



The Research and Decision-Making Process at CCS

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Motions Passed in FY2021

- Replace “Illegal Aliens” subject headings with the 2016 recommendations from the ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee’s (SAC) Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH “Illegal Aliens.”
- Local headings will continue to be used now that LC has updated the “Illegal aliens” headings.
- Allow Homosaurus subject headings for LGBTQ+ topics in the CCS database.
- Allowing an additional controlled vocabulary for Spanish language materials

Replacements for Illegal Aliens

Previous LCSH Subject Headings	LC 2021 Decision	Sears	MESH/ERIC	ASCL	CU Boulder Libraries/SAC 2016 recommendation
Aliens	Noncitizens	Noncitizens		foreigners	Noncitizens
Illegal Aliens	Illegal immigration	Unauthorized immigrants	Undocumented immigrants	undocumented migrants	Undocumented immigrants
Alien detention centers	Noncitizen detention centers				Immigrant detention centers
Children of illegal aliens	Children of noncitizens				Children of undocumented immigrants
Illegal alien children	Noncitizen children				Undocumented immigrant children
Illegal aliens in literature	Noncitizens in literature				Undocumented immigrants in literature
Women illegal aliens	Women noncitizens				Women undocumented immigrants

Identify the Replacement Options

Identify the Options for LGBTQ+ Vocabularies

- Two controlled vocabularies are freely available online:
 - Homosaurus
 - Gender, sex, and sexual orientation (GSSO) ontology
- Local subject headings

HOW DO PATRONS SEARCH?

IMMIGRATION SEARCHES

Search Term (May 2018-January 2021)	Count	Percentage
Illegal alien	8	1.06%
Illegal aliens	43	5.70%
illegal immigrant	1	0.13%
Illegal immigrants	11	1.46%
Immigrant	56	7.43%
Immigrants	111	14.72%
Immigration	414	54.91%
noncitizen	2	0.27%
noncitizens	3	0.40%
unauthorized immigrants	2	0.27%
Unauthorized immigration	2	0.27%
Undocumented	73	9.68%
undocumented immigrant	7	0.93%
undocumented immigrants	20	2.65%
undocumented migrants	1	0.13%
Total	754	

LGBTQ+ SEARCHES

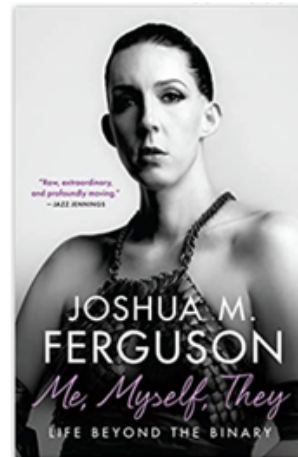
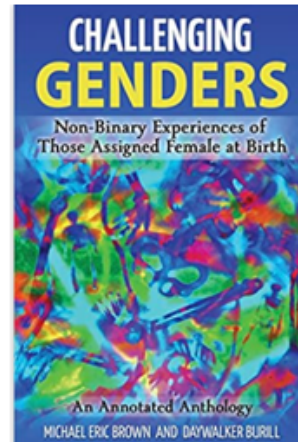
Terms (including part of known titles)	Number of Searches (2018-2021)
Gender-nonconforming people	11
Non-binary (with or without hyphen)	65
Polyamory	34
Non-monogamous	5
Trans	63
Transgender	1606
Queer	163
Sexual minorities	20
LGBTQ	104

How does searching with specific terms impact the user's experience?

NOTE: Records Retrieved = Number of results for a Palatine search / Total records containing "illegal aliens" in CCS catalog. The number of electronic resources records that patrons do not have access to were not accounted for when calculating the recall ratio, nor were the records examined to ascertain the relevancy of the results.

