

## **Library of Congress Geographic Sub Headings**

When to use 651 and when to use topical heading subdivided geographically:

Use geographic place subject heading (651) when predominant interest is focused on an area or political entity for example history, geography, or government.

The history of Turkey.  
651; 0;a Turkey \$x History.

Guidebook to Orlando, Florida.  
651; 0;a Orlando (Fla.) \$v Guidebooks.

Government in Paris.  
65l; 0;a Paris (France) \$x Politics and government.

Enter under subject and subdivide by place (if possible) for topics that are primarily of interest for the subject matter, regardless of place.

Business libraries in the South.  
650; 0;a Business libraries \$z Southern States.

Traveling by car in the U.S.  
650; 0;a Automobile travel \$z United States.

Riverboats on the Mississippi River.  
650; 0;a River boats \$z Mississippi River.

Water pollution in Lake Erie.  
650; 0;a Water \$x Pollution \$z Erie, Lake.

## **Jurisdictional names**

Countries, principalities, territories, states, provinces, counties, cities, etc. Not always in LCSH. Use AACR2R form of name for subject headings.

Examples:

Bavaria, Germany  
651; 0;a Bavaria (Germany)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Germany \$z Bavaria.

Great Britain

651; 0;a Great Britain.  
651; 0;a Birds \$z Great Britain.

St. Louis, Missouri  
651; 0;a Saint Louis (Mo.)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Missouri \$z Saint Louis.

London, England  
651; 0; London (England)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z England \$z London.

### **Non-jurisdictional names**

Natural features and man-made structures associated with places: archaeological sites, historic cities, areas and regions, canals, farms, ranches, gardens, parks, recreation areas, rivers, lakes, etc. Usually in LCSH.

Examples:

Southern Africa  
651; 0;a Africa, Southern.  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Africa, Southern.

Big Bend National Park  
651; 0;a Big Bend National Park (Tex.)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Texas \$z Big Bend National Park.

Black Hills National Forest  
651; 0;a Black Hills National Forest (S.D. and Wyo.)  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Black Hills National Forest (S.D. and Wyo.)

Missouri River  
651; 0;a Missouri River.  
650; 0;a Birds \$z Missouri River.

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