

ALA Core Subject Analysis Committee
Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies

Report to SAC

June 14, 2023

Summary of Activities since January 2023

Membership Update:

- Two current members, Adam Schiff and Robert Rendall will step down at the end of June, 2023. We thank them for their service.
- Christina Peter will stay on SSFV for another term, starting July 1st, 2023.

Task Group Updates:

Currently, SSFV continue carrying out much of the work in the following task groups, each of which focuses on one or more bibliographic facets. All SSFV members serve on at least one task group.

- Group 1: Genre/Form: create LCGFT mappings for LCSH literary headings (retrospective implementation module)
 - Members: Rachel, Lori, Kelley, Dorie
 - **Goals for 2022-2023**
 - Develop the method to map from LCSH to LCGFT
 - **Progress:**
 - Harvested genre/form terms from id.loc.gov;
 - In the process of figuring out the mapping from LCSH to LCGFT (develop the method to follow)
 - Had several working hours to working on the mapping
- Group 2: Demographic/Geographic: create/refine mappings of LCSH headings to 370/385/386 fields (retrospective implementation module)
(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uIGd7drnkw3QEvW9pBYoUp03KN3xY7G2TEDqE2fzn0/edit#gid=0>)
 - Members: Robert, Mingyan, Sai
 - **Goals for 2022-2023**
 - Finalize the format of our mappings and create documentation for them
 - Explore ways to flag mappings that may require human review
 - Develop procedures to maintain the mapping (adding qualifiers from newly approved headings, incorporate new terms suggested by users)
 - **Progress:**
 - Finalized the format of mapping of demographic qualifiers to demographic and geographic terms, and added explanatory text in preparation for sharing the mapping with other SSFV members and outside reviewers.

- Did an initial review of how the mapping could and could not be used for automatic addition of demographic and/or geographic headings to records based on the presence of LCSH terms.
- Group 3: Genre/Form: prepare and submit LCGFT proposals for gaps in the LCSH subdivision mappings

- Members: Adam, Christina

- **Goals for 2022-2023**

- Continue to review the list of [Subdivisions Under Consideration for LCGFT Proposals](#) and create and submit proposals for terms deemed worthy and eligible for LCGFT
 - Update spreadsheet for subdivision mappings to LCGFT as proposals get approved

- **Progress:**

As of April, 2023, the following proposed LCGFT are approved:

Autographs (approved on list 2212)

Classifications (approved on list 2211)

Comics criticism (approved on list 2207)

Etymological dictionaries (approved on list 2212)

Graded lists (approved on list 2211)

Phonetic transcriptions (approved on list 2212)

Primary sources (approved on list 2211)

Safety regulations (approved on list 2209)

Self-instructional works (approved on list 2209)

Software (approved on list 2212)

Tables of contents (approved on list 2210)

Title abbreviations (approved on list 2212)

The following LCGFT has been submitted:

Electronic discussion groups (resubmit from list 2301)

Game rules (submitted in April 2023)

Interactive media (on tentative list 2302)

Prefaces (on tentative list 2305)

Rubrics (Liturgical books) (on tentative list 2305)

Rules and practices (on tentative list 2305)

Sports rules (on tentative list 2305)

Video games (resubmit from list 2301)

- Group 4: Genre/Form: test and refine LCSH subdivision mappings with OCLC and other interested parties (retrospective implementation)

- Members: Casey, Sarah, Laura

- **Goals for 2022-2023**

- Continue testing the mappings from the RIBP form subdivision module in catalog environments, working with OCLC (and other possibly other partners)
- Develop a plan for maintenance of the RIBP form subdivision module, including updating mappings based on testing and public feedback
- **Progress:**
 - Evaluated feedback from SSFV members on mapping of the LCSH form subdivision list.
 - Began planning process for "fast track" changes and regular changes (guidelines upcoming)
 - Working with OCLC contact to start phase 2 of mapping tests.

Respectfully submitted,
Mingyan Li, Chair