

# **Controlled Vocabularies Beyond LCSH: Customizing Your Catalog To Meet Your Patrons' Needs**

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# Background

- Chambers Library is a medium-sized academic library with a robust Metadata & Cataloging department (we do not outsource cataloging, the magic is done ourselves!)
- Semi-unusual situation of not having established professional catalogers for some time
  - *Meaning I had to learn a lot on the go!*
- Personal interest in the limitations of controlled vocabulary



*Metadata & Cataloging staff on Halloween 2017  
(we won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our library staff costume contest!)*

# **Objectives**

- 1. Increase knowledge of other controlled vocabularies available for catalogers**
- 2. Increase knowledge of assigning genre terms**
- 3. Leave with ideas on possible improvements to make in your own library's catalog!**

## **Thesaurus for Graphic Materials**

For visual materials (photographs, prints, drawings, ephemera, etc.)

## **Art and Architecture Thesaurus**

For subject and genre access to material culture

## **Faceted Application of Subject Terminology**

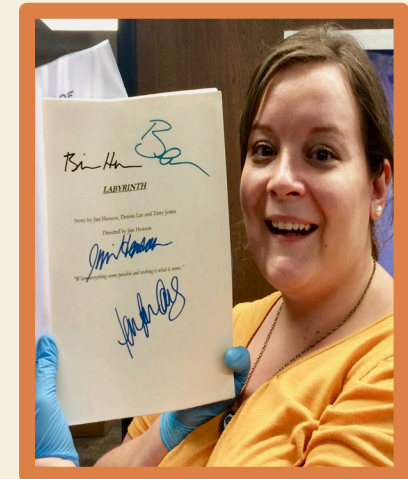
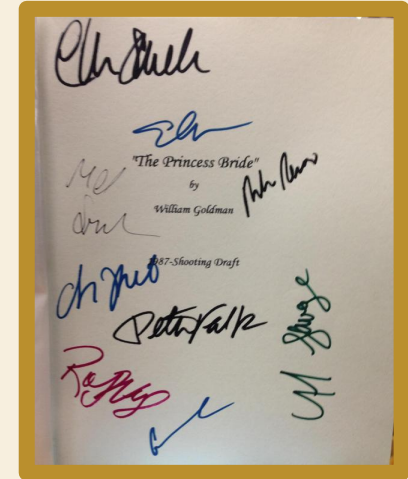
Simplified LCSH

## **Homosaurus**

LGBTQ+ vocabulary

# Bob Burke Film and Television Autograph Collection

Collection contents included cast scene photos, comic books, lobby cards, movie posters, scripts, star photos, signatures on paper, VHS tapes, and miscellaneous items



Photographs of autographed photos or scripts of *Pulp Fiction*, *The Princess Bride*, *Men in Black*, and *Labyrinth* (feat. your presenter very excited about it)

# **Bob Burke Film and Television Autograph Collection**

- Aboutness vs. Isness
- Used some subject terms from LCSH, but focus needed to be on what the item is or is portraying
- LCGFT (genre-form terms) investigated

## **LCGFT Options**

**Film Posters**

**Lobby Cards**

**Posters**

**Screenplays**

**Television Plays**

# **Bob Burke Film and Television Autograph Collection**

## Library of Congress Thesaurus for Graphic Materials

- Specifically designed for visual materials
- “includes more than 7,000 subject terms and 650 genre/format terms to index types of photographs, prints, design drawings, ephemera, and other pictures”



# **Bob Burke Film and Television Autograph Collection**

**LCTGM**

**Actors**

**Actresses**

**Advertisements**

**Autographs**

**Celebrities**

**Collages**

**Correspondence**

**Film stills**

**Film transparencies**

**Lobby cards**

**Motion picture posters**

**Publicity photographs**

**Television scripts**

**Television stills**



# **Bob Burke Film and Television Autograph Collection**

Examples of LCTGM added when creating  
original records:

650 \7 \$aActors.\$2lctgm

650 \7 \$aActresses.\$2lctgm

650 \7 \$aMotion picture posters.\$2lctgm

# LCTGM Resources

Search Portal

<https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/tgm/>

Instruction Manual

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/print/tgm1/>



# **Theatre Plays**

Chambers Library's collection  
has plays scattered  
throughout the P range

- Students specifically needed scripts for assignments, auditions, etc.
- Monologue anthologies were not enough or adequate for assignments—and appeared in search results the most
- Theatre faculty donated a collection of plays to improve access with library having longer hours; we could not shelve plays together but compromised with extensive metadata remediation

