

# Library of Congress Subject Headings Online

Visit <http://id.loc.gov> to begin searching for official Library of Congress Subject Headings:

The screenshot shows the Library of Congress Subject Headings search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Library of Congress logo and links for 'ASK A LIBRARIAN', 'DIGITAL COLLECTIONS', and 'LIBRARY CATALOGS'. A search box with a 'GO' button and 'Options' link is also present. Below this, the breadcrumb trail reads 'The Library of Congress > Authorities & Vocabularies > LC Subject Headings'. The main heading is 'Library of Congress Subject Headings'. The search area is titled 'Search Authorities & Vocabularies' and contains a text input field labeled 'Enter Keyword or Phrase' and a dropdown menu with the instruction 'Hold CONTROL key for 2 or more'. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'All', 'Library of Congress Subject Headings', 'Thesaurus of Graphic Materials', 'MARC List for Relators', and 'MARC List for Countries'. A 'Go' button is to the right of the dropdown. Two blue arrows point from callout boxes to the search input and the dropdown menu. The callout boxes contain the following text:

- Enter Search Terms using the main keyword that best describes your topic.** (Points to the search input field containing 'alternative energy')
- Select "Library of Congress Subject Headings." Then click "Go."** (Points to the dropdown menu and the 'Go' button)

On the left side of the page, there is a 'Details' section with a 'Library of Congress' logo and a 'URI' field containing '<http://id.loc.gov/>'. Below this is an 'About' section with text describing the Library of Congress subject access and a 'Download Entire Concept Scheme' link.

If the term you choose is not an official Library of Congress Subject Heading, there will be suggestions offered for terms that might work. Here, we find that instead of “alternative energy,” we should use “renewable energy sources.”

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The Library of Congress > Authorities & Vocabularies > Search Results for "alternative energy"

## Authorities & Vocabularies

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### Your Search

**Search Term:** alternative energy

**Vocabulary:**

# of Results: 1 results in 0.28 seconds

Do you need [assistance with your search?](#)

Search Authorities & Vocabularies

Enter Keyword or Phrase

Hold CONTROL key for 2 or more

- All
- Library of Congress Subject Headings
- Thesaurus of Graphic Materials
- MARC List for Relators
- MARC List for Countries

Go

Label	Vocabulary	Concept Type	Identifier
<a href="#">Renewable energy sources</a>	LCSH	Topical Term	sh85112837

Energy source  
energy source

Label

[Renewable energy sources](#)

Click on “Renewable Energy Sources.” This will be your “main entry” subject heading.

# Renewable energy sources

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**Details** | Visualization | Suggest Terminology

**Renewable energy sources**

**URI**  
<<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/sh85112837#concept>>

**Type**  
Topical Term

**Alternate Labels**

- > [Alternate energy sources](#)
- > [Alternative energy sources](#)
- > [Energy sources, Renewable](#)
- > [Renewable energy resources](#)
- > [Sustainable energy sources](#)

**Broader Terms**

- > [Power resources](#)
- > [Renewable natural resources](#)

**Narrower Terms**

- > [Ocean thermal power plants](#)
- > [Solar energy](#)
- > [Water-power](#)
- > [Wind power](#)

**Related Terms**

- > [Agriculture and energy](#)

**LC Classification**  
TJ807

**Created**  
1986-02-11

**Modified**  
2009-05-04 09:59:16

**Instance Of**

- > [SKOS Concept](#)

**Alternate Formats**

- > [RDF/XML](#)
- > [N-Triples](#)
- > [JSON](#)

Here you may also find some “Broader” and “Narrower” terms that can also be used in your search. Broader terms will help you find more material; for example, books about Renewable Natural Resources may also include information about Renewable Energy Sources. Narrower terms can help you focus your topic; for example, perhaps you are particularly interested in Solar Energy. It is always good to try multiple search terms to find the most information possible.

You could even browse the shelves using this call number prefix to find books about your topic. Here, books with a call number beginning with “TJ 807” will have information about Renewable Energy Sources.  
\*\*Note that this is not the only place to find books about your topic!