Report on Library and Archives Canada (LAC), Published Heritage Branch

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**Canadian Subject Headings (CSH)**

[Canadian Subject Headings](https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/services/canadian-subject-headings/Pages/about-csh.aspx#b) (CSH) is a list of access points in the English language, using controlled vocabulary, to express the subject content of documents on Canada. The scope of CSH is mostly limited to the Canadian cultural, economic, historical, literary, political and social experience, with few subject headings in other fields of study. While the headings in CSH are only in the English language, they have French language equivalents in *Répertoire de vedettes-matière* (RVM), published by the Bibliothèque de l'Université Laval (in Quebec City).

LAC makes copies of the complete CSH file in MARC21 freely available via SFTP to libraries and other organizations, to load into their own systems. For information about how to access CSH using WMS Record Manager, or to obtain an account to download CSH, please contact LAC at bac.servicesauxbibliotheques-libraryservices.lac@canada.ca

**CSH Statistics**

Here are the statistics from July 2019 to June 2020:

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| Adding New CSH | 5 |
| Deleting CSH | 18 |
| Replacing CSH | 206 |

In May-June 2020, we worked on cleaning CSH records, which explains the high number of replacing in CSH. The data clean up includes:

* Some headings could better be suited in LCSH, rather than CSH. These records are deleted from CSH once identified. We are making LCSH proposals to these headings;
* Some names were migrated to CSH file. These headings were deleted from CSH file, but could be established in the Canadiana file and/or LC/NACO file;
* Review general subdivisions ($x) vs. form subdivisions ($v) in the records; add new or update CSH records if necessary;
* Review and update coded values in Control subfield $w in 5XX See Also From Tracing Fields to align with MARC 21 authority standards.

**Classification and Subject Headings related to Indigenous Peoples**

Because the language describing Indigenous materials in CSH is often not reflective of the terminology preferred by First Nation, Inuit and Métis Nation communities in Canada, in 2019, LAC started a review of CSH headings. LAC is developing replacements using the term "Indigenous" for occurrences of the word "Indian" or "aboriginal" in preferred headings.

LAC is participating on the [Canadian Federation of Library Associations](http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/home-page/) (CFLA) and their [Indigenous Matters Committee](http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/about/committees/indigenous_matters_committee/) (IMC) and is consulting with this group on changes to CSH to ensure a culturally appropriate and respectful approach is taken.

In August 2018 the IMC Joint Committee on Classification and Subject Headings Working Group began to develop an Indigenous ontology. As a first step, with representatives from across the country, the Working Group collected the names of Indigenous communities using the terminology they used to describe themselves. In June 2019, on Indigenous Peoples Day, the IMC released this list as the [First Nations, Métis, Inuit - Indigenous Ontology (FNMIIO)](https://nationalindigenousknowledgeandlanguagealliance.home.blog/2019/06/21/first-nations-metis-and-inuit-indigenous-ontologies-fnmiio/). As a result of the work done by this Working Group it was recognized that in order to continue to develop and maintain the infrastructure necessary to complete and fully realize the goals of the FNMIIO, a national strategy is needed outlining support, resources and best practices.

To advance this project, CFLA Indigenous Matters and Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee Joint Task Force on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Subject Headings will develop a proposal for a strong national strategy for the development and management of subject heading authorities related to Indigenous peoples, cultures, languages and places in Canada for use in libraries, archives, knowledge organizations, and memory and heritage institutions. This strategy will include recommendations for a sustainable resource base and a direction that includes Indigenous leadership, collaboration, and ongoing consultation.

**LAC, NACO and PFAN**

LAC continues to contribute English-language name authorities to the NACO file as it has been doing since 2018. SACO contributions also continue.

Unique English-language name authorities previously found in the bilingual Canadiana file are gradually being added by LAC to the NACO file, but the process will take time. Once an authority record is added to the NACO file, a 667 note in the NACO record identifies it as a part of LAC’s “Canadiana Conversion Project” and indicates that a minimal amount of revision work has been done to the record.

The Canadiana Name Authorities in French were migrated into OCLC WorldShare in 2018. These headings are available in Record Manager (not Connexion) for controlling and searching and as with CSH can be downloaded from an LAC SFTP server. Since 2018, LAC has created its name authority records directly in WorldShare . The English-language authority records are created in the LC/NACO file of the [Name Authority Cooperative Program](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/). LAC creates French-language authority records in the Canadiana file. Beginning in the spring of 2020, as part of the new Francophone Name Authority Program (PFAN), French-language name authorities are also added to the Canadiana file by Québec library members of the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire. For more information on PFAN, please contact bac.pfan-fnap.lac@canada.ca

**LAC and MARC21**

The Standards and Systems team updated the French pages in [www.marc21.ca](http://www.marc21.ca) to reflect MARC Updates no. 28 (May 2019), no. 29 (November 2019), and no. 30 (May 2020). **Code lists** in French have been updated according to the TECHNICAL NOTICES on the Library of Congress Website for the period of February 21 to March 13, 2020.

**LAC and CST**

Updates to the Core Subject Thesaurus (or CST) web site will be posted in June. CST is a thesaurus of terminology that LAC maintains for use by the Government of Canada in its web page metadata. This site includes an updated list of changes since 2016, the most recent version of the thesaurus database in French and English (last updated in Feb. 2019) and general content and link maintenance.