

What it is! Music Genre/Form and Medium of Performance Terms in the Future of Music "Subject" Access

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Genre/Form Projects

Coding for genre/form terms in bibliographic records (in LCGFT so far: terms for moving images and radio programs, cartographic, and law materials):

- 655 #7 [Term]. \$2 lcgft

Medium of Performance Status

Field 382

- MARBI proposal at ALA Midwinter was approved; the 382 field will be expanded to add new elements, including the number of performers and a designation of soloist.

How to Use Music Vocabulary Now

The same as always!

- Until music genre/form terms are in LCGFT and the medium of performance thesaurus is available, continue to construct music subject headings in 650s.

Implementing Genre and Medium Terms in Library Systems

Indexing

- The genre/form (655) and medium of performance (382) fields should be included in any index where genre and medium terms will be used to retrieve results.

Search interfaces

- Determine if your institution includes a genre search in the public catalog.

What to do now

- Communicate to other technical service and systems librarians at your institution how important genre and medium access is for music.

Genre Sites and Contact Information

LC site for music genre/form and medium

- <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsso/genremusic.html>

BCC Genre/Form/Medium project public wiki

- <http://musicgenrepublicforum.pbworks.com/w/page/21942009/FrontPage>

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