# Theatre Plays

## Discovery Barriers

- No specific class range for plays
- Homonym problem when searching for plays and scripts
- LCGFT is too broad

## LCGFT

### Drama

#### UF

Dramas

Filmed plays [Former heading]

Plays

Playscripts

Scripts, Stage

Stage plays

Stage scripts

Televised plays [Former heading]

Theatrical works

# Theatre Plays

## Art & Architecture Thesaurus

- One of the Getty vocabularies– “structured resources that can be used to improve access to information for art, architecture, and other material culture.”
- In addition to metadata specifically designed for our discovery interface, AAT terms were added to anything identified as a play already in the catalog

655 \7 \$aPlays (Performed Works).\$2aat

655 \7 \$aScripts (Documents).\$2aat

# Theatre Plays

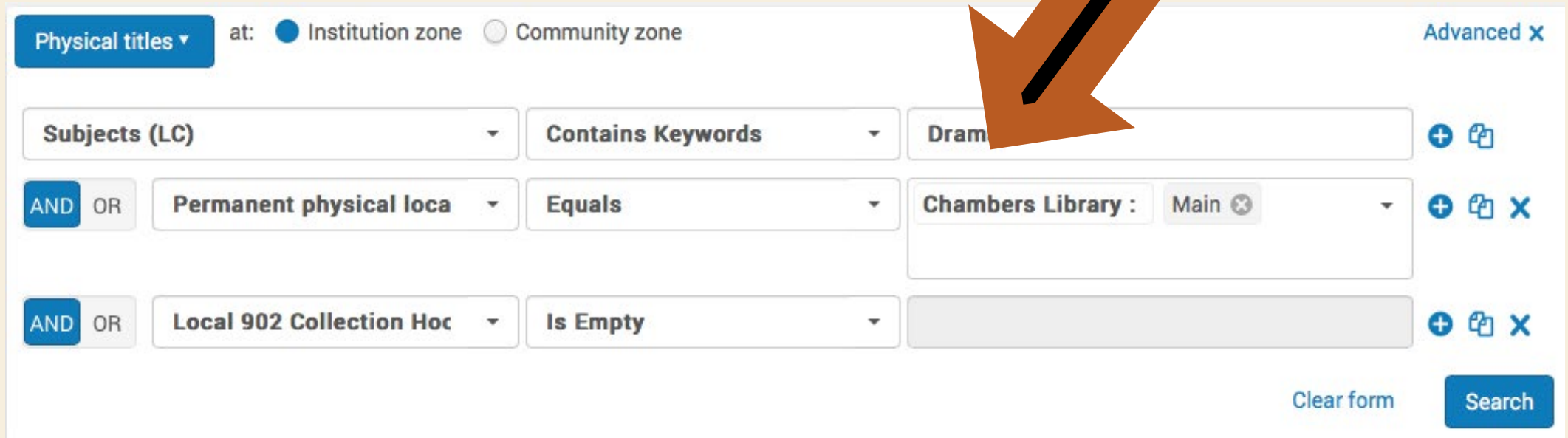
- If you want to remediate older bib records, how will you find the records you want to add new search terms for?
- Theatre plays
  - *Specific call number ranges*
  - *Subject headings*
  - *LitF fixed field coded 'd'*
  - *Title search for "a play"*

\* "Plays" is not an official LCSH but this search caught "Christmas plays," "Morality plays," etc.

# Theatre Plays

*Searching by subject headings*

Drama  
Screenplays  
Plays\*  
Monologues  
Dialogues



The screenshot shows a library catalog search interface. At the top left, there is a button labeled "Physical titles" with a dropdown arrow. To its right, the text "at:" is followed by two radio buttons: "Institution zone" (which is selected) and "Community zone". In the top right corner, there is a link "Advanced" with a close icon "x".

