

Subject Heading Practice for Nunavut

The new territory of Nunavut was formed through the division of the Northwest Territories into two territories on April 1, 1999. Nunavut includes part of the mainland area of the Northwest Territories as it existed prior to that date, most of the islands in the Arctic Ocean to the north of the mainland area, and the islands in Hudson Bay, Hudson Strait, James Bay and Ungava Bay that were part of the Northwest Territories.

The area constituting the remainder of the pre-April 1, 1999 Northwest Territories will continue to use the name "Northwest Territories".

Headings for Nunavut and Northwest Territories

The name heading for Nunavut will be "**Nunavut**". It may also be assigned as a subject heading.

The subject heading **Nunavut (N.W.T.)** is no longer valid for works on this territory.

The name heading for the remaining portion of the pre-April 1, 1999 Northwest Territories will be "**Northwest Territories**". It may also be assigned as a subject heading.

Qualifiers and Geographic Subdivision Practice

Library and Archives Canada will apply the following practices in line with general directives in the Library of Congress' *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings*. These directives apply to works discussing both the time period before and/or after the creation of the new territory of Nunavut.

Nunavut

Works on entities or features within Nunavut:

For a geographic qualifier, use:
(Nunavut)

For a geographic subdivision, use:
--Nunavut--[local entity or geographic feature]

EXAMPLES:

Auyuittuq National Park (Nunavut) replaces **Auyuittuq National Park (N.W.T.)**
As a subdivision: **--Nunavut--Auyuittuq National Park**

Baffin Island (Nunavut) replaces **Baffin Island (N.W.T.)**
As a subdivision: **--Nunavut--Baffin Island**

Iqaluit (Nunavut) replaces **Iqaluit (N.W.T.)**
As a subdivision: **--Nunavut--Iqaluit**

Northwest Territories (the new western territory, starting April 1, 1999)

Works on entities or features within the Northwest Territories:

For a geographic qualifier, use:
(N.W.T.)

For a geographic subdivision, use:
--Northwest Territories--[local entity or geographic feature]

EXAMPLES:

Great Slave Lake (N.W.T.)

As a subdivision: **--Northwest Territories--Great Slave Lake**

Yellowknife (N.W.T.)

As a subdivision: **--Northwest Territories--Yellowknife**

Entities or geographic features shared by Nunavut and the Northwest Territories:

Works on these entities or features:

For a geographic qualifier, use:
(N.W.T. and Nunavut) when alphabetical order is prescribed, following directives in the Library of Congress' *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings* for geographic qualifiers for entities in two jurisdictions. Use the qualifier **(Nunavut and N.W.T.)** when directives prescribe placing "Nunavut" in first position in the qualifier.

For a geographic subdivision:
Subdivide directly, following directives in the Library of Congress' *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings*.

EXAMPLES:

Hornaday River (Nunavut and N.W.T.) replaces **Hornaday River (N.W.T.)**

As a subdivision: **--Hornaday River (Nunavut and N.W.T.)**
(the source of the river is in Nunavut and its mouth in the Northwest Territories)

Thelon River (N.W.T. and Nunavut) replaces **Thelon River (N.W.T.)**

As a subdivision: **--Thelon River (N.W.T. and Nunavut)**
(the source of the river is in the Northwest Territories and its mouth in Nunavut)

Victoria Island (Nunavut and N.W.T.) replaces **Victoria Island (N.W.T.)**

As a subdivision: **--Victoria Island (Nunavut and N.W.T.)**
(island is primarily in Nunavut)

For works on a topic discussed in both Nunavut and the remaining Northwest Territories, as a whole:

When a geographic subdivision is required, assign two sets of headings, one set divided by **--Nunavut**, the other by **--Northwest Territories**.

Headings for entities or geographic features which are in both one or more of the territories and a neighbouring province will be constructed according to the directives in the Library of Congress' *Subject Cataloging Manual: Subject Headings*.

EXAMPLE:

Nueltin Lake (Nunavut and Man.) replaces **Nueltin Lake (N.W.T. and Man.)**

As a subdivision: --Nueltin Lake (Nunavut and Man.)

(this lake is located primarily in Nunavut, and a small portion of it in Manitoba)

Library and Archives Canada will refer to information in the [Geographical Names of Canada database](#) to determine the correct territory for each feature or other entity.

Historical and current works on one or both territories

Library and Archives Canada will apply the following practice to works discussing Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, as a whole, or one territory or the other, before and after the creation of the territory of Nunavut:

Works on this area discussing only the time period before April 1, 1999:

For works on the area corresponding to Nunavut and the remaining Northwest Territories, as a whole:

assign **Northwest Territories**, with appropriate subdivisions.

For works on the area corresponding to only one of the two new territories:

assign either **Northwest Territories** or **Nunavut**, with appropriate subdivisions.

Works on this area discussing only the time period after April 1, 1999; or works on this area discussing both the time periods before and after April 1, 1999:

For works on Nunavut and the remaining Northwest Territories, as a whole:

assign both **Northwest Territories** and **Nunavut**, with appropriate subdivisions.

For works on only one of the two new territories:

assign either **Northwest Territories** or **Nunavut**, with appropriate subdivisions.

Canadian Subject Headings (CSH)

Changes in subject heading practice resulting from the formation of Nunavut are reflected in subject headings in CSH on the Web. Chronological subdivisions are provided under the headings **Nunavut** and **Northwest Territories**. The existing subject heading **Nunavut (N.W.T.)** was canceled as it is replaced by the name heading **Nunavut**.

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