drink; Gardening; Pets; Child Care; Advice and Rights	HF
Arts	Art and Design; Architecture and Planning; Music; Photography; Performing Arts	AR
Sport and Leisure	Sport; Hobbies and Games; Antiques and Collecting; Crafts	SL
Geography and Travel	Geography; Travel and Tourism; Travel Guides	GT
History and Warfare	History; Warfare and Defence	HW
Biography	Biography	BI

Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Pets' is shelved under 'Pets'; UKSLC 'Food and Drink' is shelved under 'Food and Drink'
- Option 2 Mapping all items from a UKSL Category to a UKSL Broad Category: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Food and Drink' and 'UKSLC 'Pets' are shelved under Broad Category 'Family and Home'
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Food and Drink' is shelved under 'Food and Drink', but UKSLC 'Pets' is shelved under Broad Category 'Family and Home'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2
 - UKSLC 'Pets' is shelved under 'Pets' in central library, but under Broad Category 'Family and Home' in community libraries

Audience

Audience-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any UKSLC/Adult Non-Fiction title:

Table 1.3 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Non-Fiction – Audience

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes BIC qualifier	UKSLC Code
Emergent Readers	Any except those beginning F or Y	5AX For emergent readers (adult)	ERN
Gay/Lesbian Interest	Any except those beginning F or Y	5S Of specific gay/lesbian interest	GLN
<i>Note: in any case where both UKSLCs apply they should be cited in alphabetical order of UKSLC Code.</i>			

2 ADULT FICTION

UK Standard Library Categories based around genre:

Table 2.1 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Fiction - Genre

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Notes	UKSLC Code
Adventure	FJ (not FJW)		ADV
Classics	FC	Non-genre first published pre-1945	CLA
Crime	FF		CRM
Fantasy	FM		FAN
Fantasy Romance	FMR		FRM
General	FA FP FQ FW	Non-genre first published c.1945 Erotic Myth and legend told as fiction Religious and spiritual	GNR
Historical	FV	Contemporary novels – setting pre-1900	HST
Horror	FK	Includes Ghosts / Supernatural	HOR
Romance	FR		ROM
Saga	FT	Saga (includes family saga)	SAG
Science Fiction	FL		SCF
Thriller	FH	Includes Suspense	THR

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Notes	UKSLC Code
Western	FJW		WES

Shelf locations may be derived directly from these UK Standard Library Categories. Where a simpler scheme is required, mapping allows the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all adult fiction shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Adventure' is shelved under 'Adventure', UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'Classics'
- Option 2 Mapping items from one UKSL Category to a smaller number of UKSLCs used as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Adventure' is shelved under 'Thriller', UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'General'
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Adventure' is shelved under 'Adventure', while UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'General'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2
 - UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'Classics' in central library, but under 'General' in community libraries

Audience

Audience-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any UKSLC/Adult Fiction title:

Table 2.2 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Fiction – Audience

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes BIC qualifiers	UKSLC Code
Emergent Readers	Any BIC code (not those beginning F and Y)	5AX For emergent readers (adult)	ERF
Gay/Lesbian Interest	Any BIC code (not those beginning F and Y)	5S Of specific gay/lesbian interest	GLF
<i>Note: in any case where both UKSLCs apply they should be cited in alphabetical order of UKSLC Code.</i>			

Treatment

Treatment-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any UKSLC/Adult Fiction title:

Table 2.3 UK Standard Library Categories – Adult Fiction – Treatment

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes BIC qualifiers	UKSLC Code
Graphic Novels	FX		GRA
Short Stories	FYB		SST
Fiction in Translation	FYT		TRL

Note: in any case where two or more of the above UKSLCs apply they should be cited in alphabetical order of UKSLC Code.

3 CHILDREN'S AND TEENAGE

The particular demands of Children's and Teenage stock require a modified category structure. Children's and Teenage stock is subdivided initially into Early Years, Non-Fiction and Fiction sections.

- Early Years titles are categorised by booktype.
- Children's and Teenage Non-Fiction titles are categorised by age; each age category may then be further categorised by subject.
- Children's and Teenage Fiction titles are categorised by age; each age category may then be further categorised by genre.
- Additional categories reflecting treatment and audience offer further options for discovery and shelf arrangement.