The main search area consists of three rows of criteria:

- Row 1: A dropdown menu "Subjects (LC)" with a downward arrow, followed by a dropdown menu "Contains Keywords" with a downward arrow, and a text input field containing "Dram". To the right of the input field are icons for adding (+), copying, and deleting (x).
- Row 2: A blue button "AND" followed by "OR", a dropdown menu "Permanent physical loca" with a downward arrow, a dropdown menu "Equals" with a downward arrow, a dropdown menu "Chambers Library :" with "Main" selected and a close icon "x", and a dropdown menu with a downward arrow. To the right are icons for adding (+), copying, and deleting (x).
- Row 3: A blue button "AND" followed by "OR", a dropdown menu "Local 902 Collection Hoc" with a downward arrow, a dropdown menu "Is Empty" with a downward arrow, and an empty text input field. To the right are icons for adding (+), copying, and deleting (x).

At the bottom right of the form, there is a "Clear form" link and a blue "Search" button.

A large orange arrow with a black outline points from the text "Plays\*" in the list above to the "Dram" text in the search criteria input field.

*Query criteria in library catalog*



# Theatre Plays

*Searching by fixed field Lit 'd'*

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Physical titles ▾ at:  Institution zone  Community zone Advanced X

Local 903 Cleanup ▾	Contains Phrase ▾	000 d	+ 📄
AND OR	Permanent physical loca ▾	Equals ▾	Chambers Library : Main ✕ + 📄 X
AND OR	Local 902 Collection Hoc ▾	Is Empty ▾	+ 📄 X

Clear form Search

*Query criteria in library catalog*

# Theatre Plays

Plays (Performed Works) X Quick Search (Combined) 🔍

PAGE 1 2,354 Results ← 2,354 results!

- MULTIPLE VERSIONS**  
**The white devil**  
John Webster 1580?-1625?  
[3 versions of this record exist. See all versions >](#)
- BOOK**  
**Duck hunting**  
Вампилов, Александр Валентинович. ; Aleksandr Vampilov 1937-1972.  
[Available](#) UCO Library Book Collection - 3rd Floor (PG3489.3.A45 U4513 1980) >
- BOOK**  
**Afraid of the dark**  
George E Callahan (George Edward)  
[Available](#) UCO Library Book Collection - 3rd Floor (PN6112.C23 A3 1934) >
- BOOK**  
**Westward ho!**  
Mike Flanagan  
[Available](#) UCO Library Book Collection - 3rd Floor (PS3556.L33 W4 1992) >
- BOOK**  
**Prize plays**  
[Available](#) UCO Library Book Collection - 3rd Floor (PS625 .P7 1961) >
- BOOK**  
**Runaway : a newfangled musical**

*Search results in Central Search interface*

- Advised reference librarians to use plays (performed works) when asked for assistance in finding a play
- Prior to improving metadata, roughly only 500 or 600 plays could be easily identified in discovery interface

# AAT Resources

AAT Online

<https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/aat/>

Getty Vocabularies Training Materials

<https://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabularies/training.html>

# **Herland Sister Resources Donation**



- An educational and advocacy group and works for equal rights for women and the LGBT community in Oklahoma City
- Donated their papers and circulating library of ~3k items to UCO in 2016

# **Herland Sister Resources Donation**

- Papers – mostly issues of *Herland Voice*, the organization's newsletter
  - *Keywords*
  - *Added to institutional repository and not catalog*
- Books – several thousand fiction, non-fiction, guides, etc. of interest to the lesbian community
  - *Concern about using "other"-inferring terms like 'sexual minorities'*
  - *Lack of specific terminology in LCSH*

# **Herland Sister Resources Donation**

## Faceted Application of Subject Terminology

- Breaks LC subject headings down into keywords
- OCLC retroactively added FAST headings to the WorldCat database and OCLCQ regularly adds them to newly created records without FAST
- FAST caveat – can be repetitive of LCSH in same record; may display as duplicate keywords

# Herland Sister Resources Donation

## SHAREOK

advancing Oklahoma scholarship, research and institutional memory

- Among a few other collections, UCO has the *Herland Voice* Newsletter Archive and the Dimensions Magazine Archive in their section of SHAREOK, a joint institutional repository
- Wanted simple terms for application and discovery due to interface

ral Oklahoma / The Center / Dimensions Magazine Archive

### Filter by: Subject

Now showing items 1-10 of 70

Advice columns (70)

