BACKGROUND: Information centers are organizations that collect, organize, store, retrieve, and disseminate information and provide special services for their clients, such as literature searches, abstracting and indexing, compiling of bibliographies, selective dissemination of information, etc. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning headings to works on these centers and their services.

1. General. Assign the heading Information services (May Subd Geog) to general works on information centers and the services they provide to their clients. Example:

   Title: Information services in Boston.
   650 #0 $a Information services $z Massachusetts $z Boston.

2. Special topics.

   a. General. Use the free-floating subdivision –Information services under names of countries, cities, etc., names of individual corporate bodies, including individual legislative bodies and military services, names of individual persons, and topical headings, for works on information centers devoted to collecting and disseminating information about these subjects. Examples:

   650 #0 $a Medicine $x Information services.
   651 #0 $a Middle East $x Information services.
   610 10 $a United States. $b Army $x Information services.
   610 10 $a United States. $b Congress $x Information services.
   600 10 $a Jung, C. G. $q (Carl Gustav), $d 1875-1961 $x Information services.
2. Special topics. (Continued)

b. By place. –Information services was formerly further subdivided by place. That practice was discontinued in 1990. If the location of the information services is judged to be significant, bring it out by assigning Information services–[place] as an additional heading. Example:

Title: Directory of Northern Canadian and Indian information centres in Hull.
650 #0 $a Indians of North America $z Canada $x Information services $v Directories.
650 #0 $a Parks $z Canada $x Information services $v Directories.
651 #0 $a Canada, Northern $x Information services $v Directories.
650 #0 $a Information services $z Québec (Province) $z Hull $v Directories.