Standing Up and Sitting In: Libraries and Social Change
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The Library of Congress provides a rich set of pre-coordinated subject headings related to libraries and social change. The most important of these are **Libraries and community** and **Libraries and society**, both of which may be subdivided geographically. Additional pre-coordinated headings that are relevant to this topic, all of which may be subdivided geographically, include:

Community development libraries	**Libraries and people with disabilities**
Gay libraries	**Libraries and people with mental disabilities**
Internet access for library users	**Libraries and people with social disabilities**
Libraries and adult education	**Libraries and people with visual disabilities**
Libraries and bisexuals	**Libraries and preschool children**
Libraries and blacks	**Libraries and prisons**
Libraries and caregivers	**Libraries and public welfare administration**
Libraries and children with disabilities	**Libraries and schools**
Libraries and communism	**Libraries and sexual minorities**
Libraries and continuing education	**Libraries and state**
Libraries and distance education	**Libraries and students**
Libraries and Eskimos	**Libraries and teachers**
Libraries and education	**Libraries and teenagers**
Libraries and families	**Libraries and transgender people**
Libraries and gays	**Libraries and transsexuals**
Libraries and illiterate persons	**Libraries and the blind**
Libraries and immigrants	**Libraries and the deaf**
Libraries and Indians	**Libraries and the developmentally disabled**
Libraries and labor	**Libraries and the hearing impaired**
Libraries and labor unions	**Libraries and the homeless**
Libraries and lesbians	**Libraries and the mentally ill**
Libraries and linguistic minorities	**Libraries and the poor**
Libraries and mass media	**Libraries and the unemployed**
Libraries and metropolitan areas	**Libraries and women**
Libraries and minorities	**Library legislation**
Libraries and new literates	**Library outreach programs**
Libraries and older people	**Library planning**

The Library of Congress has also established several relevant subdivisions, all of which may be subdivided geographically, under the general headings **Libraries**, **Librarians**, and **Library science**:

Libraries – Aims and Objectives	**Libraries – Public relations**
Libraries – Censorship	**Librarians – Professional ethics**
Libraries – Cultural programs	**Library science – Moral and ethical aspects**
Libraries – History	**Library science – Sociological aspect**

When works are published dealing with ethnic groups and libraries in America, the Library of Congress will establish headings combining the name of the ethnic group with the word libraries. Established headings of this sort include:

African Americans and libraries	**Hispanic Americans and libraries**
Asian Americans and libraries	**Hungarian Americans and libraries**
Cambodian Americans and libraries	**Mexican Americans and libraries**
German Americans and libraries	**Romanies and libraries**

The free-floating subdivision **Political activity** can be used under names of corporate bodies, classes of people, types of industries, etc; for example, **Librarians – Political activity**. And the free-floating subdivisions **Social aspects**, **Political aspects**, and **Philosophy** can be used under topical headings; for example, **Libraries – Social aspects**, **Libraries – Political aspects**, and **Library science – Philosophy**.

Finally, the Library of Congress provides a number of topical headings, all of which may be subdivided geographically except as noted, that can be combined using Boolean **and** in a subject keyword search with the truncated term **librar*** to search for works on libraries and social change:

Charities	**Labor movement**
City planning	**Lobbying**
Civic improvement	**Organizational change**
Civic leaders	**Political activists**
Civil rights	**Political participation**
Civil society	**Pressure groups**
Community activists	**Privacy, Right of**
Community development	**Progress** (not subdivided geographically)
Community life	**Public welfare**
Community organization	**Racism**
Democracy	**Radicalism**
Discrimination	**Race relations** (not subdivided geographically)
Economic development	**Reading promotion**
Economic policy (not subdivided geographically)	**Regional planning**
Feminism	**Sexism**
Feminists	**Social action**
Freedom of information	**Social change**
Freedom of speech	**Social classes**
Globalization	**Social history** (not subdivided geographically)
Human rights	**Social participation**
Human services	**Social planning**
Indigenous peoples	**Social policy** (not subdivided geographically)
Intellectual freedom	**Social problems**