3.1 Children's and Teenage – Early Years

UK Standard Library Categories based around booktype:

Table 3.1.1 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Early Years – Booktype

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes one or more BIC qualifiers	UKSLC Code
Books for Babies	YBCB Board books, small format books		EB
Early Learning	YBL Early learning / concept books - YBLA Alphabet - YBLA1 First words - YBLB Rhymes / wordplay - YBLB1 Nursery rhymes - YBLC Number / counting - YBLD Colours - YBLF Opposites - YBLH Size, shape, pattern - YBLJ Time, seasons - YBLJ1 Telling the time		EL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YBLN First experiences - YBLN1 Senses - YBLP People that help us - YBLT Things that go 		
Picture Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YBC (not YBCB) Picture books - YBCS Picture storybooks (i.e. those with a strong narrative text) YBG (not YBGP, YBGT) Interactive YBGP Pop up / lift the flap YBGT(not YBGT1, YBGT3) Novelty, toy, die-cut - YBGT1 noisy, musical - YBGT3 touch and feel 	Code prefixed 5A is absent [or] Code = 5AB, 5AC, 5AD	EP

Shelf locations may be derived directly from these UK Standard Library Categories. Where a simpler scheme is required, mapping allows the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to its category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all children's and teenage shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Picture Storybooks' is shelved under 'Picture Storybooks', UKSLC 'Books for Babies' is shelved under 'Books for Babies'
- Option 2 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to a smaller number of UKSLCs used as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Picture Storybooks' and UKSLC 'Books for Babies' are shelved under 'Picture Books'
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Books for Babies' is shelved under 'Books for Babies', while 'Picture Storybooks' is shelved under 'Picture Books'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2;
 - UKSLC 'Picture Storybooks' is shelved under 'Picture Storybooks' in central library, but under 'Picture Books' in community libraries

3.2 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Non-Fiction

UK Standard Library Categories based around age:

Table 3.2.1 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Non-Fiction - Age

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes one or more BIC qualifiers *	UKSLC Code
Non-Fiction 5+	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	4KHF, 4KSC, 4KTG, 5AF, 5AG	N5
Non-Fiction 7+	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	4KHJ, 4KSD, 4KTJ, 5AH, 5AJ	N7
Non-Fiction 9+	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	5AK, 5AL	N9
Non-Fiction 11+	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	4KHN, 4KSF, 4KTP, 5AM, 5AN	N11
Teenage Non-Fiction	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	4KHT, 4KSL, 4KSM, 4KSN, 4KSS, 4KTR, 4PCJ, 5AP, 5AQ	NT
Older Teenage Non-Fiction **	Begins YN, YQ (not YQCR), YR, YX	4KHT, 4KSL, 4KSM, 4KSN, 4KSS, 4KTR, 4PCJ, 5AP, 5AQ [+] 5X Explicit	NTO

Notes:
 * Qualifiers beginning 4KH denote English/Welsh Key Stages 1 to 4; qualifiers beginning 4KS and KT denote Scottish examinations and grades; qualifiers beginning 4P denote Irish examinations and grades.
 ** Additional titles may be added to this category by library suppliers or library authorities as required.

Shelf locations may be derived directly from these UK Standard Library Categories. Where a simpler scheme is required, mapping allows the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to its category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all children's and teenage shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Non-Fiction 7+' is shelved under 'Non-Fiction 7+',
 - UKSLC 'Non-Fiction 9+' is shelved under 'Non-Fiction 9+',
 - UKSLC 'Teenage Non-Fiction' is shelved under 'Teenage Non-Fiction'
- Option 2 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to a smaller number of UKSLCs used as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Non-Fiction 9+' is shelved under Non-Fiction 7+ (creating a single section covering ages 7 to 10)
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Teenage Non-Fiction' is shelved under 'Teenage Non-Fiction', while UKSLC 'Non-Fiction 9+' is shelved under 'Non-Fiction 7+'

- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library:
e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2;
 - UKSLC 'Non-Fiction 9+' is shelved under 'Non-Fiction 9+' in central library, but under 'Non-Fiction 7+' in community libraries

Subject

Subject-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any UKSLC Children's and Teenage Non-Fiction title:

Table 3.2.2 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Non-Fiction – Subject

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning *	Includes BIC codes beginning *	UKSLC Code
General	YNG General knowledge/trivia -YNGL Libraries /museums YRE Encyclopaedias YRG (no other BIC code present) General reference		YGE
Study and Revision		YQX General studies, study skills YQZ Study and revision guides	YSR
Supernatural	YNX Mysteries, the supernatural, monsters and mythological beings - YNXF UFOs etc. - YNXW Witches/ghosts		YSU
Religion and Belief	YNR Religion and belief, general interest YXZR Social issues: religious issues	YQR Religious studies - YQRA Assemblies - YQRC Christianity - YQRN Other religions - YQRN1 Judaism - YQRN2 Islam - YQRN3 Hinduism - YQRN4 Buddhism	YRE
Geography	YNM People and places YRW Atlases and maps	YQG Geography	YGY
Society	YXZ (not YXZG, YXZR, YXZW) Social issues	YQN (not YQNP) Citizenship and social education YQJ (not YQJP) Social sciences (includes sociology, social sciences, modern studies)	YSO

