

AMBIGUOUS HEADINGS

(Division of the world)

Most headings fall into clearly defined categories and are established either by descriptive catalogers (personal names, corporate bodies, jurisdictions, uniform titles, named meetings, etc.) or by subject catalogers (topical headings, named objects such as automobiles, works of art, geographic features, etc.). There are, however, certain named entities that have in the past been problematic as to

- o whether a descriptive cataloger or a subject cataloger is responsible for establishing the heading for the entity; and
- o how the heading should be tagged in both authority and bibliographic records.

Guidelines have been developed that divide the problematic headings into the following two groups:

- (I) Headings always established by descriptive cataloging conventions, with authority records that always reside in the NAMES file (NAF)
- (II) Headings always established by subject cataloging conventions, with authority records that
 - o reside in the SUBJECTS file (SAF) if established and used only as subject headings; or
 - o reside in the NAMES file if established by request of descriptive catalogers for use as descriptive access points

LC has revised their policies in respect to certain categories of headings. These changes were reported in *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations*, 2nd ed., 1989, 1996, Update Number 1-2. More headings were moved to the first group, headings established according to *AACR2rev*, and entered into the NAMES file. Headings that used to be coded as X51 which are now coded as X10 will be revised in bibliographic records and authority files by CPSO as projects, and as they are encountered.

(Compiled from SCM:SH, H405; USMARC Format for Authority Data; Revised, 2000 December 4)

A. Personal Names (100/600)

Biblical characters, Named (I)
Clans (II)
Counts, Houses of
Dukes, Houses of
Dynasties

Earls, Houses of
Families (II)
Houses (Families)
Royal houses (Families)

B. Corporate Names (110/610)

Abbeys (I)
Academies (I)
Airplanes, Named (I)
Airports (I)
Almshouses (I)
Apartment houses (II)
Aquariums, Public (I)
Arboretums (I)
Arenas (II)
Armories (II)

Artificial satellites (I)
Asian conglomerate corporations (II)
Asylums (Charitable institutions) (I)
Auditoriums (II)

Banks (I)
Bathhouses (II)
Baths, Ancient (II)
Bars (I)
Biological stations (I)

Boards of trade (Chambers of commerce) (I)	Fire stations (II)
Botanical gardens (I)	Funds (I)
Broadcasting stations (I)	Funeral homes, mortuaries (I)
Buildings, Private (II)	Galleries (I)
Buildings occupied by corporate bodies (II)	Grain elevators (II)
Bus terminals (II)	Groups of industries, Named (II)
Capitols (II)	Gymnasiums (II)
Castles (II)	Halfway houses (I)
Cathedrals (I)	Herbariums (I)
Cemeteries (I)	Homes
Chambers of commerce (I)	Hospitals (I)
Chapels (I)	Hotels (I)
Churches (In use or in ruins) (I)	Houses (Structures)
City halls (II)	Immigration stations (II)
City sections (Entered subordinately, pre- AACR2)	Industrial groups, Named
Civic centers (II)	Laboratories (I)
Club houses (II)	Libraries (I)
Coal ash sites	Library districts (I)
Coliseums (II)	Lighthouses (II)
Collections, Public or Private (II)	Manors (II)
Colleges (I)	Mansions (II)
Communication satellites	Market buildings (II)
Community centers (II)	Markets (I)
Concentration camps (I)	Mills
Concert halls (I)	Mine buildings (II)
Convention centers (II)	Mints (II)
Convents (I)	Monasteries (I)
Correctional institutions (I)	Morgues (I)
Country clubs (I)	Mortuaries (I)
Court houses (II)	Motels (I)
Crematories (I)	Movie theaters
Custom houses (II)	Museums (I)
Dance halls (I)	Music halls (II)
Denominations, Religious (Individual) (I)	Night clubs (I)
Dispensaries (I)	Nuclear power stations
Dwellings (II)	Nursing homes (I)
Ecclesiastical entities that are also names of places, e.g. <i>Basel (Switzerland : Ecclesiastical principality)</i> (I)	Observatories (I)
Ecological stations (I)	Office buildings (II)
Educational institutions (I)	Official residences (II)
Embassies (I)	Old age homes (I)
Exhibition buildings (II)	Opera houses (I)
Experiment stations (I)	Orders of Knighthood
Factories (I)	Orphanages (I)
Ferry buildings (II)	

Pagodas
Palaces (II)
Planetariums (I)
Plans (Programs) (I)
Police stations (II)
Pools, Public (II)
Poorhouses (I)
Port authorities (I)
Post offices (II)
Power plants (II)
Presidential mansions (II)
Prisons (I)
Programs
Projects, plans, etc. (I)
Public comfort stations (II)
Publishers' imprints (I)

Racetracks (II)
Railroads (I)
Railway stations (II)
Religious denominations (I)
Research stations (I)
Resorts (II)
Restaurants (I)

Sanitariums (I)
Satellites, Artificial (I)
School districts (I)
Schools (I)

C. Conferences/Meeting Names (111/611)

Athletic contests (I)
Colloquia
Competitions (I)
Contests (I)
Events (I)¹
Exhibitions (I)
Expeditions, Military (I)
Expeditions, Scientific (I)
Expositions (I)
Fairs (I)
Festivals and celebrations (I)
Folk festivals and celebrations (I)

¹ Events that are formally convened, directed toward a common goal, capable of being reconvened, and that have a formal name. See H1592 for a list of types of events to be established in the subject authority file.

