
Additions and changes to Genre Terms: A Thesaurus

Prepared by the RBMS Standards Committee

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An update on the types of materials found in rare book libraries.

Genre Terms: A Thesaurus for Use in Rare Books and Special Collections Cataloguing was prepared by the Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL, and was published by ACRL in 1983. Since then, it has earned wide acceptance as a means of providing standardized access to the intellectual genres of textual materials in rare book libraries.

The following list of additions and changes has been approved by the RBMS Standards Committee and serves as a supplement to the published thesaurus. The twelve terms preceded by asterisks (*) are new to the list and are followed by their full note and reference structure. All other terms appear due to additions or changes to notes or references; it should be noted that for these terms *only* those elements which are new or changed appear here.

The Introduction to *Genre Terms* provides a full explanation of the scope of the thesaurus, the standard notation used in its cross reference structure, suggestions for subdividing terms, and the details of coding terms in the 655 field of MARC records. For those interested in purchasing a copy, *Genre Terms* is in print and available prepaid from ALA Publishing Services (\$5.50 to ACRL members, \$7.50 to non-members).

Genre Terms will undergo its five-year review by the RBMS Standards Committee in 1988, and a revised edition may be published if the extent of change so warrants. Suggestions for new terms, as

well as corrections and alterations to existing terms, scope notes, and references are, therefore, particularly welcome at this time. Any new term proposed should be accompanied by a scope note and references, as appropriate. Please address correspondence to: Chair, Standards Committee, Rare Books and Manuscripts Section, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, Attn: Genre Terms.

Acrostics

BT Puzzles

Acting editions

BT Plays

Administrative regulations

BT Regulations

Advertisements

RT Advertising mail
Prospectuses

*Advertising mail

UF Junk mail
RT Advertisements
Trade catalogues

Anagrams

BT Puzzles

*Anti-communist literature

BT Literature of prejudice

- *Anti-homosexual literature**
 - BT Literature of prejudice
- Books of hours**
 - UF Hours, Books of
- Broadside poems**
 - BT Poems
- Broadsides**
 - RT Posters
- Catalogues**
 - NT Publishers' catalogues
- Ciphers**
 - RT Puzzles
- Diaries**
 - NT Overland Journals
- Dime novels**
 - BT Novels
- *Doomsday literature**
 - [Use for works proclaiming the imminent approach of the end of the world.]
- Drawing books**
 - [Use for books on how to draw.]
 - UF Sketchbooks (DELETE)
 - BT Manuals (Handbooks)
- Fabliaux**
 - BT Poems
- Fantasy literature**
 - BT Fiction
- Fanzines**
 - BT Periodicals
- Fiction**
 - NT Fantasy literature
- Film scripts**
 - BT Plays
- Grammars**
 - BT Textbooks
- Hornbooks**
 - BT Textbooks
- Hours, Books of**
 - USE Books of hours
- Junk mail**
 - USE Advertising mail
- Legislative hearings**
 - BT Legislative proceedings
- Legislative proceedings**
 - NT Legislative hearings
- Limericks**
 - BT Poems
- Literature of prejudice**
 - NT Anti-communist literature
 - Anti-homosexual literature
 - White supremacist literature
 - RT Propaganda
- Literature of protest**
 - USE Protest literature
- Little magazines**
 - BT Periodicals
- Manuals (Handbooks)**
 - NT Drawing books
 - Writing books
- *Menus**
- *Military histories**
 - NT Regimental histories
- Minstrel songs**
 - BT Songs
- Musical parts**
 - USE Parts
- Novels**
 - NT Dime novels
 - Penny dreadfuls
- Nursery rhymes**
 - BT Poems
- Overland journals**
 - BT Diaries
- *Part books**
 - RT Parts
- Parts**
 - UF Musical parts
 - RT Part books
- Pastoral romances**
 - BT Romances
- Penny dreadfuls**
 - BT Novels
- Periodicals**
 - NT Fanzines
 - Little magazines
- Plays**
 - NT Acting editions
 - Promptbooks
- Poems**
 - UF Verse
 - NT Broadside poems
 - Fabliaux
 - Limericks
 - Nursery rhymes
- Posters**
 - RT Broadsides
- Promptbooks**
 - BT Plays
- Propaganda**
 - RT Literature of prejudice
- Prospectuses**
 - RT Advertisements
- *Protest literature**
 - UF Literature of protest
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- *Puzzles**
 - NT Acrostics
 - Anagrams

