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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this handbook is to provide a quick reference listing of the acronyms and abbreviations encountered in the general English language literature of librarianship and information work. Selection has been based firmly on usage in the literature. The fields of archives, museums, the commercial book trade, education, translation, management and computer and micrographic technology are included selectively. The coverage is of projects, organizations, associations, information resources and services, and technical terms; abstracting, indexing and professional services and journals.

Some unofficial abbreviations are included if found in the literature. Coined computer program names which are not strictly acronyms are excluded. Where an acronym or abbreviation was originally used in a specific context but has since become a more generally used term, no reference is made to the original more specific usage.

Acronyms are used very freely in the literature of librarianship, frequently with no explanation at all, and occasionally conflicting expansions or interpretations are given. In this listing, the most accurate interpretations are supplied wherever possible, but much confusion would be avoided if writers of articles would expand abbreviations when they are first used. Since the first edition was published there has been an increasing trend for a large proportion of library/information services (both computerized and manual), conferences, exhibitors, databanks and serials to have their own obvious or contrived abbreviations or acronyms. In many cases their use seems to be an unnecessary contraction which has the sole advantage of brevity.

Arrangement and entry details

Entries are arranged in alphabetical order, letter by letter, ignoring punctuation marks and spaces; duplicated entry terms are given an identification number in brackets to facilitate cross-referencing. Abbreviations commencing with numbers follow the alphabetical sequence.

Each acronym or abbreviation is expanded in the official version where known. Some entries are not expandable, of some there is no official expansion or more than one, and of others the expansion has not been discovered at the time of writing. These last are given an interpretation in brackets.

Cross-references are supplied for organizations which have changed their names, for organizations or terms with names in several languages, and for other variations. Abbreviated terms for suggested organizations which do not exist but which have been referred to in the literature have the indication 'suggested' or 'proposal' added. In general, where an information system is operated by one body under contract to or under the sponsorship of another one, the only affiliation given is that of the operating body.

Foreign language expansions are translated where an official or semi-official

English translation has been found, and an English interpretation is supplied in brackets where known, even if the full foreign expansion is not available. The country of origin or application is given if known and if not observable from the expansion.

In some cases acronyms can be lengthened by a final 's' which often indicates 'system' or 'service' or is merely a plural. In this listing the fullest version found (except plurals) is given.

Additions and corrections

Some entries have been deleted from this edition. These were mainly for organizations where library and information activities are not the primary function. Since acronyms are constantly being created, this listing can never be entirely complete and up to date, and suggestions from users of the handbook will be welcome.

