

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
ACQUISITIONS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIC ACCESS DIRECTORATE  
POLICY, TRAINING, AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS DIVISION**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS, LCSH/LCC QUARTERLY EDITORIAL MEETING**

**LIST 2409**

September 20, 2024

This month, PTCP received and reviewed 242 proposals for LCSH. We approved 205, or 85 percent. The complete statistical breakdown for the month can be found below.

As a reminder, PTCP is attempting to cap the monthly list at as close to 250 proposals as possible. This means that space is limited. If your proposal is requesting a relatively minor change *only*, such as updating a geographic code from “no decision” to “may subdivide geographically,” or requesting that we adjust capitalization in a Used For reference, do not make a proposal. Instead, contact PTCP at [policy@loc.gov](mailto:policy@loc.gov). We may be able to make this change “off-list,” meaning that no proposal is necessary.

**CLASSIFICATION**

Changes were made as indicated on the approved list.

*Other decisions:*

*BS335.I36*

The existing note at this call number accounts for all Ifugao dialects of which Amganad Ifugao is one. Changing the note to only account for one of the dialects could possibly confuse catalogers who encounter other dialects of the language. The proposal is not approved.

*DS248.J38*

This proposal was withdrawn at the request of the proposer.

*UD483.5*

The existence of the E546 classification number does not negate the existence of this number, which would be about the military science aspect of aerial operations by the Confederates. The proposal is not approved.

## SUBJECT HEADINGS

Changes were made as indicated on the approved list.

*Other decisions:*

*Air raid wardens in art; Civil defense drills in art*

PTCP will be examining the instruction sheets in the SHM for art related headings. Namely, H 910 Place as a Theme in Art, Literature, Motion Pictures, etc., H 1250 Art and Fine Art, and H 1935 Pictorial Works. The extent to which these instruction sheets overlap or depart from the TGM will be reconciled and updated. For now, these proposals will be withdrawn and retained.

*Altar sets*

Many religions make use of ceremonial objects to decorate their altars. Creating a heading limited to sets of objects that are used to decorate altars in churches is limiting. PTCP suggests the cataloger use the heading for the specific denomination subdivided by the free-floating subdivision **Liturgical objects**. The proposal is not approved.

*Beards—Dyeing and bleaching*

The existing heading **Hair—Dyeing and bleaching** does not specify the location of the hair on the body. In this case, the cataloger may post-coordinate the heading **Beards** with **Hair—Dyeing and bleaching**. The proposal is not approved.

*Bell ornaments; Bell ornaments in art*

PTCP agreed that creating headings for specific types of Christmas tree ornaments is too specific for the scope of the vocabulary. It is suggested that the cataloger post-coordinate the headings **Christmas tree ornaments** and **Bells**. The proposals are not approved.

*Bolivia—History—Wars of Independence, 1809-1825—Campaigns*

This heading was proposed as a broader term for *Huaqui, Battle of, Bolivia, 1811*. The correct broader term for the heading is **Bolivia—History—Wars of Independence, 1809-1825**. For more information, see H 1285 Battles. The proposal is not approved.

*Calendars—Indonesia; Ethnoscience—Indonesia*

The headings were proposed as broader terms for the proposal *Pranata mangsa*. PTCP agreed that the more appropriate broader term is **Calendar, Javanese**. The proposals are not necessary.

*Château Vanderbilt (Carrières-sous-Poissy, France)*

When making proposals for headings that have historical context, a certain amount of research is required for justification. PTCP suggests reviewing instruction sheets H 202 Authority Research for Subject Heading Proposals. The proposal may be resubmitted.

*Christian ashram movement*

When making proposals for headings that have historical context, a certain amount of research is required for justification. PTCP suggests reviewing instruction sheets H 202 Authority Research for Subject Heading Proposals and H 370 Broader Terms, Narrower Terms, and Related Terms. The proposal may be resubmitted.

*Cities and towns, Submerged*

Presumably, a submerged city is an extinct city. The terms Submerged cities and Submerged villages were added as Used For terms on the existing heading *Extinct cities* on list 2406. The proposal is not approved.

*Extinct animals; Extinct plants; Species at risk; Species at risk—Climatic factors*

PTCP determined that adding *Species at risk* as a part of the hierarchy with **Endangered species** as a narrower term is confusing. In some definitions, species at risk overlaps with endangered species. Unlike endangered and threatened species, species at risk have no legal status making it more difficult to define. The upward references of Species at risk, At-risk species, and Imperiled species were added to the heading **Endangered species**. The proposals are not approved.

*Faculty meetings*

PTCP agrees that this heading is too specific for the vocabulary. It is suggested that the cataloger post-coordinate **Staff meetings** with the name of the educational institution. The heading is not approved.

*Fishing rights; Fishing rights activists; Women fishing rights activists*

The concept of fishing rights is covered by the heading **Fishery law and legislation**. This heading can be post-coordinated with the heading **Political activists** to express the subject of the work. The headings are not approved.

