LIGATUS/CERL BOOKBINDING EXPERT SEMINARS
Coming to Terms with the Language of Bindings

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Intellectual content vs materiality

An intellectual content is evidenced by words giving us:
• a story, and its purpose
• a place and date
• an author
• an audience

Material content is evidenced by materials, techniques and imagery giving us
• relations in time/space
• relations between people
• historical circumstances
• all in a highly associative and contextualizing process
Irish 18th c. binding
Materiality of books
CERL bookbinding WG

- Bring together information about bookbinding projects in Europe and beyond, and liaise with these projects

- Inform bookbinding projects about the work of CERL

- Review whether and how, CERL can play a role in these book binding projects

- Promote a standard including both a simple and an advanced description of bookbindings to facilitate for libraries wishing to publish digital images and/or catalogue entries of bookbindings.