Service stations (I)
Ships (I)
Shipyards (I)
Shopping centers (II)
Sound recording labels (I)
Space vehicles (I)
Spas (II)
Sports arenas (II)
Stadiums (II)
Stock exchanges (I)
Stores, Retail (I)
Studies (Research projects) (I)

Temples (In use (I); *or* In ruins (II))
Terminal buildings (II)
Theater buildings (II)
Theater companies (I)
Tribes (*as legal entities only*) (I)

Undertakers (I)
Universities (I)

Villas (II)

Warehouses

Zaibatsu
Zoological gardens (I)

Games (Events) (I)²
Parades (I)
Public celebrations, pageants, anniversaries (I)
Races (Contests) (I)
Seminars
Shows (Exhibitions) (I)
Sporting events (I)
Symposia
Tournaments (I)
Workshops

² Works about the Olympic games in general are under the subject heading **Olympics**.

D. Uniform Titles (130/630)*

Comic strips (I)
Computer programs (I)
Electronic discussion groups (I)
Motion pictures (I)

Radio programs (I)
Software, Computer (I)
Television programs (I)

*Although headings in this category are generally established under title and tagged X30, those that are established under personal or corporate authors are tagged X00 or X10.

E. Topical Terms (150/650)

Artists' groups (II)
Awards (II)
Building details (II)
Computer languages (II)
Computer networks (II)
Computer systems (II)
Details, Building (II)
Doors (II)
Ethnic groups
Events (II)¹
Feasts (II)
Fictitious characters (II)
Gangs (II)
Gates (II)
Gods
Hill figures
Legendary characters

Legendary dynasties
Model railroads
Monuments (Structures, statues, etc.)(II)
Movements, Social
Pyramids
Railroad models
Religious denominations (Generic) (II)
Rooms (II)
Schools of artists (II)
Shrines (not churches) (II)
Social movements
Stars (Types)
Statues
Structures (Nongeographic, *e.g. towers*) (II)
Stupas
Tests
Tombs (II)
Towers (II)
Tribes (Ethnic groups) (II)
Walls (II)

¹ Events that generally cannot be repeated and have no formal name but are commonly referred to by generic terms only. See H1592 for a list of types of events to be established in the SAF.

F. Geographic Names (151/651)

Agoras
Amusement parks (II)
Archaeological sites
Areas and regions
Astronomical features (asteroids, comets, galaxies, planets, etc.) (II)

Boundary lines
Bridges (II)

Calderas
Camps (II)
Canals (II)

Caves
Celestial bodies (II)
Cities, Extinct (Pre-1500) (II)
City sections (Entered directly) (I)¹
Collective farms (II)
Collective settlements (I)
Comets
Communes (I)
Conservation districts (I)
Continents

¹ This category includes historical districts and special economic zones in cities.

Countries, Groups of, *e.g. Developing countries,*
Communist countries, Islamic countries, etc.

Dams
Deserts
Docks (II)

Economic zones
Esplanades
Estates (II)

Fairgrounds (II)
Farms (II)
Forest districts (I)
Forests (II)
Fortresses (Structures) (II)
Forts (Military posts, etc.)
Free ports and zones

Galaxies
Gardens (II)
Gas fields
Geologic basins
Grasslands

Hazardous waste sites (II)
Highways (II)
Historic sites (II)
Historical parks

Islands (Nonjurisdictional) (II)

Jurisdictions, Ancient (Other than cities) (I)

Lakes
Land grants (II)
Lines, Boundary

Marketplaces (Ancient)
Military installations (Active, also, all after
1899 (I); Before 1899 *and* inactive (II))
Mines (II)
Mountains

Ocean currents
Open spaces

Park districts (I)
Parks (II)
Pipelines
Plains
Plantations
Playgrounds (II)
Plazas (Open spaces, squares, etc.) (II)
Ports (Physical facilities) (II)
Pueblos (I)

Railroad tunnels
Ranches (II)
Recreation areas (II)
Recreation districts (I)
Refugee camps (II)
Regions, Geographic, *e.g., Arctic regions,*
Tropics, etc.
Reservations, Indian (II)
Reserves (Parks, forests, etc.) (II)
Reservoirs
Rivers
Roads (II)

Sanitary landfills (II)
Sanitation districts (I)
Satellites (i.e., moons) (II)
Seas
Squares
Stars (Individual)
Steppes
Streets (II)

Theme parks (II)
Trails (II)
Tunnels (II)

U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service,
& U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service units
named after a park, forest, etc.
Utility districts (I)

Valleys

Water districts (I)
Waterways (II)
Wildlife refuges