Search	Number of records retrieved	Percentage of records retrieved
Keyword - Illegal aliens	536	91.2%
Subject - Illegal aliens	511	86.9%
Keyword - Unauthorized immigration	11	1.9%
Keyword - Unauthorized immigrants	15	2.5%
Keyword - Undocumented immigrants	101	17.2%
Keyword - undocumented migrants	13	2.2%

Demonstrate
the value in a
presentation



Example: Non-Binary People

- Although transgender subject headings exist, the current LCSH terms for non-binary people are not the currently preferred term:
 - Gender-nonconformity
 - Gender-nonconforming people
- Gender-nonconformity depicts a bias that believes in the adherence to gender stereotypes of a binary gender system.
- Non-Binary is the term most used by CCS library patrons.
- Homosaurus terms:
 - Non-binary people
 - Assigned female
 - Assigned male

The Decision-Making Process at CCS

	Advisory Group	CCS Staff	Technical Group	Governing Board
No change to workflow AND No financial or HR impact	Recommend	Approve	Informed	Informed
Change to workflow AND No financial or HR impact	Recommend		Approve	Informed
Financial or HR Impact OR Addition of service OR Policy change	Recommend		Recommend	Approve

The Executive Committee Opinion

- Executive Committee is a subset of the Governing Board.
- Adding new terms or correcting existing terms increases access points.
- It is appropriate for CCS to work with library staff to move forward with allowing terms from additional thesauri without approval.
- EC approval is only necessary when LCSH terms are replaced.

SCRAP Advisory Group's Original Opinion

- SCRAP (Standard Cataloging Rules and Practices Advisory Group) members voiced their concern over vocabulary that contradicts LCSH or common meanings, as well as sexually explicit terms.
- SCRAP recommended reviewing Homosaurus to select the most appropriate terms for CCS.
- After SCRAP makes a policy recommendation, a technical group needs to approve it.
- Homosaurus terms that are contradictory:
 - Bears – LCSH term for an animal
 - Cubs – not LCSH but animal related
 - Faeries – not LCSH, but mythical creature
 - Goldilocks – not LCSH but fictional character
 - Metis – Metís is a tribe's name
 - Pups – not LCSH but animal related
 - Slaves (as a BDSM role) – LCSH, should be used for actual slavery
 - Sodomites – not LCSH, but biblical
 - Ali – a common name

CCS Staff Members' Opinion

- CCS staff discussed the SCRAP opinion to make a recommendation to the technical group.
- CCS's preference was to vote on a motion to allow all terms from Homosaurus in the CCS database.
- CCS is interested in adding the vocabulary to be more inclusive and doesn't want to limit terms.
- Objectionable Homosaurus terms are more relevant to archives and special libraries than public libraries.
- The workload required to review and select terms, and maintain the list is not the best use of SCRAP's time.
- We analyzed a list of commonly used search terms and compared them to Homosaurus to identify problematic terms.
- A catalog handbook page includes guidance on how to best use your Cataloger's judgement when applying terms.

CAMM Approved the Motion

- After SCRAP approves a recommendation, CAMM votes to approve the policy change.
- My presentation included an explanation of how the cataloging handbook could include guidance on applying Homosaurus terms.
- The motion passed to allow all Homosaurus terms within the guidelines of the catalog manual (Catalog Wiki).
- CCS also announced the plan to provide Homosaurus training with a member of the editorial board.

CCS Local Practices for Homosaurus

- LCSH terms are retained.
- Homosaurus terms are not added when it is the same as the LCSH term or the same meaning in a different word order.
- Homosaurus doesn't distinguish between subject and genre headings, but CCS does place genres in the 655 as is done with other genre headings.
- Avoid adding terms with other more commonly used meanings, i.e. types of animals.
- Add the equivalent “queer” term when an “LGBTQ+” term is applied to accommodate the search habits of the patrons and how community members self-identify.
- [Homosaurus Handbook Page](#)



2022

Title: Never silent : ACT UP and my life in activism

Author: [Staley, Peter, author.](#)

Format: Book

Publisher, Date: Chicago, Illinois : Chicago Review Press, [2022]
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Description: xiii, 269 pages : illustrations ; 23 cm

