

REVISION OF HEADINGS FOR COOKING AND COOKBOOKS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DECISIONS

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The ABA Policy and Standards Division of the Library of Congress announced the intention to modernize the subject headings treatment for cooking and cookbooks on September 18, 2009, and published a discussion paper (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/cooking.pdf>), which included an open call for comment from interested parties. The responses received raised additional issues that were addressed in a follow-up paper published on December 23, 2009 (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/cooking2.pdf>).

DECISION: COOKBOOKS

There was unanimous support for establishing **Cookbooks** as a topical subject heading and general agreement on establishing **Cookbooks** as a genre/form heading. PSD therefore plans to authorize these headings as part of the revisions.

DECISION: COOKERY vs. COOKING

The term **Cooking** will be used to replace the term **Cookery** in the subject headings. A **scope note** will be written to state explicitly that the term “Cooking” is used broadly to include food preparation of any kind, regardless of whether or not heat is applied.

EXAMPLES:

Old form::

Cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Cookery--Louisiana--New Orleans
Cookery, American--Midwestern style
Cookery, Chinese--Sichuan style
Cookery, Indic--Calcutta style
Cookery and architecture (*May Subd Geog*)
Cookery for the sick
Cookery in art
Dutch oven cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Holiday cookery (*May Subd Geog*)
Islamic cookery
Jewish cookery
Lunchbox cookery
Mexican American cookery

New form:

Cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking--Louisiana--New Orleans
Cooking, American--Midwestern style
Cooking, Chinese--Sichuan style
Cooking, Indic--Calcutta style
Cooking and architecture (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking for the sick (*May Subd Geog*)
Cooking in art
Dutch oven cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Holiday cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Islamic cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Jewish cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Lunchbox cooking (*May Subd Geog*)
Mexican American cooking (*May Subd Geog*)

DECISION: SPECIFIC FOOD PRODUCTS AND THEIR USE AS INGREDIENTS

There does not appear to be a consensus on the issue of how to deal with cooking involving a specific ingredient. Each of the options that have been presented has distinct

advantages, but also distinct disadvantages. For this reason, PSD has decided not to change the basic structure of these headings, except that the word "Cooking" will be used instead of "Cookery."

Old form:

Cookery (Asparagus)

New form:

Cooking (Asparagus)

We will, however, adopt a new standard reference pattern for these headings, which will provide access from the various alternative forms that have been discussed.

Cooking (Asparagus)

UF Asparagus--Use in cooking

UF Cooking with asparagus

DECISION: RECIPES AND RECIPES FOR SPECIAL TYPES OF DIETS

As stated in the first discussion paper, headings for **Recipes** and recipes for special types of diets will be unchanged.

The *Subject Headings Manual*, H 1475, *Cooking and Cookbooks*, will be revised. The new version will be made available at the time of implementation of the new cataloging practices.

The target date for implementation of these decisions is late May/early June 2010.