**ALA CORE Subject Analysis Committee**

**2024 Midwinter Meeting**

**Report from the ACRL RBMS** [**Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group**](https://www.ala.org/acrl/rbms/acr-rbmcveg)

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Background

Under the aegis of Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC) of the ACRL Rare Books & Manuscripts Section (RBMS), the Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group (CVEG) is responsible for developing and maintaining content of and access to the Controlled Vocabularies for Rare Materials Cataloging.

Report on Activities from July-December 2023

Following the launch of the new integrated, linked data-compliant [Controlled Vocabulary for Rare Materials Cataloging](https://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/rbmscv.html) (CVRMC) at id.loc.gov in early March 2023, the RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group has been working on the following:

* CVEG has made available a new form for submitting proposed terms or edits to existing terms: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHYU3FczCfzNuFjNp7DpDVkpKPTGE2BG4uC_FDgBottszErg/viewform>. This form is accessible through the CVRMC landing page on id.loc.gov.
	+ Proposed new terms and edits to existing terms are first reviewed and approved by CVEG.
	+ Following CVEG approval, these new or edited terms will be made available for public comment. CVEG is still working out the logistics of where to post for public comment.
* CVEG continues to write scope notes for existing terms. These will undergo a public review period before they are added to the CVRMC once we work out a system for public comment.
* Prior to the launch of CVRMC, CVEG maintained six separate thesauri for Binding Terms, Genre Terms, Paper Terms, Printing & Publishing Evidence, Provenance Evidence, and Type Evidence. These thesauri are now deprecated, and they have been archived as part of the ALA Web Archive: [https://wayback.archive-it.org/6087/\*/https:/rbms.info/vocabularies/index.shtml](https://wayback.archive-it.org/6087/%2A/https%3A/rbms.info/vocabularies/index.shtml).
* Several of CVEG’s current and former co-editors have published an article about the process of creating the integrated and linked data-compliant CVRMC and the revision and expansion of the thesaurus’s terms for prejudicial materials:

Brenna Bychowski, Ryan Hildebrand, Sarah Hoover, & Lauren Reno, “Describing Special Collections: Two Projects to Modernize the RBMS Controlled Vocabularies,” Cataloging & Classification Quarterly 61, no. 5–6 (2023): 626–45, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639374.2023.2193950>.

* CVEG’s Prejudicial Materials Working Group, which is charged with reviewing and updating terms used for indexing works that are prejudicial in nature or related to systems of oppression, presented [50 proposed new and revised terms](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CMgrZdYCu_gKFl7kq51lm_pygrJ0h1E2iPiBJWmaoHA/edit) for the CVRMC and held an open review period between April 17-May 26, 2023. They received 56 comments. The working group completed review of these comments at the end of 2023. Changes will be published in the CVRMC but are still forthcoming.
* CVEG is still working out a schedule for updates to the CVRMC, which will probably not be fully set until after we get more licenses for our software.