Original Inquiry: It appears that you all used "http://www.rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/#:formOfWork.en" for that mapping over other options like "http://schema.org/genre". I was wondering if there was some specific reason for that selection?

Answer: First, a disclaimer: our metadata model is still in flux. Due to our expedited development timeframe, we didn't have as much time to flesh out the model as much as we would have liked. We ended up relying heavily on the work Oregon Digital had done in this area (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nnJz49oqstQLF2PFBn5ZvWfWdF-8PVl5TFL1EMotQrA/edit#gid=0). That is a long way of saying that, no there was not really a specific reason for that selection, and that I am looking forward to refining our model in the same type of thoughtful manner that you all are!

That being said, I would keep in mind that many of the vocabularies used in the mods:genre field (i.e., TGM and LCGFT) are a actually combination of genre, form, and physical characteristic terms. To the best of my knowledge, these terms are combined into single vocabularies because it can be tough to separate out genre from form in many areas (e.g., music). If you look at the definitions for the MARC 655 (which maps to mods:genre) and mods:genre elements, you will see that they include these other types of terms as well; whereas the schema.org element definition does not include these other types.

- **655:** Terms indicating the genre, form, and/or physical characteristics of the materials being described... (http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd655.html)
- **mods:genre:** A term or terms that designate a category characterizing a particular style, form, or content, such as artistic, musical, literary composition, etc. (http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/userguide/genre.html)
- **schema.org/genre:** Genre of the creative work or group.

Truthfully, neither of the two elements seem to be perfect fit. The RDA element has problems (e.g., it is at the work level rather than the expression or item) and the schema.org element is too narrowly defined. Have you considered http://bibframe.org/vocab/genre (Defined as "Genre and other general characteristics associated with genre and form.")?