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SUBJECT: *Cookery and Genre/form updates*

## **COOKERY/COOKING**

PSD would like to thank all those SACO members who thoughtfully responded to the Policy and Standards Division's two discussion papers on the revision to the cookery headings. At its technical meeting last week, PSD subject specialists decided the following:

- The heading **Cookery** will be revised to **Cooking** and a scope note will be added explaining that the heading is to be used for food preparation with and without heat.
- The word "cookery" will be removed from headings wherever it appears, including in the heading for cooking with specific ingredients.
- The form of headings for the use of individual ingredients will not be revised, but the word "cookery" will be replaced with "cooking." PSD considered three new heading formats for individual ingredients, **Cooking—[Ingredient]**, **Cooking with [ingredient]**, and **[Ingredient]—Use in cooking**. The comments on these options did not display a consensus, and while each option has advantages, each also has distinct disadvantages.
- UFs in the forms **[Ingredient]—Use in cooking** and **Cooking with [ingredient]** will be added to each heading denoting the use of a particular ingredient, to provide additional entry language.
- PSD will create a topical heading for cookbooks, as well as an identical genre/form heading.

## **GENRE/FORM PROJECTS**

**FAQ update.** The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was revised in November, 2009, and most of the updates were minor.

The Biblioteca Nacional de España translated an earlier version of the FAQ into Spanish and provided a copy to PSD. Ana Cristán of PSD revised it to include the November revisions, and it is now also posted online. PSD warmly thanks the Biblioteca Nacional de España for its efforts.

**Moving image project.** In May 2009 PSD posted a discussion paper on the cancellation of the existing topical headings (MARC 21 tag 150) for forms and genres of video recordings. After reviewing and discussing the comments received, PSD concluded the following:

- The headings representing forms and genres of video recordings could be cancelled (accomplished on Weekly List 0950);
- The heading **Video mini-series** should be revised to **Film mini-series** and the heading **Television mini-series** should be retained (as opposed to cancelling both and making a general heading "Mini-series") (accomplished on WL 9050);
- There should be genre/form headings for **Internet videos**, **Podcasts**, and **Interactive videos**, as well as one for **Webisodes** (accomplished on WL 0950 and 0951);
- The subdivisions **–Video catalogs**, **--Video recordings for foreign speakers**, **–Video recordings for French, [Spanish, etc.] speakers**, and **–Film and video adaptations** should be revised (forthcoming).

There is currently a discussion paper on the genre/form web site,

<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/genreformgeneral.html>, asking for comments on a proposal to change the hierarchy of the moving image genre/form headings. In short, headings would be explicitly placed into

either the Fiction or Nonfiction hierarchy where appropriate. The discussion paper includes a list of all of the approved headings for television programs, and indicates the proposed broader, narrower, and related term relationships for each. Comments are being accepted through February 26, 2010 and may be sent to jayo@loc.gov.

**Cartography project.** In June, 2009 PSD posted a paper discussing the pros and cons of simplifying form subdivisions used for cartographic materials. Those subdivisions consisting of an adjective and the word “maps” would be revised to remove the adjective (e.g. –**Maps, Comparative** would become –**Maps**). The specific type of map would then be brought out with the genre/form heading. The comments were generally positive, but there were concerns related to the limited search and display capabilities of many current ILSs; the need to undertake extensive bibliographic maintenance; and the need to implement the new genre/form headings before, or coincident with, the revised subdivisions. PSD has decided to follow through with the proposal presented in the paper, in the belief that the concerns are short term (i.e., search and display capabilities and file maintenance) or could be remedied. With regard to the latter, PSD will not revise the existing form subdivisions until the genre/form headings are in place.

PSD is currently making genre/form proposals for cartographic materials, and will also create proposals to revise existing topical headings to bring headings into natural language order where necessary. It expects to approve the first group of cartographic genre/form headings in late spring or early summer, 2010.

**Law project.** In November 2009 the Classification and Subject Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group of the American Association of Law Libraries presented PSD with its report, “Genre/Form Terms for Law Materials.” LC policy specialists, law catalogers, and reference librarians have had an opportunity to review the report and make comments. PSD will be conferring with the Working Group to resolve the substantive issues that have arisen and technical issues (e.g. the addition of inverted references where necessary) will be handled within PSD. PSD will then input formal proposals, in hopes of approving the first group of law genre/form headings in summer, 2010.

**Music project.** PSD is continuing to collaborate with members of the Music Library Association (MLA) to deconstruct existing topical headings into their constituent genres and forms of music, and mediums of performance so the elements can be separately coded and searched. LC policy specialists and catalogers are currently evaluating the recommendations made by MLA.

**Religion project.** The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) is partnering with PSD to develop religion genre/form headings. Janis Young will attend the ATLA conference in June to kick off the project.