

Report to RBMS BSC, April 18, 2024

from the ACRL RBMS [Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group](#)

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Report on Activities from July 2023-April 2024

Following the launch of the new integrated, linked data-compliant [Controlled Vocabulary for Rare Materials Cataloging](#) (CVRMC) at id.loc.gov in early March 2023, the RBMS Controlled Vocabularies Editorial Group (CVEG) has been working on the following:

- CVEG has made available a new form for submitting proposed terms or edits to existing terms: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHYU3FcZCfzNuFjNp7DpDVkpKPTGE2BG4uC_FDgBottsErg/viewform. This form is accessible through the CVRMC landing page on id.loc.gov.
 - Proposed new terms and edits to existing terms are first reviewed and approved by CVEG.
 - Following CVEG approval, these new or edited terms will be made available for public comment on the [CVEG blog](#).
- CVEG continues to write scope notes for existing terms. These will also undergo a public review period on the [CVEG blog](#) before they are added to the CVRMC.
- Prior to the launch of CVRMC, CVEG maintained six separate thesauri for Binding Terms, Genre Terms, Paper Terms, Printing & Publishing Evidence, Provenance Evidence, and Type Evidence. These thesauri are now deprecated, and they have been archived as part of the ALA Web Archive: https://wayback.archive-it.org/6087/*/https://rbms.info/vocabularies/index.shtml.
- CVEG received one-time funding from RBMS to buy licenses for an up-to-date version of MultiTes, the software used to support the controlled vocabularies.
- Several of CVEG's current and former co-editors have published an article about the process of creating the integrated and linked data-compliant CVRMC and the revision and expansion of the thesaurus's terms for prejudicial materials:

Brenna Bychowski, Ryan Hildebrand, Sarah Hoover, & Lauren Reno, "Describing Special Collections: Two Projects to Modernize the RBMS Controlled Vocabularies," *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 61, no. 5–6 (2023): 626–45, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639374.2023.2193950>.
- CVEG's Prejudicial Materials Working Group, which is charged with reviewing and updating terms used for indexing works that are prejudicial in nature or related to systems of oppression, presented 50 proposed new and revised terms for the CVRMC and held an open review period between April 17-May 26, 2023. They received 56 comments. The working group completed the review of these comments at the end of 2023. Changes will be published in the CVRMC in the near future.

- Members of CVEG and the Prejudicial Materials Working Group will be presenting the BSC Spring webinar entitled "**2rbmscv**": **Crash course in a new(-ish) vocabulary** on April 22, 2024 at 2:00 - 3:00 pm Eastern / 1:00 - 2:00 pm Central / 12:00 - 1:00 pm Mountain / 11:00 - 12:00 Pacific. Register here:

<https://umd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsfu-oqT4tE9VJ3o34g8jQnxG7x8elOX5I>