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HELIN Task Force on New Material Types - Report July 7, 2011

Mark Caprio, Michael Cerbo, Amanda Izenstark, Laura Kohl, Ingrid Levin, and Mary Wu met with Ruth Souto and Martha Rice Sanders to identify new material types needed for the HELIN catalog to help users better identify the type of material that best meets their needs. We identified seven new ones that are, or will be, necessary:

e-book
e-journal
online video
online music
online spoken audio
e-resource (pre-1900)
e-resource (other) [note: this will include websites and databases]

Our objectives are to better identify e-books and e-journals, to separate out historical digitized material such as the EEBO and ECCO collections for current e-resources, and to facilitate the identification of new materials such as online audio and video. The group felt that online maps, kits, images, and mixed formats (e.g. multimedia), did not need to have their own material type at this time so they will continue to be grouped with their physical counterparts.

The bibliographic records for most of these new codes are currently coded 'web resource.'

Material types currently present in the catalog are:

Code	Meaning	Record Count
@	WEB RESOURCE	484882
a	PRINT MATERIAL	1743806
b	MANUSCRIPT	207
c	MUSIC SCORE	13268
d	MUSIC MSS	6
e	MAP/ATLAS	9941
g	VIDEO/DVD	43725
h	WEB GOV DOC	60366
i	AUDIO (SPOKEN)	2200
j	AUDIO/CD	21661
k	IMAGES	913
m	COMPUTER FILE	9107

o	KIT	625
p	MIXED FORMATS	196
r	OBJECTS	472

Ruth has created the new codes, and Bob is working on creating their associated icons:

New Code	MEANING
@	e-book
q	e-journal
v	online video
y	online music
w	online spoken audio
n	e-resource (pre-1900)
t	e-resource (other)

Martha will update current records in the system to their new codes (except for e-books which will stay the same, though their label will be changed in Encore & WebPac Pro from 'web resource' to 'e-book').

The Central Office thanks these individuals for their thoughtful and insightful input.

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