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A

- AAA** Association of Authors Agents (UK)
- AABevK** Arbeitsgemeinschaft für das Archiv- und Bibliothekswesen in der evangelischen Kirche, Sektion Bibliothekswesen. (Working group for Archives and Libraries in the Lutheran Church, Library Section, West Germany).
- AACOBS** Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographic Services
- AA code** Anglo-American cataloguing code (1908)
- AACR** Anglo-American cataloguing rules (1967)
- AACR/BT** Anglo-American cataloguing rules—British text (1967)
- AAL** Association of Assistant Librarians. (Group of Library Association, UK) (formerly LAA(1))
- AALED** Association of Assistant Librarians Eastern Division (Library Association, UK) (also known as EDAAL)
- AALL** American Association of Law Libraries (USA)
- AALS** Association of American Library Schools (USA)
- AALSED** Association of Assistant Librarians South East division (Library Association, UK) (also known as SED and SEDAAL)
- A and I** Abstracting and indexing
- AAP** Association of American Publishers (USA) (formerly ABPC)
- AARLMP** Afro-American resources and Library Manpower Project (Columbia University, USA)
- AAS** American Antiquarian Society (USA) (National research library of American history)
- AASL** American Association of School Librarians (American Library Association, USA)
- AAUCS** Australian Asian Universities Cooperation Scheme
- AAULC** Association of Atlantic Universities Librarians' Committee (Canada)
- AB** Automated bibliography
- ABA (1)** American Booksellers Association (USA)
- ABA (2)** Antiquarian Booksellers Association (International)
- ABA (3)** Australian Booksellers Association
- ABACI** (Association of Librarians, Archivists and Documentalists of the Ivory Coast)
- ABACUS (1)** AB Atomenergi Computerised User-oriented Services (Sweden)
- ABACUS (2)** Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States
- ABADCAM** Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséographes du Cameroun (Association of Librarians, Archivists, Documentalists and Museographers, Cameroon)
- ABAH** Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Archiveros de Honduras (Association of Librarians and Archivists of Honduras)
- ABASG** Aslib Biological and Agricultural Sciences Group (UK)
- ABC (1)** Abridged building classification for architects, builders & civil engineers (UK)
- ABC (2)** Africa Bibliographic Centre (Tanzania)
- ABC (3)** American Bibliographical Center (USA)
- ABC (4)** AMIGOS Bibliographic Council (USA)
- ABC (5)** Approach-by-concept (Harry Diamond Laboratories, USA)
- ABC (6)** Association of Booksellers for Children (proposal, UK)
- ABC (7)** Augmented bibliographic citation
- ABC (8)** Automation of bibliography through computerisation (American Bibliographical Center—Clio Press, USA)
- ABCL** Association of British Columbia Librarians (Canada)
- ABD (1)** Association Belge de Documentation (Belgian Association for Documentation) (also known as BVD)
- ABD (2)** Association des Bibliothécaires-Documentalistes de l'Institut d'Études sociales de l'État. (Association of Librarians and Documentalists of the State Institute of Social Studies, Belgium)
- ABDOSD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Bibliotheken und Dokumentationsstellen der Osteuropa-Südosteuropä und DDR = Forschung (East Europe and East Germany)
- ABDP** Association of British Directory Publishers (UK)
- ABEBD** Associação Brasileira de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (Brazilian Association of Library Science and Documentation Schools)
- ABF** Association des Bibliothécaires Français (France)
- ABGILA** Annals, bulletin and granthlaya of the Indian Library Association (1949-53)
- ABGRA** Asociacion de Bibliotecarios Gradu-

- ados de la República Argentina (Association of Graduate Librarians of the Republic of Argentina)
- ABHB** Annual bibliography of the history of the printed book and libraries
- ABI** Association des Bibliothèques Internationales (Association of International Libraries) (also known as AIL)
- ABIESI** Asociación de Bibliotecarios de Instituciones de Enseñanza e Investigación (Mexico)
- ABIP** African books in print (Ifc University, Nigeria)
- ABIPAR** Asociación de Bibliotecarios del Paraguay (Association of Paraguay Librarians)
- ABIPC** Abstract bulletin of the Institute of Paper Chemistry (USA)
- ABLE** Agricultural-biological literature evaluation
- ABLISS** Association of British Library and Information Science Schools (UK) (formerly SLC (3), then ABLIS (1))
- ABLS** (1) Association of British Library Schools (UK) (formerly SLC (3); now Association of British Library and Information Science Schools)
- ABLS** (2) Atlas biomedical literature system (Atlas Industries, USA)
- ABLS** (3) Bachelor of Arts in Library Science (USA)
- ABLSS** Association of British Library School Students (suggestion)
- ABNO** All-but-not-only (Possible mode of a retrieval system, suggested by R. Fairthorne)
- ABPA** Australian Book Publishers' Association
- ABPC** (1) American book prices current (USA)
- ABPC** (2) American Book Publishers Council (now Association of American Publishers, USA)
- ABPR** American book publishing record (RR Bowker, USA) (also known as BPR)
- ABQ** Association des Bibliothécaires du Québec (Canada) (also known as QLA)
- ABS** (1) Association des Bibliothécaires Suisses (Association of Swiss Librarians) (also known as ABS (2), VSB)
- ABS** (2) Associazione di Bibliotecari Svizzeri (Association of Swiss Librarians) (also known as ABS (1), VSB)
- ABSEES** (Soviet and East European abstracts series) (Glasgow University, UK)
- ABT** Arbeitsstelle für Bibliothekstechnik (Institute for Library Technology, West Germany)
- ABTICS** Abstract and book title index card service (Metals Society, UK)
- ABTPL** Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (UK) (Formerly SCOTAPLL)
- ABU** Agrupación Bibliotecológica del Uruguay
- ABUEN** Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias y Especializadas de Nicaragua
- ABYDSA** Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Sistemáticos Argentinos
- ACACE** Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education (UK)
- ACARD** Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (UK)
- ACB** (1) Asociación Costarricense de Bibliotecarios (Costa Rican Association of Librarians)
- ACB** (2) Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques (Canada) (also known as CLA (2))
- ACBCU** Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Collège et d'Université (also known as CACUL)
- ACBLF** Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française (Canada) (now Association pour l'Avancement des Sciences et des Techniques de la Documentation)
- ACCESS** (1) Argonne code center exchange and storage system (Department of Energy, USA)
- ACCESS** (2) Automated catalog of computer equipment and software systems (US Army)
- ACCESS** (3) Architecture, construction and consulting engineers special services (Stanton Municipal Library, Sydney, Australia)
- ACCESS** (4) Architects central constructional, engineering, surveying service (Greater London Council, UK)
- ACCO** Algemene Classificatie Commissie voor de Overheidsadministratie (General Classification Committee for Governmental Administration, Netherlands)
- ACCT** (Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, France)
- ACCWP** Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working Party (Aslib Computer Applications Group, UK)
- ACDB** Association du Catalogue Documentaire du Bâtiment (France)
- ACE** (1) Advisory Centre for Education (UK)
- ACE** (2) Articles in civil engineering (Bradford University, UK)
- ACEID** Asian Centre for Educational Innovation for Development (Thailand)
- ACIC** Aeronautical Chart and Information Center (US Air Force)
- ACICS** Australian consolidated industries computer services
- ACL** Association of Computational Linguistics (USA)
- ACLO** Association of Cooperative Library Organisations (USA)