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning *	Includes BIC codes beginning *	UKSLC Code
Work and Money	YNK Work and industry / world of work YNPK Money	YQV Business studies and economics YQY Vocational subjects and skills – e.g. hairdressing, beauty therapy	YWO
Personal Issues	YXA Body and health - YXAX Sex education YXC Bullying, abuse YXF Family - YXFD Divorce - YXFM Siblings - YXFT Teenage pregnancy YXG Death / bereavement YXJ Drugs / addiction YXK Disability / special needs YXL Self awareness / self esteem YXN Racism / multiculturalism YXS Sexuality / relationships YXT Truancy / school problems YXV Careers guidance	YQJP Psychology YQNP Personal, social and health education (PSHE)	YPE
Languages	YRD Dictionaries - YRDC Picture dictionaries - YRDL Bilingual/multilingual dictionaries	YQC (not YQCR) English language/literacy - YQCS Reading/writing skills YQF Other languages	YLA
Science, Maths and Technology	YNT Science and technology: general interest - YNTB Building/construction - YNTR Transport - YNTS Space	YQM Mathematics/numeracy - YQMT Times tables YQS Sciences, general science - YQSB Biology - YQSC Chemistry - YQSP Physics YQT Technology - YQTD Design technology - YQTF Food technology - YQTU Computing/ICT	YSM
Nature	YNN Natural history YXZG environmental issues		YNA
Animals	YNNP Pets YNNF Farm animals YNNR Wildlife		YAM

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning *	Includes BIC codes beginning *	UKSLC Code
Prehistoric Life	YNNA Dinosaurs and prehistoric life		YPR
Leisure	YNP (not YNPK) Practical interests - YNPC Cooking and food - YNPG Gardening - YNPH Handicrafts YNV Hobbies, quizzes, games - YNVP Puzzle books - YNVU Computer game guides		YLE
Art	YNA Art	YQA Art and design	YAR
Music and Entertainment	YNC Music - YNCP Pop music YND Drama and performing - YNDB Dance, ballet - YNDS Playscripts YNF Television / film	YQB Music	YME
Sport	YNW Sport and outdoor recreation - YNWA Soccer - YNWB Rugby - YNWC Cricket - YNWC Athletics / gymnastics - YNWW Swimming / water sports - YNWY Cycling, boarding, skating	YQW Physical education (includes dance)	YST
Literature	YNL Literature, books and writers	YQD Drama studies YQE English literature - YQEF School editions of English literature texts	YLI
Humour	YNU Humour / jokes		YHM
Poetry	YDP Poetry		YPY
History and Warfare	YNH History (includes Social history, philosophy) YNJ Warfare, battles, armed forces YXZW war / conflict issues	YQH History	YHY
<p><i>Note: the BIC scheme separates educational from non-educational non-fiction. BIC codes prefixed YN relate to General material, YQ to Educational titles, YR to Reference, and YX to Personal and Social Issues.</i></p>			

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stock to be tailored according to its category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Humour' is shelved under 'Humour'; UKSLC 'Poetry' is shelved under 'Poetry'
- Option 2 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to one of a smaller number of UKSLCs selected as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Humour' and UKSLC 'Poetry' are both shelved under 'Literature'
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Poetry' is shelved under 'Poetry', while UKSLC 'Humour' is shelved under 'Literature'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2
 - UKSLC 'Poetry' is shelved under 'Poetry' in central library, but under 'Literature' in community libraries

When used to determine shelf location, these subject-based UKSL Categories will normally appear in conjunction with an age-based UKSLC. Two shelfmarks will therefore normally be assigned: for example, N7/YPI, NT/YHR.

Audience

Audience-based UK Standard Library Category applicable to any UKSLC Children's and Teenage Non-Fiction title:

Table 3.2.3 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Non-Fiction – Audience

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes BIC codes beginning	Include BIC qualifier	UKSLC Code
High Interest/ Low Reading Age	Begins YN, YR, YX	YQ (not YQCR)	5AR For reluctant readers (children)	YHN

3.3 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Fiction

UK Standard Library Categories based around age:

Table 3.3.1 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage Fiction - Age

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes one or more BIC qualifiers	UKSLC Code
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UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes one or more BIC qualifiers	UKSLC Code
Fiction 5+	YF, YQCR	5AF, 5AG	F5
Fiction 7+	YF, YQCR	5AH, 5AJ	F7
Fiction 9+	YF, YQCR	5AK, 5AL	F9
Fiction 11+	YF, YQCR	5AM, 5AN	F11
Teenage Fiction	YF, YQCR	5AP, 5AQ	FT
Older Teenage Fiction *	YF, YQCR	5AP, 5AQ [+] 5X Explicit	FTO
<i>* Note: additional titles may be added to this category as required by library suppliers or library services.</i>			

