

Arca Administrators Meeting

Friday, January 11, 2019

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Note taker: Michel Castagne

Genre term standardization discussion

- Discussion on whether Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT) and MARC Genre Terms (marcgt) provide adequate term coverage for Arca collections.
- Islandora Scholar module relies on marcgt terms and it would be more practical to use this controlled vocabulary primarily. AAT is very extensive and the group agreed that this would work as a secondary controlled vocabulary.
- Terms found to be lacking in both marcgt and aat will be compiled and analyzed. If no viable synonyms are found, further discussion to take place to deal with those.
- Arca Admin Centre will propose certain terms (e.g. “book chapter”) be formally added to the marcgt thesaurus.

Action Item: Sites using local terms for which they can find no suitable equivalent in marcgt or aat will compile a list of those terms (including, if possible, links to example objects using them), and send the list to Brandon for further analysis.

Author-supplied keywords

- These keywords currently use the Notes field.
- Group discussed whether these would be more appropriately labelled as Topics.
- While this approach can seem clearer semantically, group agreed that author-supplied keywords are uncontrolled and the Topic field should remain a controlled field.

Action Item: Antonio Muñoz Gómez will research whether another alternative field (other than Note) might work better.