- ACLS** American Council of Learned Societies (USA)
- ACM** Association for Computing Machinery (USA)
- ACMC** Association of Canadian Medical Colleges, Associate Committee on Medical School Libraries (Canada)
- ACML** Association of Canadian Map Libraries
- ACN** Alternative catalog newsletter (Johns Hopkins University, USA)
- ACOL** Advisory Committee on Libraries (Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, UK)
- ACOMPLIS** A computerised London information service (Greater London Council Research Library, UK)
- ACONDA** Activities Committee on New Directions for American Library Association Activities (USA)
- ACOOM** Advisory Committee on Orientalist Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK)
- ACORDD** Advisory Committee for the Research and Development Department (British Library, UK) (also known as BLRDDAC)
- ACORN** Associative content retrieval network (A.D. Little Inc., USA)
- ACOSEEM** Advisory Committee on Slavonic and East European Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK) (also known as ACSEEM, formerly SEEG)
- ACP** Association of Canadian Publishers (formerly Canadian Independent Publishers Association)
- ACRILIS** Australian Centre for Research in Library and Information Science (Rivcrina College of Advanced Education, New South Wales, Australia)
- ACRL** Association of College and Research Libraries (American Library Association, USA)
- ACRL-RBMS** Association of College and Research Libraries Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (American Library Association, USA)
- ACRODABA** Acronym data base (USA) (cancelled 1973)
- ACRPP** Association pour la Conservation et la Reproduction Photographique de la Presse (France)
- ACSEEM** Advisory Committee on Slavonic and East European Materials (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries, UK) (also known as ACOSEEM, formerly SEEG)
- ACSI** Association Canadienne des Sciences de l'Information (Canada)
- ACSIL** Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison (UK) (later Naval Scientific and Technical Information Centre, now Defence Research Information Centre)
- ACSP** Advisory Council on Scientific Policy (UK)
- ACSTI** Advisory Committee for Scientific and Technical Information (UK)
- ACSU** Advice Centre Servicing Unit (Consumers' Association, UK)
- ACT** Alternative Community Telephone (Sydney, Australia)
- ACTIS** Auckland Commercial and Technical Information Service (New Zealand)
- ACURIL** Association of Caribbean University and Research Institute Libraries
- ACW** Assessed course work (education)
- AD** ASTIA document or Accession document (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)
- ADAM** Advanced data management (Mitre Corp, USA)
- ADAPT** Automated data analysis using pattern recognition techniques
- ADAS** Agricultural Development Advisory Service (Ministry of Agriculture, UK)
- ADBS** Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (France) (also known as AFDBS)
- ADD (1)** Accessibility and dissemination of data (Task Group of Committee on Data for Science and Technology, Unesco)
- ADD (2)** American doctoral dissertations (Association of Research Libraries and University Microfilms, USA)
- ADD (S)** Automatic document distribution (service) (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)
- ADE** (Alternative information service, Reading, UK)
- ADEK** Allgemein Datenerhebungskatalog (West Germany)
- ADES** Association de la Documentation Économique et Sociale (France)
- ADHOC** Accessible documentation for the House of Commons (UK)
- ADI (1)** Agence de l'Informatique (France)
- ADI (2)** American Documentation Institute (now American Society for Information Science, USA)
- ADIC** Aktueel Dokumentatie-en Informatie Centrum (Current Information Centre, Amsterdam Public Library, Netherlands)
- ADIPA** (Association of Development Research and Training Institutes of Asia and the Pacific, Thailand)
- ADMIG** Australian Drug and Medical Information Group
- ADMIRE (1)** Automatic diagnostic maintenance information retrieval
- ADMIRE (2)** Adaptive decision maker in an information-retrieval environment (Stan-

