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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS, LCGFT EDITORIAL MEETING NUMBER 12 (2024)

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This Summary of Decisions will be posted on LC's website and may be accessed at <http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/saco/cpsaed/cpsaeditorial.html>.

This month, 14 proposals were received for LCGFT. We approved 10, or 71 percent. We created 2 new proposals that replaced proposals that were not approved. The complete statistical breakdown for the month can be found below.

Genre/Form Terms

Aerial surveys

The meeting reached the conclusion that more research needed to be done to provide a definition of the term. Additionally, all of the sources cited are tracking wildlife populations when aerial surveys can cover a number of different topics. See the LCGFT instruction sheet J 160 for guidance on authority research for proposals. The proposal may be resubmitted.

Perushim

The proposal describes perushim as rabbinic commentaries on works including the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud, Jewish law, etc. Commentaries, especially biblical commentaries, are created from different religious, theological, or ethical perspectives. They also can be created for other types of works, like classical literature. In light of this, the term *Commentaries* is being created. *Commentaries* in LCGFT can be applied to sacred or secular works, unlike the LCSH form subdivision **-Commentaries**, which can only be used under uniform titles of sacred works. The proposal is not approved.

Religious criticism

Rather than create a specific genre for criticism of religion or theological ideas, the meeting decided to create a heading for *Controversial works* which can be used instead of or in addition to the LCSH form subdivision --**Controversial literature**. *Controversial works* in LCGFT is intended to cover more than religious or theological concepts. Though other types of criticism are identified in LCGFT, they relate to genres. Religion is not a genre. The current headings assigned to the work being cataloged are sufficient. Other subject headings that could be assigned are **Caste—Religious aspects—Hinduism** and/or **Dalits—Abuse of** and the new genre/form term *Controversial works*. The proposal is not approved.

School drama

The scope note in the proposal suggests the genre is entirely based on plays set in school environments, while the provided definitions suggest that it is any play that is performed at a school or college. The proposal is not approved.

STATISTICS

	LCGFT
Approved*	10
Not necessary	0
Not approved	3
Resubmit	1
Withdrawn and retained	0

*The number of proposals approved is approximate and may change slightly during the final processing of the Approved List.

*The number of authority records cancelled is also included in the total number of proposals approved.