RESPECTFUL METADATA

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Objective

To share reparative cataloging projects we are currently undertaking to improve the respectfulness of our metadata.
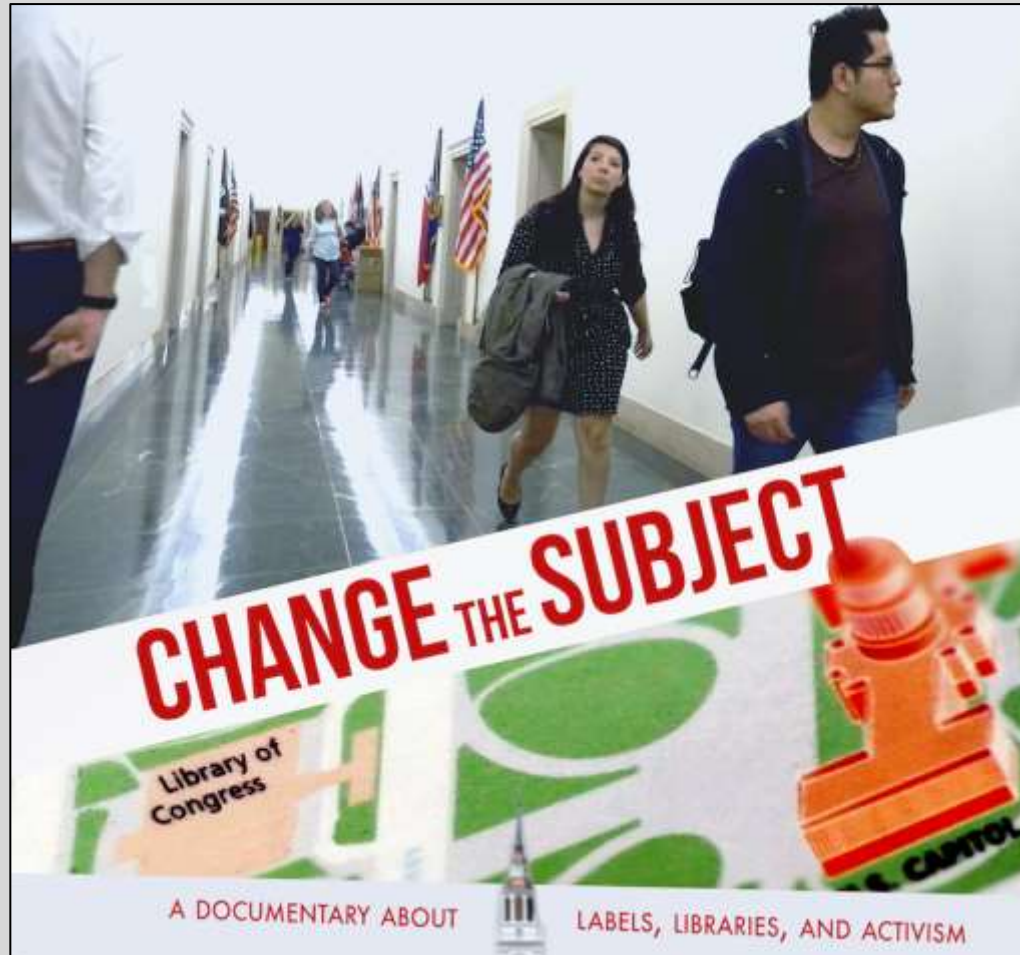
Introduction

ROOTS

MOTIVATIONS

ACTIONS

Replacing offensive terms

Change the Subject. (2019). Dartmouth Library. https://www.library.dartmouth.edu/digital/digital-collections/change-the-subject.

Replacing offensive terms

Library of Congress	Us
Illegal aliens	Undocumented immigrants
Women illegal aliens	Women undocumented immigrants
Children of illegal aliens	Children of undocumented immigrants
Illegal alien children	Undocumented immigrant children
Illegal aliens in literature	Undocumented immigrants in literature
Alien detention centers	Immigrant detention centers

Based on terms in appendix of: Fox, V., Bennyhoff, N., George, K., Grant, E., Gross, T., Kellett, C., Kirkland, A., Jurgemeyer, K., Perera, T., Pettitt, K., Piascik, J., Robinson, L., & Tomaras, D. (2020). *Report of the SAC Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH "Illegal aliens"* [Report]. Subject Analysis Committee. https://alair.ala.org/handle/11213/14582

Behind the scenes

○ 650 \9 Undocumented immigrants |zUnited States. |2locallc

○ 934 \0 Illegal aliens |zUnited States. |5LCSH deprecated locally

○ Used MarcEdit to make the changes

Undocumented storytellers : narrating the immigrant rights movement / Sarah C. Bishop.