ADOK

ford University, USA)
ADOK Aufbau-Dokumentation (West Germany)
ADP (1) Association of Database Producers (UK)
ADP (2) Advanced data processing
ADP (3) Automatic data processing
ADRES Army data retrieval service (US Army)
ADRS Automatic Document Request Service (British Library Lending Division, UK)
ADS (1) Anker Data Systems Ltd. (UK)
ADS (2) Automatic duplicating system (Itek Corp, USA)
ADSATIS Australian Defence Science and Technology Information System
ADSTAR Automatic document storage and retrieval
AEBIG Aslib Economics and Business Information Group (UK) (also known as EBIG, EBI)
AEC (1) Administrative, executive, clerical (Civil Service grade, UK)
AEC (2) Association of Education Committees (UK)
AECBD Army Education Central Book Depot (UK)
AECT Association for Educational Communications and Technology (USA)
AED (1) (Zentralstelle für Atomkernenergie — Dokumentation (West Germany) (also known as ZAED)
AED (2) Automatic error detection
AEDS Association for Educational Data Systems (USA)
AEEP Association of European Engineering Periodicals (initiated by UNESCO and World Federation of Engineering Organisations)
AEG Aslib Electronics Group (UK)
AEIDC Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (Alaska University, USA)
AENSE Association de l'École Nationale Supérieure des Bibliothécaires (Association of the National School of Librarianship, France)
AESF Association des Écrivains Scientifiques de France
AESIS Australian Earth Sciences Information System
AETT Association for Educational and Training Technology, (UK) (formerly APLET)
AEWIS Army Electronic Warfare Information System (US Army)
AFB (1) Arbeitsstelle für Bibliothekswesen (Institute for Library Affairs, West Germany)
AFB (2) Arbeitsstelle für das Büchereiwesen (West Germany)
AF CET Association Française pour la Cybernétique, Économique et Technique (France)

AFCRL Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories (USA)
AFDAC Association Française pour la Documentation Automatique en Chimie (France)
AFDBS Association Française des Documentalistes et des Bibliothécaires Spécialisés (France) (also known as ADBS)
AFIN Association Française des Informaticiens (France)
AFIPS American Federation of Information Processing Societies (USA)
AFLA Asian Federation of Library Associations (formerly FALA)
AFMDC Air Force Machinability Data Center (Mettcut Research Associates Inc. for US Air Force)
AFNIL Agence Francophone pour la Numérotation Internationale du Livre (France)
AFNOR Association Française de Normalisation (France)
AFR (1) Automatic field recognition
AFR (2) Automatic format recognition
AFSARI Automation for storage and retrieval of information
AGB Amerika-Gedenbibliothek (West Germany)
AGDOC Agricultural documentation (and retrieval-patents) (Derwent Publications Ltd, UK)
AGE (1) American bibliography of agricultural economics (National Agricultural Library, USA)
AGE (2) Asian Information Center for Geotechnical Engineering (Thailand)
AGLIB Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados del Istmo de Panamá (Association of graduate librarians of the Isthmus of Panama)
AGLINET Agricultural Library and Information Network (Food and Agriculture Organisation)
AGNES (Algorithm for generating structural surrogates of English Text)
AGREP Agricultural research projects (Centre for Information and Documentation, European Communities)
AGRICC Automatic generation and retrieval of information on chemical compounds
AGRICOLA Agricultural on line access (National Agricultural Library, USA) (formerly CAIN)
AGRINTER (Interamerican) Agricultural Information Network (Costa Rica)
AGRIS Agricultural Information System (Food & Agriculture Organisation)
AHIB American Health Information Bank (USA)
AHIL Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries (American Library Association, USA)

