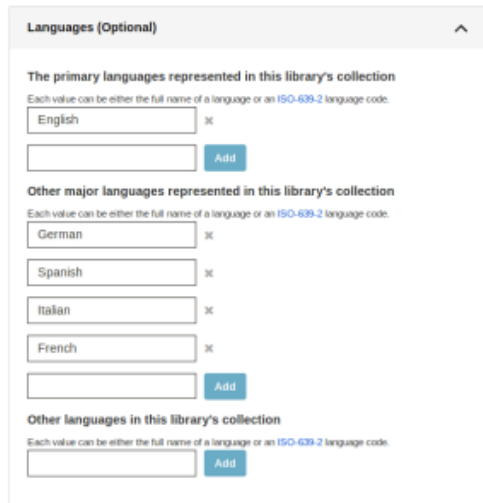


Understanding Languages in the Circulation Manager

A brief explanation of how the "Languages" section is reflected in the Circulation Manager and the SimplyE apps.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Languages (Optional)" with a collapse icon. It is divided into three sections:

- The primary languages represented in this library's collection**
Each value can be either the full name of a language or an ISO-639-2 language code.
There is a text input field containing "English" with a clear button (X). Below it is an empty text input field and a blue "Add" button.
- Other major languages represented in this library's collection**
Each value can be either the full name of a language or an ISO-639-2 language code.
There are four text input fields containing "German", "Spanish", "Italian", and "French", each with a clear button (X). Below them is an empty text input field and a blue "Add" button.
- Other languages in this library's collection**
Each value can be either the full name of a language or an ISO-639-2 language code.
There is one empty text input field and a blue "Add" button.

What does the Languages form do for a library?

When you create the initial set of lanes for a library, we need to know which languages are the focus of the library's collection. The languages added to "The primary languages" section will then auto-generate four top-level lanes -- fiction, nonfiction, ya, children's -- each with a variety of sublanes. "Other major languages" get their own section with fiction, nonfiction, and children/YA. For "Other languages" there is one lane per language and all books in that language are grouped together.

Any language not mentioned is not shown in the lanes -- you can only find books in those languages by searching for them.

When lanes are automatically generated, the names of language-specific lanes are set to the native name of that language - e.g. the name of the German lane is "Deutsch" and that is how it is represented in both the Circulation Manager and in the SimplyE app.

Is this section the only way in which language-specific lanes or lists can be generated?

No. OPDS feeds generated by the circulation manager may contain content in many languages -- the descriptions of books, for instance -- and some of that content (the names of lanes) is generated by the circulation manager itself.