Shelf locations may be derived directly from these UK Standard Library Categories. Where a simpler scheme is required, mapping allows the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to its category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all children's and teenage shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Fiction 9+' is shelved under 'Fiction 9+', UKSLC 'Fiction 11+' is shelved under 'Fiction 11+', UKSLC 'Teenage Fiction' is shelved under 'Teenage Fiction'
- Option 2 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to a smaller number of UKSLCs used as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Fiction 11+' is shelved under Fiction 9+ (creating a single section covering ages 9 to 12)
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Teenage Fiction' is shelved under 'Teenage Fiction', while UKSLC 'Fiction 11+' is shelved under 'Fiction 9+'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2;
 - UKSLC 'Fiction 11+' is shelved under 'Fiction 11+' in central library, but under 'Fiction 9+' in community libraries

Genre

Genre-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any UKSLC Children's and Teenage Fiction title:

Table 3.3.2 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Fiction – Genre

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
Adventure Fiction	YFC Adventure - YFCB Thrillers	YAD

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	UKSLC Code
	- YFCF Crime / mystery	
Animal Stories	YFP Animal	YAN
Classics	YFA Classic (pre-1945)	YCL
Family Stories	YFN Family and home	YFA
Fantasy / Magic	YFH [not YFHR] Fantasy	YFM
Fantasy Romance	YFHR Fantasy romance	YFR
General Fiction	YDC (not + YDP [or] + YF) Anthologies YFB General (contemporary / non-genre) YFY True stories	YGN
Historical Fiction	YFT Historical	YHI
Horror	YFD Horror / ghost / chiller	YHO
Humorous Stories	YFQ Humour	YHU
Romance	YFM Romance	YRO
School Stories	YFS School	YSC
Science Fiction	YFG SciFi	YSF
Sport Stories	YFR Sporting	YSP
Traditional Tales	YFJ Traditional (fairy tales, folk tales, myths, legends)	YTR

Shelf locations may be derived directly from these UK Standard Library Categories. Where a simpler scheme is required, mapping allows the organisation and display of stock to be tailored according to its category, and by size and type of library. Options therefore include:

- Option 1 Deriving all shelf locations directly from the UK Standard Library Categories: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'Classics'; UKSLC 'Traditional' is shelved under 'Traditional'
- Option 2 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to one of a smaller number of UKSLCs selected as shelf locations: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Classics' and UKSLC 'Traditional' are both shelved under 'General'
- Option 3 Combining Options 1 and 2: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'Classics', while UKSLC 'Traditional' is shelved under 'General'
- Option 4 Adopting a different approach for different sizes and type of library: e.g.
- central library follows Option 1, community libraries follow Option 2
 - UKSLC 'Classics' is shelved under 'Classics' in central library, but under 'General' in community libraries

- Option 5 Mapping items from a UKSL Category to a locally named shelf location: e.g.
- UKSLC 'Horror' is shelved under shelf location 'Chillers'

When used to determine shelf location, these genre-based UKSL Categories will normally appear in conjunction with an age-based UKSLC. Two shelfmarks will therefore normally be assigned: for example, F9/YSC, FT/YRO.

Audience

Audience-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any Children's and Teenage Fiction title:

Table 3.3.3 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage – Fiction – Audience

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes UKSLC	Includes BIC qualifier	UKSLC Code
Developing Reader	YF (not YFW)	Fiction 7+		YDR
Early Reader	YF (not YFW)	Fiction 5+		YER
High Interest/Low Reading Age	YF	Fiction 5+, 7+, 9+, 11+, Teenage, Older Teenage	5AR For reluctant readers (children)	YHF
Reading Scheme	YQCR	Fiction 5+, 7+, 9+, 11+, Teenage, Older Teenage		YRS

Note: these audience-based UKSLCs are mutually exclusive and only one category from this group will be added to any record.

Treatment

Treatment-based UK Standard Library Categories applicable to any Children's and Teenage Fiction title:

Table 3.3.4 UK Standard Library Categories – Children's and Teenage Fiction – Treatment

UKSL Category	Includes BIC codes beginning	Includes UKSLC	UKSLC Code
Graphic Novels	YFW Graphic novels / comic strip fiction	Fiction 11+, Teenage, Older Teenage	YGR
Picture Books for Older Readers	YBC Picture books YFW Graphic novels / comic strip fiction – Tintin, Asterix etc.	Fiction 5+, 7+, 9+	YPO
Short Stories	YFU Short stories	Fiction 5+, 7+, 9+, 11+, Teenage, Older Teenage	YSH

Note: UKSLC 'Short Stories' may be used in conjunction with either of the other two UKSLCs above. In any such case the UKSLCs should be cited in alphabetical order of UKSLC Code.