

**BACKGROUND:** *Past practice in subject cataloging provided several methods to show that a work discussed societies related to a particular subject or to show that a serial was published by a society. Phrase headings for societies in a particular discipline have been replaced by headings using the subdivision –Societies, etc. The subdivision –Societies, periodicals, etc., previously used under names of persons was replaced by the subdivisions –Societies, etc. and –Periodicals. Also discontinued is the practice of using the subdivision –Societies, etc. to show that a serial publication is issued by a society and contains information about the society.*

*For classification of society publications, see F 225.*

**1. –Societies, etc.** Use the subdivision **–Societies, etc.** as a free-floating topical subdivision under subjects for works discussing two or more societies or institutions related to those subjects.

*Examples:*

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650 #0 $a African Americans $z Massachusetts $x Societies, etc.
650 #0 $a Chemistry $x Societies, etc.
650 #0 $a Religious literature $x Publishing $x Societies, etc.
651 #0 $a United States $x History $y Civil War, 1861-1865
      $x Societies, etc.
600 10 $a Bolívar, Simón, $d 1783-1830 $x Societies, etc.
610 20 $a Catholic Church $z Italy $x Societies, etc.
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Do not use the subdivision under headings for classes of persons, if the corresponding heading for the discipline can be assigned. *Example:*

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650 #0 $a Engineering $x Societies, etc.
[not 650 #0 $a Engineers $x Societies, etc.]
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2. *-Societies and clubs.* Use the subdivision **-Societies and clubs** as a free-floating topical subdivision under headings for age and sex groups for works on organizations devoted to these groups or whose membership is drawn from these groups. Such works may discuss methods of establishing and conducting these organizations or may discuss specific organizations collectively. Use the subdivision also under qualified headings for age and sex groups.  
*Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Boys $x Societies and clubs.  
650 #0 $a Women $x Societies and clubs.  
650 #0 $a Rural women $x Societies and clubs.  
650 #0 $a Jewish women $x Societies and clubs.  
650 #0 $a Older people $x Societies and clubs.  
650 #0 $a Minority older people $x Societies and clubs.
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3. *Further subdivision by form subdivision.* The subdivisions **-Societies, etc.** and **-Societies and clubs** may be further subdivided by any appropriate form subdivision such as **-Bibliography** or **-Directories**.

4. *Societies or clubs in a particular place.* For general works on the societies and institutions in a particular place assign the heading **Associations, institutions, etc.-[place]**. For works discussing collectively the learned institutions or societies of a particular place assign **Learned institutions and societies-[place]**. For works discussing collectively the clubs of a particular place assign **Clubs-[place]**.

5. *Society publications.* Individual serial publications issued by a society may contain information on business matters of the society and/or information on the topic in which the society specializes. Assign headings to these works according to the type of information contained.

*a. Business information only.* Assign a heading for the name of the society, with the subdivision **-Periodicals** if appropriate.

*b. Topical information only.* Assign the heading or headings for the topic, with the subdivision **-Periodicals** if appropriate.

*c. Both business and topical information.* Assign headings for both the society and the topic, with the subdivision **-Periodicals** if appropriate.