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Resolution on Subject Headings Related to the "Poor People" Policy

WHEREAS the American Library Association in 1966 adopted a "Poor People Services Policy" (#10) that promotes, in part, "universal accessibility... of print and audio-visual materials that are available to people living in poverty and homelessness, that deal with poor people in a respectful way, and that are of practical use to these people"; and

WHEREAS that same policy encourages activities and programs "likely to reduce, if not eliminate, poverty itself"; and

WHEREAS Library of Congress subject headings can impede, affect access to vital library resources on hunger, homelessness, and poverty, as well as shaping library users' attitudes toward these topics; and

WHEREAS LC headings currently impede or distort access to much relevant material because of antiquated terminology and a failure to recognize a basic link in the subject area of homelessness in library collections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS...

a) replace PUBLIC WELFARE and PUBLIC WELFARE ADMINISTRATION with the more familiar forms WELFARE and WELFARE ADMINISTRATION;

b) humanize the current heading POOR, by transferring it to POOR PEOPLE and

c) swiftly establish the following headings and possibly designate as non-redundant social policy: CHILDREN OF THE STREET, CHILDREN OF THE HOMELESS, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, ECONOMIC POLICY, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, LAW, etc.], CORPORATE POWER, CORPORATE WELFARE, INEQUALITY, SOCIALISM, ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY, FOOD SHELTERS, HOMELESS AMERICAN WOMEN, HOMELESS BOYS, HOMELESS FAMILIES, HOMELESS FAMILIES OVERSEAS, HOMELESS SINGLES, HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL PERSONS, HOMELESS PEOPLE IN ART, HOMELESS PEOPLE'S ART, HOMELESS TEENAGERS, INTERCLASS FRIENDSHIP, LOW-INCOME HOUSING, NONCLASSIST CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, NONCLASSIST FAMILIES, POOR PARENTS, POOR PEOPLE--EMPOWERMENT, POOR PEOPLE--RIGHTS, POOR SINGLE MOTHERS, RIGHT TO SHELTER, VIOLENCE AGAINST HOMELESS PEOPLE, VIOLENCE AGAINST POOR PEOPLE, WELFARE CONSUMERS--RIGHTS, and WORKING POOR PEOPLE.

referred to ALCTS

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