

LIB3 - Information Competency

Assignment 1 - Library of Congress Subject Headings

Purpose

- To gain knowledge of the structure of the *Library of Congress Subject Headings*.
- To become familiar with the concept of controlled vocabulary.
- To become familiar with hierarchical relationships within a subject heading.

Instruction

For this assignment, you need to consult the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (*LCSH*, the five big red volumes, organized alphabetically, and usually located near the Reference Desk. Using the correct volume would help you in finding the subject headings listed below. Ask help from the reference librarian on-duty if you could not locate these books. Read the questions carefully, then answer all points for each subject heading.

Part I

A. Subject heading: **Fatigue**

1. List one of the narrower topics for **Fatigue**
2. The term **Fatigue** is used for what other terms?
3. This main heading gives a good example of a topic being found under different classifications. How many subject classifications the term **Fatigue** belong to?
4. List one subject classification and its classification number, also known as call number.

B. Subject heading: **Electronic Information Resources**

1. List one of the narrower topics for this main heading.
2. What is the subdivision for this main heading?
3. This main heading is used for what other terms?

C. Subject heading: **Databases**

1. What are the broader topics for **Databases**?
2. List all subdivisions of this main heading.

3. List the two subject classifications and call numbers that this main heading belongs.

D. Subject heading: **Electronic funds transfers**

1. What are the related topics for this main heading?
2. List all subdivisions for this heading.
3. What is the subdivision of the subdivision **Security measures**?
4. What is the broader topic for the subdivision **Law and legislation**?

E. Subject heading: **Medals**

1. What are the broader topics for this main heading?
2. List all subdivisions for this heading.
3. This main heading **Medals** is used for what other terms? (There are four other terms listed here).
4. List one of the narrower topics for this heading.
5. What are the classification numbers for this heading? Hint: Classification numbers are indicated in between brackets [].

Part II.

List 2 or more subject headings that are appropriate for your final project topic. List some of the Broader Terms (BT), Narrower Terms (NT), Related Terms (RT) and subdivisions of the subject headings. (Subdivisions are the terms that follow a dash --).