

REVISION OF HEADINGS FOR COOKING AND COOKBOOKS

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In response to a long-standing and generally recognized need to modernize the subject headings treatment for cooking and cookbooks, the ABA Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress is in the initial planning stages of a project to revise the headings used in this area. Tentative decisions have been made about some aspects of the project; for other aspects, various options are under consideration and no decisions have yet been made. PSD invites public comment on the plans described in this paper.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Headings for cooking and cookbooks are currently separated into the following categories:

1. General works on cooking and recipe collections, including works on cooking, cuisine, and food preparation, general cookbooks, and general collections of cooking recipes.
2. National and ethnic cuisines and styles of cooking. Examples: **Cookery, Chinese--Sichuan style; Cookery, Cajun.**
3. Specific ingredients or foods, including headings for the food product itself as well as headings for that product as an ingredient in cooking. Examples: **Bread** (used for bread-making); **Cookery (Bread)** (used for cooking with bread); **Jelly** (used for jelly-making); **Cookery (Jelly)** (used for cooking with jelly).
4. Recipes for special types of diets. Example: **Sugar-free diet--Recipes.**
5. Recipes associated with specific institutions or organizations. Examples: **Four Seasons (Restaurant); Tavern on the Green.**
6. Other special aspects of cooking, including method of preparation, type of meal, or category of food. Examples: **Clay pot cookery; Brunches; Passover cookery; Cooking for two.**

The use of the term "cookery" will be discontinued in these categories of headings. The term "cooking" will be used instead in most cases. Treatment of materials in categories 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 (above) will be essentially unchanged.

EXAMPLES:

Current:

Cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Cookery--Louisiana--New Orleans
Cookery, American--Midwestern style
Cookery, Chinese--Sichuan style
Cookery, Indic--Calcutta style
Cookery and architecture (*May Subd Geog*)
Cookery for the sick
Cookery in art
Dutch oven cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Holiday cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Islamic cookery
Jewish cookery
Lunchbox cookery
Mexican American cookery
Outdoor cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Passover cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Poaching (Cookery)
Quick and easy cookery
Skewer cookery
Skillet cookery
Steaming (Cookery)

Revised:

Cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking--Louisiana--New Orleans
Cooking, American--Midwestern style
Cooking, Chinese--Sichuan style
Cooking, Indic--Calcutta style
Cooking and architecture (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking for the sick (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking in art
Dutch oven cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Holiday cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Islamic cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Jewish cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Lunchbox cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Mexican American cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
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Quick and easy cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Skewer cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Skillet cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Steaming (Cooking) (*May Subd Geog*)

SPECIFIC FOOD PRODUCTS AND THEIR USE AS INGREDIENTS

For works on the preparation of specific food products (Category 3), a heading will be assigned for the product, for example:

Subject heading: Bread	Assigned to: Materials on bread-making
Subject heading: Omelets	Assigned to: Materials on making omelets
Subject heading: Salads	Assigned to: Materials on salad-making.

A decision has not yet been made as to how cooking with specific ingredients will be treated in subject headings. The following two options are under consideration:

Option 1:	Cooking--[<i>specific food or ingredient</i>]
Option 2:	[<i>specific food or ingredient</i>]-Use in cooking

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For materials on cooking using bread as an ingredient:

Option 1:	Cooking--Bread
Option 2:	Bread--Use in cooking

For materials on cooking using strawberries as an ingredient:

Option 1:	Cooking--Strawberries
Option 2:	Strawberries--Use in cooking

For materials on cooking using jelly as an ingredient:

Option 1:	Cooking--Jelly
Option 2:	Jelly--Use in cooking

The advantage of using "Cooking" as a lead-in term for these headings (Option 1) is that all materials that feature cooking with a particular ingredient would be grouped together with other materials about cooking with other ingredients, for example, **Cooking--Apples**, will be followed by, **Cooking--Apricots**; **Cooking--Asparagus**; **Cooking--Bananas**, etc.

The advantage of using the ingredient as a lead-in term for the headings (Option 2) is that all materials for the ingredient would be grouped together with other materials about the ingredient, for example, **Artichokes--Breeding**; **Artichokes--California**; **Artichokes--Fiction**; **Artichokes--Prices**; **Artichokes--Use in cooking**.

RECIPES AND RECIPES FOR SPECIAL TYPES OF DIETS

Headings for **Recipes** and recipes for special types of diets (category 4) will be unchanged.

Currently, the heading **Recipes [May Subd Geog]** is used for general recipe books, including formulas for pharmacies, recipes for cosmetics, recipes for household products, etc. Works containing only cooking recipes will be entered under **Cooking**, or under one of the revised forms discussed in this paper, including **Cookbooks** (see next section).

The free-floating subdivision **--Diet therapy--Recipes** may be assigned under names of individual diseases and types of diseases or under the subdivision **--Diseases** for collections of recipes intended for persons with those diseases, for example, **Cancer--Diet therapy--Recipes**; **Heart--Diseases--Diet therapy--Recipes**.

For collections of recipes for special types of diets, such as those free from certain substances or higher or lower in certain substances, a heading may be assigned for the diet with subdivision **--Recipes**, for example, **Milk-free diet--Recipes**; **High-potassium diet--Recipes**. The subdivision **--Recipes** is not free-floating for this usage. This practice will be retained, because often the materials that feature the recipes are *about* a specific diet, *about recipes* for a specific diet, or *containing recipes* for the diet, not cookbooks *per se*. If the material being cataloged is a

cookbook for a specific diet, an additional heading may be assigned indicating that the item is a cookbook, as described in the following section.

COOKBOOKS

Recognizing that a majority of the materials represented by these headings either are or are about cookbooks, the heading **Cookbooks** will be established as both a topical subject heading and a genre/form heading.

The topical subject heading **Cookbooks [May Subd Geog]** will be assigned to materials about cookbooks, e.g., materials about the history of cookbooks, cookbook collecting, etc.

The genre/form heading **Cookbooks** will be assigned to actual cookbooks, in conjunction with topical headings that will bring out the more specific aspects of those cookbooks.

EXAMPLES:

	<i>Topical heading:</i>	<i>post-coordinated with</i>	<i>Genre/form heading:</i>
Category 1:	Cooking--Virginia--Williamsburg--History--18 th century		Cookbooks
Category 2:	African American cooking		Cookbooks
Category 3:	Beef--Use in cooking		Cookbooks
Category 4:	Low-fat diet		Cookbooks
Category 5:	Maxim's (Restaurant : Paris, France)		Cookbooks
Category 6:	Lenten menus		Cookbooks

PSD considered establishing a form subdivision for cookbooks, but decided against it, because it could lead to the construction of unwieldy, awkward, or redundant subject heading strings, for example, **Cooking, American--California style--Cookbooks**; or even **Cooking--Cookbooks**. Since LC subject heading practice is gradually evolving towards a greater reliance on post-coordination of headings rather than the construction of pre-coordinated subject heading strings, especially in the area of genre/form headings, it was decided that the use of a form heading rather than a form subdivision would be more in keeping with this developing policy.

In recognition of public interest in this topic and of the enormous number of subject heading revisions involved, as well as the volume of materials affected by this policy decision, comment is encouraged. Interested parties are invited to send comments on these plans to Libby Dechman at edec@loc.gov. The deadline for comment is December 1, 2009.

Once final decisions have been made, the *Subject Headings Manual*, H 1475, *Cooking and Cookbooks*, will be revised. The new version will be made available at the time of implementation of the new cataloging practices.