Book reviews (70)

Classifieds (70)

Dimensions (70)

Horoscopes (70)

Lesbians (70)

Lifestyles (70)

Lubbock (Tex.) (70)

News (70)

Poetry (70)

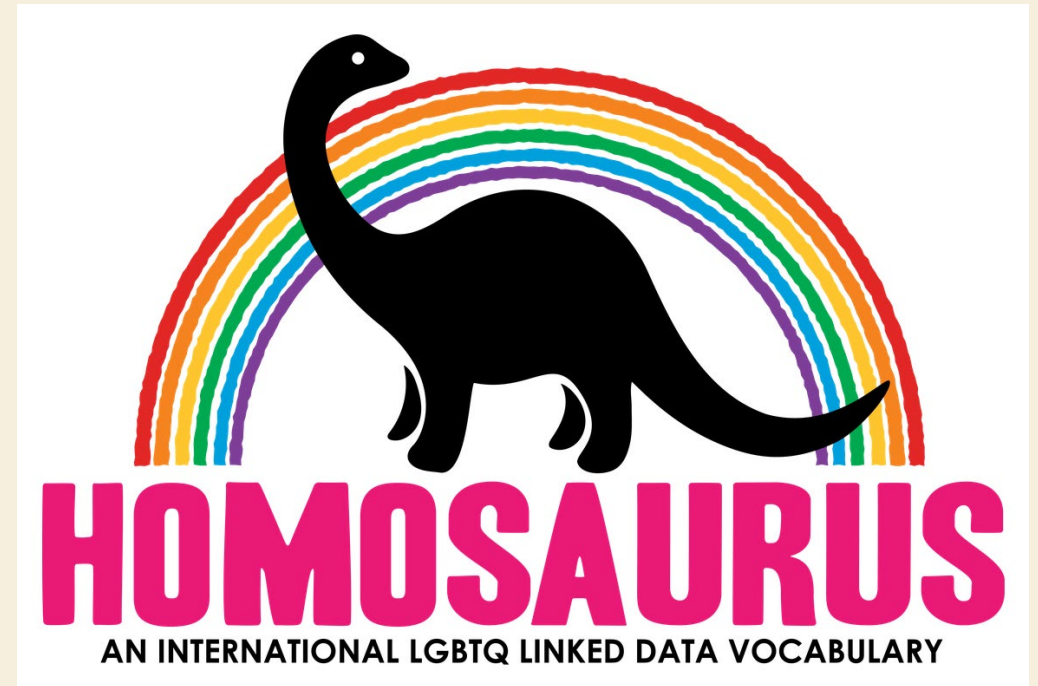
*FAST headings in SHAREOK interface*



# Herland Sister Resources Donation

## Homosaurus

- Existed in several iterations since 1997; most recent version released in May 2019
- Developed by [IHLIA LGBT Heritage](#) and assisted by Digital Transgender Archive to turn it into a linked data vocabulary



# **Herland Sister Resources Donation**

## **LC Term**

**Older sexual minorities**

## **Homosaurus Terms**

**Older lesbians**

**Older queer people**

**Older bisexual people**

**Older gay men**

**Older (LGBTQ)**

## **LC Term**

**Gender-nonconforming people**

## **Homosaurus Terms**

**Agender people**

**Non-binary people**

**Pangender people**

# **Herland Sister Resources Donation**

## **Action Plan for Adding Homosaurus Terms**

- 1. Compare LCSH and Homosaurus to determine where they differ**
- 2. Use subject searches to target bibliographic records for updating**
- 3. Export bibliographic records**
- 4. Review and edit records in MarcEdit**
- 5. Import edited records to catalog**

