Cataloging

Why aren't the 655 genre/form headings not indexed in the Prospector subject index?

When Prospector was developed the thinking was to keep the LCSH index very tight and clean. The keyword index was the “kitchen sink” to cover anything missed on the other indices. There were also differences in local practice that may have influenced the decision in the union catalog environment. Also, over a decade ago, limiting by format was not as crucial as it is now; at the time there weren't any public libraries in Prospector.