

ALA Core Subject Analysis Committee

Subcommittee on Faceted Vocabularies

Report to SAC

January 18, 2022

Summary of Activities since ALA Annual 2022

Membership Updates:

- Previous chair Casey Mullin stepped down as the chair and remained on SSFV as the new liaison from the PCC Policy Committee, effective July 1, 2022. We thank him for his services and leadership.
- Mingyan Li was appointed as the new chair.
- The previous PCC liaison to SSFV (Kelley McGrath) transitioned to a new regular SSFV membership term since July 2022
- SSFV appointed two new members to begin a new two-year term in July 2022.
 - Dorie Kurtz, Library of Congress
 - Laura Murff, Lisle Library District

Task Group Updates:

Based on the new resources ***Retrospective Implementation of Library of Congress Faceted Vocabularies: Best Practices for Librarians and Programmers*** (RIBP) SSFV published back in March, 2022, our committee carries out much of its 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.

Currently, SSFV has four new project-based groups. They are as follows:

- Group 1: Genre/Form: create LCGFT mappings for LCSH literary headings (retrospective implementation module)
 - Members: Lori, Kelley, Rachel, Dorie
 - Goals for 2022-2023
 - Pull full list of LCSH literary headings for analysis (using id.loc.gov and other tools)
 - Isolate genre/form-based stems (e.g., "...poetry")
 - Begin creating preliminary mappings based on stems
 - Progress:

This group is working on identifying and developing the list of LCSH literary headings. A meeting is scheduled in January to discuss further steps.
- Group 2: Demographic/Geographic: create/refine mappings of LCSH headings to 370/385/386 fields (retrospective implementation module)
 - Members: Robert, Sai, Mingyan

- 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 LCSH headings that are not already reflected in the list, incorporate new terms suggested by users)
 - Explore ways to test the mapping as a means of adding demographic terms to existing data
- Progress:

This group finished finalizing the format of the mappings of LCSH headings to 370/385/386 fields.
- 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 October 26, 2022, the following proposed LCGFT is approved:

Cross-cultural studies - List 2207
Longitudinal studies - List 2207

The following is tentatively to be approved:

Classifications - List 2211
Graded lists - List 2211
Primary sources - List 2211
Safety regulations - List 2209
Software - List 2212
Tables of contents - List 2210
Title abbreviations - List 2212
- 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:

This group made a set of revisions to the form subdivision mapping module and invited the whole SSFV to review and make comments.

Respectfully submitted,
Mingyan Li, Chair