**650 \7 \$aGender people.\$2homoit**

**650 \7 \$aNon-binary people.\$2homoit**

**650 \7 \$aPangender people .\$2homoit**

# Resources

FAST

<http://fast.oclc.org/searchfast/>

LCSH -> FAST Converter

<http://fast.oclc.org/lcsh2fast/>

Homosaurus

<http://homosaurus.org/>



# **Considerations**

**Additional Training**

**Changing Standards**

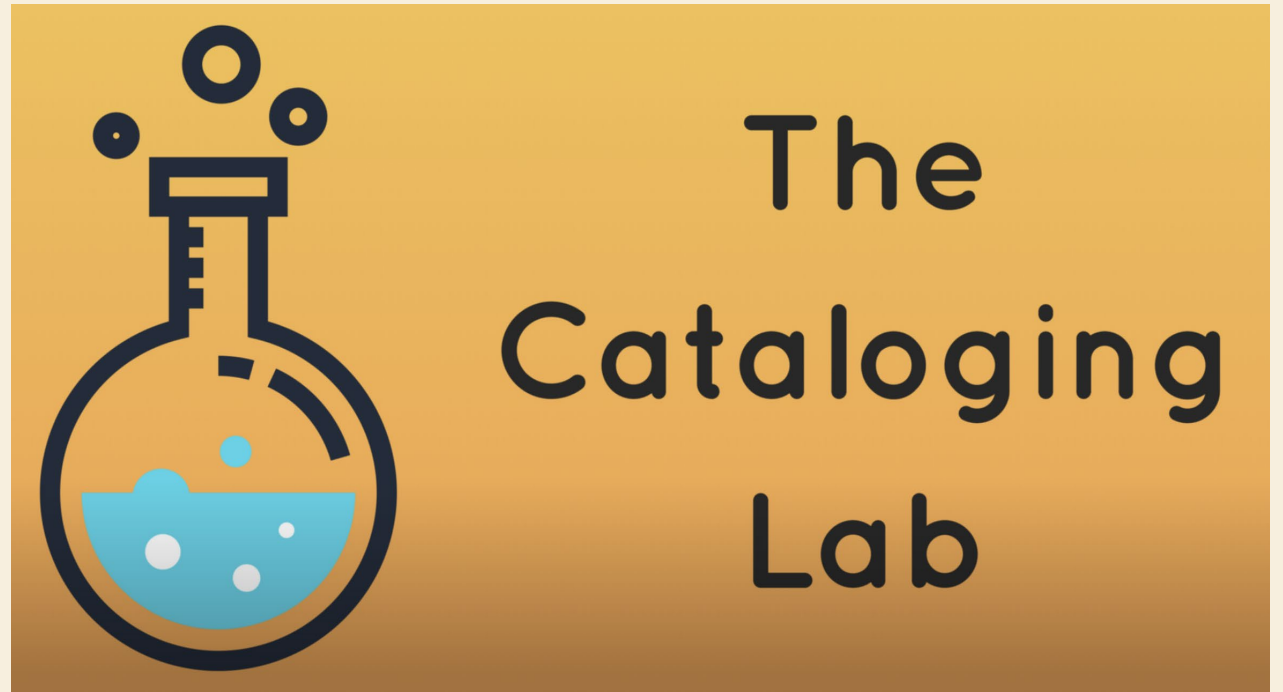
**Empathy for the User**

# Additional Resources

- <https://www.loc.gov/librarians/controlled-vocabularies/>
  - *LCSH, LCGFT, LCMPT (Performance Thesaurus for Music), Ethnographic Thesaurus, LCTGM, RBMS Controlled Vocabularies, Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc, Moving Image Genre-Form Guide, Radio Form/Genre Terms Guide, CRS Legislative Subject Terms*
- <http://www.loc.gov/standards/sourcelist/subject.html>
  - *List of source codes for various controlled vocabularies to be used in MARC records (e.g. \$2 lcgft)*
- <https://guides.lib.utexas.edu/metadata-basics/controlled-vocabs>
  - *LibGuide from UT with controlled vocabularies listed for arts & humanities, physical & life sciences, and social & behavioral sciences*

# Additional Resources

- TCL is “designed to be a wiki where folks can collaborate on headings together to create stronger proposals”



<http://cataloginglab.org/>



# Additional Resources

- MarcEdit 101 Webinar Series

- <https://marcredit.reeset.net/marcredit-101-workshop>

- MarcEdit 101 Slides (Presentation by yours truly at KLA-MPLA last year)

- <https://marcredit.reeset.net/marcredit-101-workshop>

- MARCEDIT-L

- <https://listserv.gmu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A0=marcredit-l>

# Questions?

**Download Slides**

**<https://tinyurl.com/beyondlcs>**