- AHIS** Automated hospital information system
- AHONDA** Ad-hoc committee on new directions for Resources and Technical Services Division (American Library Association, USA)
- AIB** Associazione Italiana Biblioteche (Italy)
- AIBA** Agricultural Information Bank for Asia (Philippines)
- AIBDA** Asociación Interamericana de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas Agrícolas (Interamerican Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists) (Costa Rica)
- AIBM** Association Internationale des Bibliothèques Musicales (International Association of Music Libraries) (also known as IAML, IVM, IVMB)
- AICARDES** Association of Arab Institutes and Centres for Economic and Social Research (Tunis)
- AICRO** Association of Independent Contract Research Organisations (UK)
- AID** (1) Air Information Division (Library of Congress, USA)
- AID** (2) Association Internationale des Documentalistes et Techniciens de l'Information (International Association of Documentalists and Information Officers, France)
- AID** (3) Association Internationale pour le Développement (Agency for International Development)
- AID** (4) Associative interactive dictionary
- AID** (5) Augmented index and digest (Information Retrieval Ltd, UK)
- AID** (6) Automatic information distribution
- AIDA** Analysis of interconnected decision areas (management term)
- AIDBA** Association Internationale pour le Développement de la Documentation, des Bibliothèques et des Archives (International Association for the Development of Documentation, Libraries and Archives in Africa)
- AIDI** Associazione Italiana per la Documentazione e l'Informazione (Italian Association for Documentation and Information)
- AIDOS** Automatisiertes Informations- und Dokumentationssystem (Automated information and documentation system, East Germany)
- AIDOTA** Analytical index to dictionaries, and other translating aids
- AID/ROCAP** Agency for International Development/Regional Office for Central America and Panama
- AID/RTAC** Agency for International Development/Regional Technical Aid Center
- AIDS** (1) Aerospace intelligence data system (IBM Corp., USA)
- AIDS** (2) Acoustic intelligence data system
- AIDS** (3) Automated information directory service (Philadelphia, USA)
- AIDS** (4) Automated information directory system (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, USA)
- AIDS** (5) Automated information dissemination system
- AIDS** (6) Automation instrument data service (Indata Ltd, UK)
- AIESI** Association Internationale des Écoles des Sciences d'Information (Switzerland)
- AIIC** (International Association of Conference Interpreters) (France)
- AI Inf Sci** Associate of the Institute of Information Scientists (UK)
- AIL** (1) Association of International Libraries (also known as ABI)
- AIL** (2) Australian Institute of Librarians (now Library Association of Australia)
- AILA** (1) Agenzia Internazionale Letteraria Artistica (Italy)
- AILA** (2) Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquée
- AIM** (1) Abridged index medicus (National Library of Medicine, USA)
- AIM** (2) Association of Information Managers (USA)
- AIMLO** Auto-instructional media for library orientation (Colorado State University, USA)
- AIMS** (1) Applied information management system (System Development Corp, USA)
- AIMS** (2) Automated instructional materials management system (System Development Corp, USA)
- AIM-TWX** Abridged index medicus — Teletype-writer exchange network (National Library of Medicine, USA)
- AINAI** African integrated network of administrative information (proposal)
- AINTD** Association de l'Institut National des Techniques de la Documentation (Association of the National Institute of Documentation Technology, France) (also known as Association - INTD)
- AIOPI** Association of Information Officers in the Pharmaceutical Industry (UK)
- AIPA** Australian Independent Publishers Association
- AIPP** American imprints publication project
- AIPPI** Association Internationale pour la protection de la Propriété Industrielle
- AIR** (1) Academic Information Retrieval (UK)
- AIR** (2) Art information register (Arts Council of Great Britain, UK)
- AIRHPER** Alberta information retrieval for health, physical education and recreation (Alberta University, Canada)
- AIRS** (1) American Information Retrieval Service (UK)
- AIRS** (2) Automatic image retrieval system