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NT Pastoral romances

Sketchbooks (DELETE)
USE Drawing books (DELETE)

Songs
RT Songsters

Songsters
RT Songs

Souvenir programs
[Use for programs distributed to commemorate a specific event, e.g., the dedication of a monument.]

Student protest literature
BT Protest literature

*Survivalist literature

Textbooks
NT Grammars
Hornbooks

Trade catalogues
BT Catalogues
RT Advertising mail

Underground publications
NT Alternative publications
Resistance publications

Verse
USE Poems

*White supremacist literature
BT Literature of prejudice

Writing books
BT Manuals (Handbooks)

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Albin receives 1987 Nijhoff Award

Michael W. Albin, head of the Order Division at the Library of Congress, is the recipient of the Martinus Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant presented by ACRL's Western European Specialists Section. The award, sponsored by Martinus Nijhoff International, consists of two weeks' travel expense for research in Europe.

Albin will be meeting with representatives of Surinamese, Iranian and Afghan refugee groups, and agencies that work with them in the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Switzerland, to determine the nature and distribution patterns of their publishing activities. He also will discuss ways in which North American research libraries might collect their publications.

"This is an original project that could well serve as a model for other studies of the many groups of political and economic refugees in our society," said James Campbell, chair of the Martinus Nijhoff Award Committee. The grant was presented during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

Albin has written numerous publications on the

history of the book in the Islamic world and on acquisitions. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago and was for nine years the field director at the Library of Congress office in Cairo.

The Martinus Nijhoff International West European Specialist Study Grant is annually given for an ALA member to visit the Netherlands and to spend ten consecutive working days visiting two other West European countries in order to study some aspect of West European librarianship or bibliography.

Recipients are selected on the basis of the significance and utility of their proposed research as a contribution to the study of the acquisition, organization, or use of library materials relating to Western Europe.

Applications for the 1988 award should be sent to ACRL by December 1, 1987. For more information, contact: Mary Ellen K. Davis, Program Officer, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. ■■

Subsidized preservation surveys by NEDCC

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) will be continuing its subsidized surveys under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Libraries, archives, museums, record repositories, and historical organizations in New England, New York, and New Jersey with collections of documents, books, photographs, or works of art on paper are invited to apply for a survey.

Preservation planning surveys consist of a one-day site visit by a member of NEDCC's field service team, followed by a detailed report of observations and recommendations. The surveyor will examine building conditions, collections, and storage and handling conditions in order to identify potential hazards to collections, and measures needed to maintain collections in the best condition possible. Specific goals and priorities based on the physical condition of collections will be suggested, and steps needed to implement preservation measures will be outlined.

Surveys provide the basis for long-range preservation planning, including short-, medium-, and long-term goals. For many institutions, such surveys have provided valuable support to funding requests for conservation projects.

The cost of a subsidized survey is \$250 plus travel

expenses, and surveys are awarded competitively. Selections are made periodically, and applications are reconsidered on a regular basis. Since only a limited number of surveys are available, preference is usually given to collections of unique or irreplaceable value, and to institutions who can demonstrate financial need.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center is a non-profit regional conservation center specializing in the treatment of paper and related materials, including documents, books, photographs, and art on paper. Its purpose is to provide the highest quality conservation services, and to serve as an information resource for institutions whose collections include objects made of paper.

Letters of application should be sent to Karen Motylewski, Director of Field Services, NEDCC, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810; (617) 470-1010. Applications should describe the size and nature of collections; the volume of use; the size and training of the staff; the budget of the organization; and conservation or preservation activities to date.

Surveys continue to be provided at full cost to organizations that cannot demonstrate financial need or cannot wait for the selection process. ■■

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