Author/creator	Bishop, Sarah C., 1984- author.
Format	Book and Print
Publication Info	New York, NY : Oxford University Press, [2018]
Description	pages cm
Subject(s)	Undocumented immigrants--United States. Storytelling.

More information about this title >

Available Items

Library	Location	Call Number	Status	Item Actions
Joyner	General Stacks	JV6475 .B57 2018	✓ Available	Place Hold

Tools

Place Hold

Request via Interlibrary Loan

Request Rush Cataloging

https://librarycatalog.ecu.edu/catalog/5089952

Good news?

ALA member news

ALA Welcomes Removal of Offensive 'Illegal aliens' Subject Headings

For Immediate Release
Fri, 11/12/2021

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Library Association (ALA) praised the Library of Congress's decision to update the cataloging subject headings "Aliens" and "Illegal aliens." The Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress, which maintains Library of Congress Subject Headings, announced the decision to replace the terms with new subject headings "Noncitizens" and "Illegal immigration" at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 12.

Violet Fox
@violetbfox
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Ok folks. This isn't over. Changing our catalogs to add the term "Illegal immigration" is not progress. LC's move is an attempt to defang this effort to #DropTheIWord, to assuage conservative lawmakers so they don't come after libraries. #critcat

3:24 PM · Nov 12, 2021 · Twitter Web App

103 Retweets   **11** Quote Tweets   **387** Likes

American Library Association (2021, November 12). *ALA Welcomes Removal of Offensive 'Illegal aliens' Subject Headings*. ALA Member News. https://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2021/11/ala-welcomes-removal-offensive-illegal-aliens-subject-headings

Fox, V. [@violetbfox]. (2021, November 12). *Ok folks. This isn't over* [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/violetbfox/status/1459255796261347328

Enhancing Records

○ Retrospectively applying new Library of Congress Subject Headings: https://classweb.org/approved-subjects/

○ Our process:
  ○ Search heading in OCLC WorldCat
    ○ Search subject heading and titles (650 & 245 fields)

Heading	Possible Search	Explanation
Racism in criminal justice administration	Su: Racism in criminal justice administration and li:ERE	Keyword searching words in the subject headings and limiting to our holdings

  ○ Analyze record found
    ○ Review titles, content notes, and current subject headings (245, 505, 520, and 650 fields)

  ○ Add heading
    ○ Update WorldCat and local catalog record

Enhancing Records: contd.

- Challenges
  - Scope of subject heading
    - Attempt different combinations
    - Try outdated terminology
    - Leave out articles or prepositions
    - Watch out for punctuation
      - Example: Racism against indigenous peoples

  - PCC records (042 field)

  - Other exceptions

  - Cooperative catalogs

Possible searches	Results
ti:Racism against indigenous peoples and li:ERE	2
ti:indigenous su:racism li:ERE	0
ti:indian su:discrimination li:ERE	40
ti:native su:racism li:ERE	34
ti:racism su:indian li:ERE	6

Enhancing Records: contd.

- Alternative Methods
  - Patron feedback
  - Beyond WorldCat
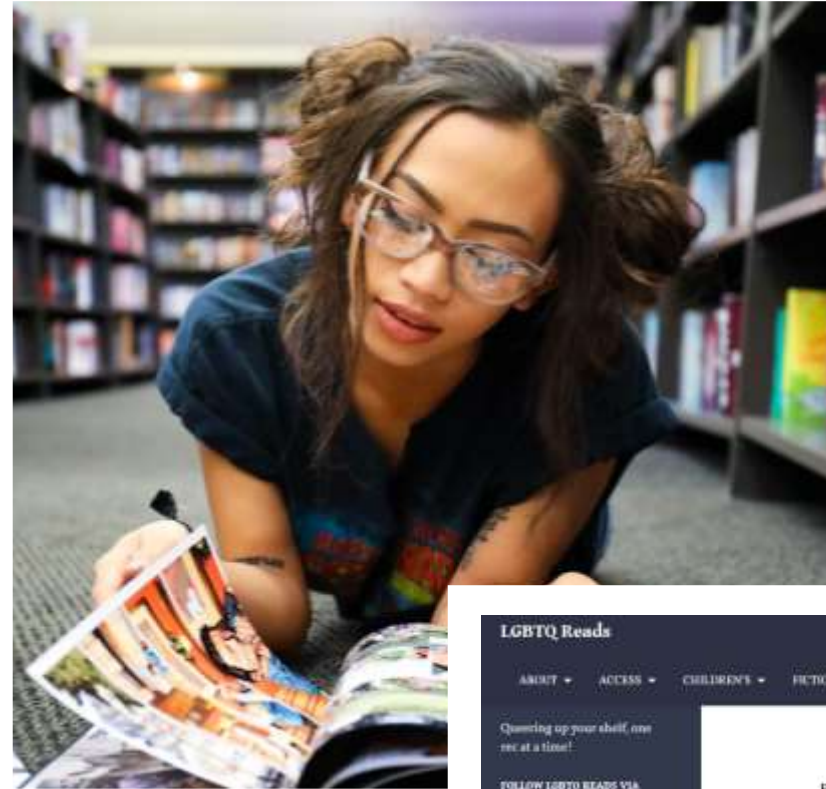   - Relevant Blogs
    - Summaries & Reviews

