Library of Congress Now Accepting Proposals for
Literature, Religion, and General Genre/Form Terms

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The Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress has been developing Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms for Library and Archival Materials (LCGFT) since 2007, and in 2015 added terms for literary and religious works, as well as “general” terms that cross disciplines (e.g., Encyclopedias).

PSD is now accepting proposals for new and revised genre/form terms in the disciplines of literature and religion, as well as proposals for “general” terms. Proposals in the areas of cartography, law, moving images, and radio programs also continue to be accepted.

Terms for musical works were also added to LCGFT in 2015, but issues with a small number of terms suggested by Music Library Association’s Form/GenreTask Force await resolution. Proposals for those terms will be published and approved on Tentative Lists according to the standard practice.

Neither SACO nor LC proposals for new and revised genre/form terms for music are being accepted at this time.

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