

BACKGROUND: *Books and reading* is the heading for the general topic of the significance of books to people, including their reading attitudes and habits. In the past, the concepts of books and reading for special classes of persons as well as their reading habits were covered by several different types of headings: **Books and reading for [class of persons]; [class of persons]-Books and reading; [class of persons], Books for;** and **[class of persons]-Books for.** In 1980 the expression of these topics was standardized in the usage of the free-floating subdivision **-Books and reading.** This subdivision is used under headings for classes of persons, ethnic groups, and names of individual persons for works about books for those persons or about their reading habits and interests.

General lists of recommended books are assigned the heading **Best books.** The subdivision **-Books and reading** under classes of persons, ethnic groups, or names of individual persons may be further subdivided by the form subdivision **-Bibliography** to designate lists of books recommended for, or read by, those persons.

1. Books and reading. Assign the heading **Books and reading** to works that discuss the significance of books in people's lives, including their reading habits and attitudes and general interest in reading.

For works limited to the topic of reading interests, assign the heading **Reading interests.**

2. Best books. Assign the heading **Best books (May Subd Geog)** to general lists of recommended books.

For lists of recommended books on specific topics, assign two headings:

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650 #0 $a [topic] $v Bibliography.  
650 #0 $a Best books.
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Note: The heading **Bibliography-Best books** was changed to **Best books (May Subd Geog)** in November 1994. The heading **Best books** is not subdivided by topic.

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3. *-Books and reading.*

a. Classes of persons and ethnic groups. Use the free-floating subdivision **-Books and reading** (*May Subd Geog*) as a topical subdivision under headings for classes of persons and ethnic groups for works that discuss books for those groups and/or their reading habits and interests. For works that consist of lists of such books, further subdivide **-Books and reading** by **-Bibliography**. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Blind $x Books and reading.
650 #0 $a Girls $x Books and reading $v Bibliography.
650 #0 $a Legislators $x Books and reading $z United States
        $v Bibliography.
650 #0 $a Mexican Americans $x Books and reading.
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b. Individual persons. Use the free-floating subdivision **-Books and reading** as a topical subdivision under names of persons for works that discuss their reading interests. For works that consist of lists of books read by those persons, further subdivide **-Books and reading** by **-Bibliography**. *Examples:*

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600 10 $a Goethe, Johann Wolfgang von, $d 1749-1832 $x Books
        and reading .
600 10 $a Lincoln, Abraham, $d 1809-1865 $x Books and
        reading $v Bibliography.
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