### *Forced assimilation*

The inclusion of this heading in LCSH would call for a cataloger to prove intent of forcing assimilation when choosing this heading. A proposal to change the existing heading **Assimilation (Sociology)** will appear on a future list that will add context to the scope note that assimilation is not always a choice. This heading is not approved.

### *Gaga (Dance)*

When making proposals, a certain amount of research is required for justification and to provide context. PTCP suggests reviewing instruction sheets H 202 Authority Research for Subject Heading Proposals and H 370 Broader Terms, Narrower Terms, and Related Terms. The proposal may be resubmitted.

### *Gwendégué (Burkina Faso)*

None of the standard reference sources consulted had any mention of a Gwendégué region in Burkina Faso. The region covered in the explanation falls within the Centre-Ouest region of Burkina Faso which is represented in the Name Authority File. PTCP suggests using that heading on the work being cataloged. The proposal is not approved.

### *Hôtel du Parlement (Montréal, Québec)*

This proposal is for an archaeological site of a ruined building. PTCP suggests reviewing instruction sheet H 1225 Archaeological Works to find the guidelines for establishing names of archaeological sites. The proposal may be resubmitted.

### *Jebel Aruda (Syria)*

When making proposals, a certain amount of research is required for justification and to provide context. PTCP suggests reviewing instruction sheets H 202 Authority Research for Subject Heading Proposals and H 1225 Archaeological Works. The proposal may be resubmitted.

### *Lachen Valley (India)*

Instruction sheet H 800 has the directive that when establishing a heading for a river valley to “establish the river at the same time”. The proposal may be resubmitted with an additional proposal for the river.

### *Large format theaters*

The proposed heading is not required on the work being cataloged. The heading is not necessary.

#### *Meat cutters (Persons)*

PTCP believes that the term Meat cutters is too specific and difficult to distinguish from the heading **Butchers (Persons)**. Meat cutters (Persons) was added as an upward reference to the existing heading **Butchers (Persons)**. The proposal is not approved.

#### *Molinology*

The term Molinology was keyword searched in the Library of Congress' catalog and it was decided that based on historical usage that the term was intertwined with the usage of the heading **Mills and mill-work**. PTCP decided to add molinology as a Used For term on the heading **Mills and mill-work** rather than have a separate heading for Molinology. The proposal is not approved.

#### *Oars*

It is unclear if the work being cataloged depicts oars. Oars are generally attached to a boat and single bladed while paddles can be both single and double bladed and are not attached. It is suggested that the cataloger use the heading **Boats and boating—Equipment and supplies**. The proposal is not necessary.

#### *Redwood National Park (Calif.)*

A heading representing the park already exists in LCSH, **Redwood National and State Parks (Calif.)**. A proposal was added to this list to add the wording from this proposal as a Used For term to the existing heading. The proposal was not approved.

#### *Rock paintings*

The proposal to add an upward reference of rock art to **Rock paintings** was deemed inappropriate because the term "art" is not always associated with painting. The proposal is not approved.

#### *Self-destructive behavior in art*

The description of the work being cataloged fits better with the existing heading **Self-mutilation in art**. The proposal is not necessary.

#### *Sîn (Assyro-Babylonian deity)*

Instruction sheet H 1635 Gods and Mythological Figures asks catalogers to establish individually named gods as name authority records. This god already has a name authority record associated with it. The proposal is not approved.

*Sol (Roman deity)*

Instruction sheet H 1635 Gods of Greek and Roman Mythology asks catalogers to establish individually named gods as name authority records. This god already has a name authority record associated with it. The proposal is not approved.

*Songkhla Lake Basin (Thailand)*

It is unclear from the sources cited in the proposal if this body of water is a drainage basin or if it should be established as a watershed. Consult with H 800 Rivers, Valleys, Watersheds, etc. for more information. The proposal may be resubmitted.

*Soviets (People) in art*

Using the term Soviets to describe the image of the people in the work being cataloged is dubious due to lack of explanation other than the title which may only be a description of the image. PTCP suggests using the term **Soldiers in art**. The proposal is not necessary.

*Vacation homes—Washington (State)*

This heading was proposed as a broader term for the proposal *Chateau Schafer (Union, Wash.)* on this list. PTCP decided that the heading **Dwellings—Washington (State)** was a more appropriate broader term as it would keep all of the significant dwellings in Washington within the same hierarchy. The proposal is not approved.

**LC Medium of performance terms**

Changes were made as indicated on the approved list.

**STATISTICS**

| Status of proposals                      | LCSH | LCMPT |
|--|------|-------|
| Approved*                                | 205  | 3     |
| Authority records cancelled <sup>+</sup> | 9    | 0     |
| Not necessary                            | 6    | 0     |
| Not approved                             | 23   | 0     |
| Resubmit                                 | 7    | 0     |

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|---------------------|---|---|
| Withdraw and retain | 2 | 0 |
| Other               | 0 | 0 |

\*The number of proposals approved is approximate and may change slightly during the final processing of the Approved List.

\*The number of authority records cancelled is also included in the total number of proposals approved.