

LCSH heading **Slaves** changing to **Enslaved persons**  
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In September 2021, a proposal was submitted to change **Slaves** to **Enslaved persons**. The Library of Congress took the proposal under advisement for more research and evaluation, and determined that the proposal would be re-considered and a decision would be made in March 2022.

During that time, the original proposer, Rowena Griem of Yale University, worked to improve the change heading proposal and compile a list of all the potentially impacted headings. The SACO African American Subject Funnel, led by Lauren Reno for this project, assisted her. They also agreed to help with research when the time came to make the related proposals. The Library of Congress would like to take this opportunity to thank these catalogers for their work in moving this forward; their assistance has been and will continue to be essential.

Following the period of additional research and internal evaluation, the Library of Congress will support the change of the heading **Slaves** to **Enslaved persons**. The March 2022 editorial meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the full outcome of the decision on all related headings and develop a more complete plan for the full project. Due to the large volume of headings associated with the heading change, a special list for **Slaves/Enslaved persons** will be issued.