



Library of Congress Subject Headings

The Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) list is a guide to the subject headings used by the University of Iowa Libraries. The same subject headings are used in InfoHawk and in the card catalog.

SUBJECT HEADINGS - Words in **BOLDFACE TYPE** are valid subject headings and should be used to search both InfoHawk and the card catalog. Terms in light type are not used as subject headings but are followed by the word **USE** and the preferred term.

SCOPE NOTE - An explanatory note under a subject heading that defines how the subject heading is used in the list.

UF - Under a subject heading this stands for **USE FOR**. Any terms next to or below the UF are not used as subject headings. Use instead the heading above.

BT or NT - Under a subject heading these stand for **BROADER TERM** or **NARROWER TERM**. The terms next to or below the BT or the NT are subject headings that you can use to supplement the term at the top of the entry or in conjunction with it.

RT - Under a subject heading this stands for **RELATED TERM**. The terms next to or below the RT are subject headings that have some relation to the subject heading you are looking at. For example, costume is related to fashion. Fashion is listed as RT under the subject heading Costume.

SUBDIVISIONS - Subject headings can be made more specific by adding subdivisions. The LCSH list includes specific subheadings for many of the terms listed in the volume. In addition, there are classes of subdivisions that can be added to many subject headings. There is a list of possible subdivisions at the front of the first volume. A librarian can help you with the list if necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS - Personal names (in inverted order) are possible subject headings. With the exception of those who require specific subdivisions (Shakespeare, for example) personal names will not be included in the LCSH listings. Subject entries for criticism of literature are entered under the name of the author and then, if appropriate, a specific title.

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