

Designing Disciplinary Identity:

An Analysis of the Term “Design” in Library and Information Science Vocabulary

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This poster explores the role of design in the disciplinary identity and positioning of librarianship and information science through examination of the term “design” in two prominent contemporary library and information science vocabularies: the thesaurus for H.W. Wilson's Library Literature & Information Science Full Text database and the American Society for Information Science & Technology's Thesaurus of Information Science, Technology and Librarianship (2005). Findings include conflicting and fractured identities, power struggles and paradigm entrenchment. Further research into disciplinary identity is necessary not only to improve controlled vocabularies but also to solidify and unify professional identity.

Library Literature & Information Science
Full Text database thesaurus (2012)

ASIS&T Thesaurus of Information Science,
Technology and Librarianship (2005)

Architecture

--Design & construction
Subdivision may only be used with
the following terms:

- Library buildings
- Public libraries
- School libraries
- Research libraries
- Small libraries
- Special libraries
- Archives
- Libraries

Library buildings--Barrier-free design

Undetermined

- forms design
- BT design

Technology

- database design
- computer aided design
- system design
- screen design
 - RT human computer interaction
 - RT interfaces
 - RT video display terminals
 - RT web sites
- prototyping
 - RT design
- Database design
 - BT Systems design
- Web design
- Systems design
 - BT Computer science
 - NT Database design
 - NT Electronic data processing--structured technologies
 - NT User interfaces (Computer systems)

Research

- research design
 - NT rating scales
 - NT research variables
 - RT experiments
 - RT research methods
- Experimental design
 - UF Research design
 - UF Statistical design
 - NT Replication (Experimental design)
 - RT Experiments

Graphic Arts

- Typographic design
- BT Printing
- NT Book design*

*heading does not actually exist