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LGBTQ Reads

ABOUT ▾   ACCESS ▾   CHILDREN'S ▾   FICTION ▾   ILLUSTRATED WORK   MIDDLE GRADE ▾   NON-FICTION ▾

Queering up your shelf, one rec at a time!

FOLLOW LGBTQ READS VIA EMAIL

Email Address

FOLLOW

FIND LGBTQ READS ELSEWHERE!

Buy me a coffee

FAVE FIVE

FAVE FIVE: LGBTQ YA SUPERHERO NOVELS

OCTOBER 21, 2016   DAHLIA ADLER   5 COMMENTS

Not Your Sidekick by CB Lee (B)

Dreadnought by April Daniels (T)

Hero by Perry Moore (G)

Rise of Heroes by Hayden Thorne (G)
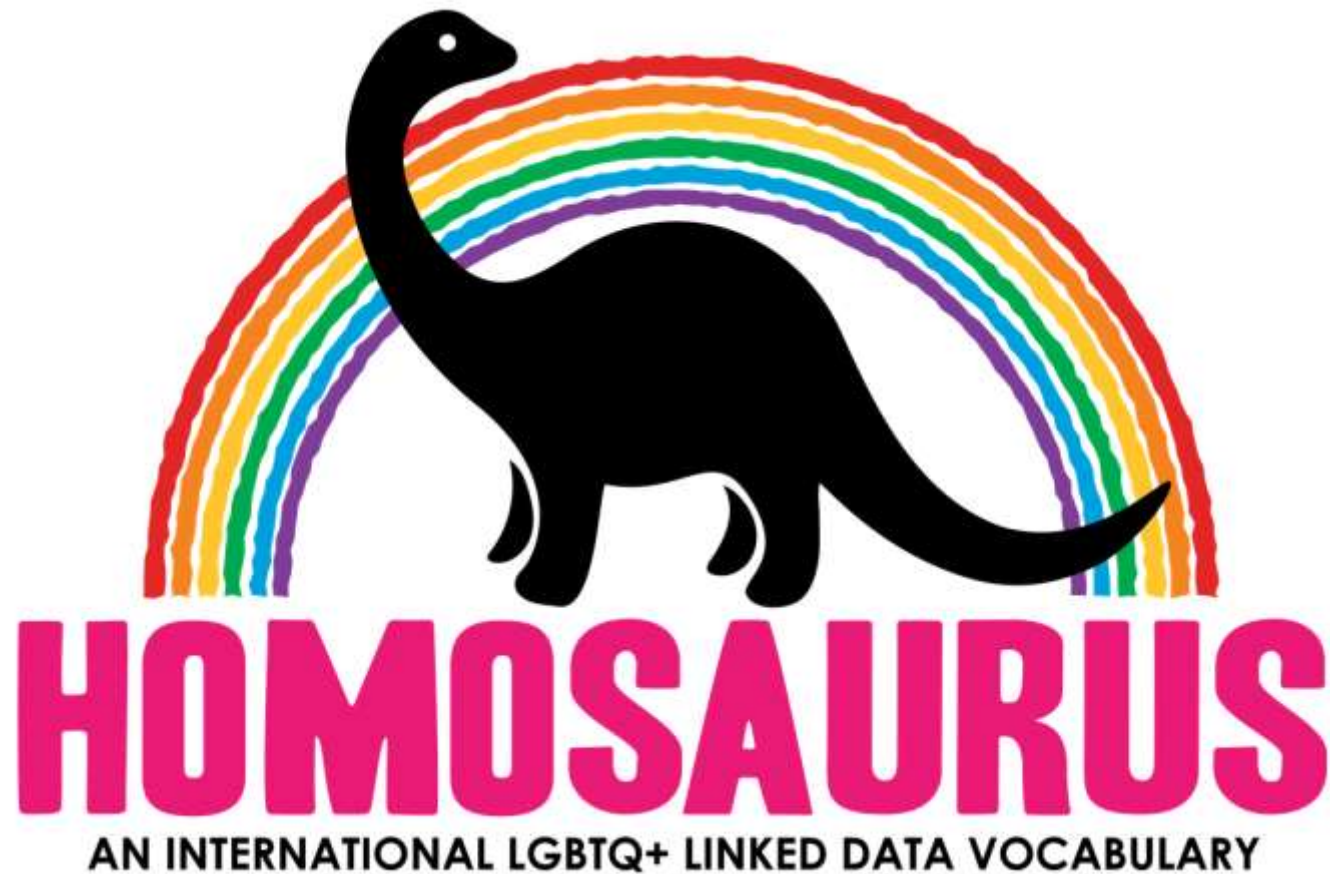
Junior Hero Blues by J.K. Pendragon (G)

