**ALA – Core – Metadata and Collections Section**

**Subject Analysis Committee**

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**Report from the Homosaurus Editorial Board**

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Homosaurus is an international linked data controlled vocabulary of terms specific to LGBTQ+ culture, community, and identity. This vocabulary is intended to function as a supplementary companion to general subject term vocabularies, such as the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Sears. Libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions are encouraged to use the Homosaurus to support LGBTQ+ research and knowledge seeking by enhancing the discoverability of their LGBTQ+ resources.

#### **Releases**

Homosaurus had two releases this past year, in June 2022 and December 2022, viewable at <https://homosaurus.org/releases>.

Our June release included:

* 263 additional terms, including:
  + [Allosexual people](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001917)
  + [Chicano/a/x LGBTQ+ people](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002007)
  + [LGBTQ+ Deaf culture](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001878)
  + [LGBTQ+ people with chronic illnesses](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001879)
  + [Stand-to-Pee devices](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001852)
  + [Transmisogyny](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001892)
* As well as the following structural changes:
  + For race, ethnicity, and religious group terms, we changed the vocabulary’s naming structure to be race/ethnicity/religion first and romantic/sexual identity second. For example, Bisexual Asian Americans was replaced by [Asian American bisexual people](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000130), and Lesbian Jews was replaced by [Jewish lesbians](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000745).
  + Parenthetical qualifiers were added to some LGBTQ+ culture-specific terms that could be misconstrued as non culture-specific terms. For example:
    - Bears changed to [Bears (Gay culture)](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000105)
    - Bottoms changed to [Bottoms (Sex)](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000219)
    - Cruising changed to [Cruising (LGBTQ+ culture)](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000319)
    - Voice therapy (Transgender) changed to [Voice therapy (Gender)](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001496)
  + Changes in pluralisation:
    - Breasts changed to [Breast](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000222)
    - Buttocks changed to [Butt](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000232)
    - Femininity changed to [Femininities](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000389)
    - Gender binary changed to [Gender binaries](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000563)
    - Masculinity changed to [Masculinities](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0000995)
    - Penises changed to [Penis](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0001099)

Our December 2022 release included:

* 308 additional terms, including:
  + [AIDS death and dying](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002258)
  + [Bengali LGBTQ+ people](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002086)
  + [Femslash](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002162) (and 75 other fandom-related terms)
  + [Gender euphoria](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002256)
  + [Queer coding](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002192)
  + [Yan daudu](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002286)
* This release also had several replacements and revisions of substance use- and recovery-related terms to make those terms more inclusive and current, such as [LGBTQ+ people with substance use disorders](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002226) replacing Drug abuse and its narrow terms. We also removed several organization-specific terms with subject-based terms, such as replacing terms like LGBTQ+ people in Alcoholics Anonymous and LGBTQ+ people in Narcotics Anonymous with [LGBTQ+ people in recovery groups](https://homosaurus.org/v3/homoit0002227).

#### **Collaborations**

The editorial board has been honored to collaborate with several organizations this past year to improve the vocabulary in several gap areas. These groups are the Black Lesbian Archives, who we worked with to clarify the nuance in terms between Black identity and African American identity, the African diaspora, and several other Black-centered ethnicity terms; the Leather Archives & Museum to expand terms around kink and BDSM culture; interACT to expand and improve terms around intersex identity and vocabulary; AVEN to improve terms related to the aro/ace spectrums; and COLAGE to expand our LGBTQ+ family-related terms. We look forward to collaborating with more individuals and groups in the coming years.

#### **Documentation**

In 2022 the editorial board began work on documentation for Homosaurus’ implementation and use, as well as work on a metadata application profile for Homosaurus. We anticipate finishing those two pieces of documentation within the first half of 2023. Final internal drafts will then be released to our community group (HomoITCommunity) for review before a final external draft is released widely.

#### **Communication**

In March 2022 the Homosaurus editorial board created a community Google group through which Homosaurus users can communicate with each other as well as the board. Those interested in joining the Google group can go to: <https://groups.google.com/g/homoitcommunity>. To ask questions, provide feedback, or otherwise communicate directly with the editorial board about Homosaurus, you can reach us at: <https://homosaurus.org/contact>.