Element: CONTRIBUTOR

Label: Contributor

Element Description: A Contributor is an entity responsible for making contributions to the resource.

Examples of a “Contributor” include a person, an organization, or a service. Typically, the name of a Contributor should be used to indicate the entity.

http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/contributor

For further clarification of the Contributor element the following information has been paraphrased from many sources where a Contributor is the name of a person or organization not listed in the Creator element who has made a significant contribution to the resource secondary to any person or organization in the Creator element.

A Contributor may be an editor, transcriber, illustrator, translator, director, screenwriter, videographer, producer, sound technician, advisor and so on.

However, you may interpret this element to include any contributor apart from author or creator (i.e., the contribution need not be secondary).

Contributors should be listed separately in repeated iterations of DC Contributor Element.

When possible, refine the contributor name by including the role the person or entity played in contributing to the resource. Prefer form of name as verified in the Library of Congress Name Authority File (LCNAF). If name is not listed there, give name in the following format: Last name, First name, Middle initial with period, year of birth and/or death if known, separated by a hyphen. Add a comma and space, then the role of the person or entity in this work.

Examples: Davies, Andrew W., 1936-, author of screenplay

Cameron, Julia M., 1815-1879, photographer

Note: When in doubt as to whether to include a name, it’s best to leave it out.

http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/icuhtml/dcguide.html#3

Version http://dublincore.org/usage/terms/history/#contributor-006

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