https://lgbtqreads.com/2016/10/21/fave-five-lgbtq-ya-superhero-novels/

Did They Stick?

○ Automated subject heading changes

092		326.809|bAf8
245	00	After slavery :|bemancipation and its disconte
260		London ;|aPortland, OR :|bFrank Cass,|c2000
300		310 pages ;|c23 cm.
336		text|2rdacontent
337		unmediated|2rdamedia
338		volume|2rdacarrier
490	1	Studies in slave and post-slave societies and
500		"This group of studies first appeared as a spe
504		Includes bibliographical references and index.
505	00	|tEmancipation in Haiti /|rCarolyn Fick --|tAb --|tRiots and resistance in the Caribbean at the mor empire /|rChristopher Schmidt Nowara --|tUnfinishe /|rStanley Engerman.
650	0	Slaves|xEmancipation|xHistory.
650	0	Freed persons|xHistory.
700	1	Temperley, Howard.
730	0	Slavery & abolition.|nVol. 17, no. 1 (Special issue)|

After slavery : emancipation and its discontents
Howard Temperley.

Other author/creator	Temperley, Howard.
Format	Book and Print
Publication Info	London ; Portland, OR : Frank Cass, 2000.
Description	310 pages ; 23 cm.
Subject(s)	Slaves--Emancipation –History. Freedmen--History.

Look at the whole system!

https://homosaurus.org/

Applying New Vocabularies

"The Homosaurus is an international linked data vocabulary of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) terms. This vocabulary is intended to function as a companion to broad subject term vocabularies, such as the Library of Congress Subject Headings. Libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions are encouraged to use the Homosaurus to support LGBTQ research by enhancing the discoverability of their LGBTQ resources."

Homosaurus terms

◦ Children of bisexual people

◦ Children of gay men

◦ Bisexual parents (also LCSH)

◦ Gay parents (also LCSH)

Love & leftovers : a novel in verse / Sarah Tregay.

Author/creator	Tregay, Sarah
Format	Book and Print
Edition	1st ed.
Publication Info	New York, NY : Katherine Tegen Books, ©2012.
Description	432 pages ; 19 cm
Subject(s)	Interpersonal relations--Fiction. Families--Fiction. Moving, Household--Fiction. Bisexuality--Fiction. New Hampshire--Fiction. Iowa--Fiction.

Tools

Place Hold

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More information about this title

Variant title	Love and leftovers
Abstract	When her father starts dating a man, fifteen-year-old Marcie's depressed mother takes her to New Hampshire but just as Marcie starts falling for a great guy her father brings her back to Iowa, where all of her relationships have become strained.

https://librarycatalog.ecu.edu/catalog/3291435

Homosaurus terms

○ Anti-transgender violence

○ Transgender youth (also LCSH)

○ Coming out (also LCSH, with qualifier Sexual orientation)

650 \7 Anti-transgender violence. |2homoit

Beautiful Music for Ugly Children / Kirstin Cronn-Mills.

Author/creator	Cronn-Mills, Kirstin, 1968-
Format	Book and Print
Edition	1st ed.
Publication Info	Woodbury, Minn. : Flux, ©2012.
Description	271 pages ; 21 cm
Subject(s)	Transgender people--Fiction.
	Disc jockeys--Fiction.
	High schools--Fiction.
	Schools--Fiction.

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Abstract   "Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school"-- Provided by publisher.

https://librarycatalog.ecu.edu/catalog/3290288

A Respectful Shift

◦ Updating cutter numbers
  ◦ Shift from .N to .B

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