Summary: "Never Silent tells previously untold stories of the life of the leading subject of David France's How To Survive A Plague, Peter Staley, including his continuous activism to find treatments and public health interventions. The previously untold stories of the life of the leading subject in David France's How To Survive A Plague, Peter Staley, including his continuing activism In 1987, somebody shoved a flyer into the hand of Peter Staley: massive AIDS demonstration, it announced. After four years on Wall Street as a closeted gay man, Staley was familiar with the homophobia common on trading floors. He also knew that he was not beyond the reach of HIV, having recently been diagnosed with AIDS-Related Complex. A week after the protest, Staley found his way to a packed meeting of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power--ACT UP--in the West Village. It would prove to be the best decision he ever made. ACT UP would change the course of AIDS, pressuring the National Institutes of Health, the FDA, and three administrations to finally respond with research that ultimately saved millions of lives. Staley, a shrewd strategist with nerves of steel, organized some of the group's most spectacular actions, from shutting down trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to putting a giant condom over the house of Senator Jesse Helms. Never Silent is the inside story of what brought Staley to ACT UP and the explosive and sometimes painful years to follow--years filled with triumph, humiliation, joy, loss, and persistence. Never Silent is guaranteed to inspire the activist within all of us. " -- Provided by publisher.

Subjects: [Staley, Peter.](#)

[ACT UP \(Organization\)](#)

[AIDS activists -- United States -- Biography.](#)

[AIDS \(Disease\) -- United States -- History.](#)

[LGBTQ+ activists.](#)

Genre: [Autobiographies.](#)

[LGBTQ+ biographies.](#)

[Gay biographies.](#)

[Queer biographies.](#)

ISBN 1641601426



2021



Title: [Areli is a dreamer : a true story](#)

Author: [Morales, Areli, author.](#)

Edition: First edition.

Format: Book

Publisher, Date: New York : Random House Studio, 2021
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Description: 1 volume (unpaged) : color illustrations ; 27 x 29 cm

Summary: "In the first picture book written by a DACA dreamer, Areli Morales tells her own powerful and vibrant *immigration* story of moving from a quiet town in Mexico to the bustling and noisy metropolis of New York City"-- Provided by publisher.

Audience: Ages 3-7. Random House Children's Books.
Grades K-1. Random House Children's Books.

Subjects: [Morales, Areli -- Childhood and youth -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals \(U.S.\) -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Mexicans -- New York \(State\) -- New York -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Undocumented immigrants -- United States -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Undocumented immigrant children -- New York \(State\) -- New York -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Immigrant children -- New York \(State\) -- New York -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[New York \(N.Y.\) -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.](#)
[Puebla de Zaragoza \(Mexico\) -- Biography -- Juvenile literature.](#)

Genre: [Autobiographies.](#)
[Picture books.](#)

Other Author: [Uribe, Luisa, illustrator.](#)

ISBN 9781984893994

Recommendations for Getting Buy-In

- Create a presentation with examples to demonstrate how beneficial the new vocabulary will be to the catalog.
- Create a couple examples in your catalog of records with the new terms and authority records for those terms.
- Feel free to use the [CCS PAC](#) for demonstrations of searching for items with these [Homosaurus terms](#) or immigration terms in them.
- Include ideas for the cataloging handbook section in the presentation.
- Feel free to use the CCS cataloging handbook pages on [Homosaurus](#) and [Immigration Subject Headings](#) as examples of cataloging policy.
- Create a report of search terms to compare the number of times that users searched with the recommended terms compared to the equivalent LCSH term.
- Create a training plan.

Resources

- [CCS Cataloging Handbook Page on Immigration Subject Headings](#)
- [CCS Cataloging Handbook Page Homosaurus Handbook Page](#)
- [Report of the SAC Working Group on Alternatives to LCSH "Illegal aliens"](#)
- [Homosaurus](#) – An International LGBTQ+ Linked Data Vocabulary