- AJS** Aeronautical Information Service (Civil Aviation Authority, UK)
- AISA** Agricultural Information Society for Asia
- AJBD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Juristisches Bibliotheks- und Dokumentationswesen (Association for Law Librarianship and Documentation, West Germany)
- AJCP** Australian joint copying project (National Library of Australia)
- AJL** Association of Jewish Libraries (USA)
- AKD** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kommunale Datenverarbeitung (Working Party of Municipal data-processing centres, Nordrhein-Westfalen, West Germany)
- AKThB** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Katholisch-Theologischer Bibliotheken (Study Group of Catholic Theological Libraries, West Germany)
- AKWAS** Author and key words in alphabetical sequence
- AKWIC** Author and key word in context
- AL** Assistant Librarian (periodical, UK)
- ALA (1)** Adult Literacy Agency (UK)
- ALA (2)** American Library Association (USA)
- ALA (3)** Associate of the Library Association (UK)
- ALA (4)** Afghan Library Association (Afghanistan)
- ALAA** Associate of the Library Association of Australia
- ALA/CSD** American Library Association/Children's Services Division (USA)
- ALADIN** Automatisering landbouwkundige documentatie-en informatieverspreiding in Nederland (Automation of agricultural information and documentation, Centre for Agricultural Publishing and Documentation, Netherlands)
- ALAI** (International Literacy and Artistic Association)
- ALA/IRO** American Library Association/International Relations Office (USA)
- ALA-ISAD** American Library Association's Information Science and Automation Division (USA)
- ALALC** Asociación Latinoamericana de Libre Comercio
- ALAP** Agricultural Libraries Association of the Philippines
- ALARM** Anaesthesia literature abstracting and retrieval method (American Society of Anesthesiologists, USA)
- ALAS** Automated literature alerting system
- ALBIS** Australian library-based information system (National Library of Australia)
- ALBOR** Asociación Latinoamericana de Bibliotecarios
- ALBSU** Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit (UK) (formerly ALU)
- LCAPP** Automatic list classification and profile production
- ALCL** Association of London Chief Librarians (UK) (formerly AMCL)
- ALCRLB** Association of Librarians in charge of Regional Library Bureaux (UK)
- ALCS** Authors' Lending and Copyright Society (UK)
- ALD** Aligned list of descriptors (organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development)
- ALE (1)** Aids to library education (Coventry City Libraries, UK)
- ALE (2)** American Librarians in Europe (No permanent headquarters)
- ALEBCI** Asociación Latinoamericana de Escuelas de Bibliotecología y Ciencias de la Información/Associação Latinoamericana de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Ciências da Informação (Latin American Association of Schools of Library and Information Sciences)
- ALECSO** Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (Egypt)
- ALEGEO** Latin American Association of Editors in the Earth Sciences (Venezuela)
- ALERTA** (Información Multidisciplinaria en la Universidad, Mexico)
- ALICE** Archivio Libri Italiani su Calcolatore Elettronico (Editrice Bibliografica, Italy)
- ALIN** Agricultural libraries information notes (National Agricultural Library, USA)
- ALIRT** Analytic library information retrieval and transfer
- ALIS (1)** Association of Librarians in Schools (UK)
- ALIS (2)** Automated library information system (Danish Technical Library)
- ALLC** Association for Literacy and Linguistic Computing (USA)
- ALLG** Australian Law Librarians Group
- ALMS (1)** Analytic language manipulation system
- ALMS (2)** Association of Little Magazines (UK)
- ALOIT** Association of Library Officers-in-Training (Australia)
- ALP (1)** Association of Little Presses (UK)
- ALP (2)** Automated library program (USA)
- ALPAC** Automatic Language Processing Advisory Committee (National Academy of Sciences — National Research Council USA)
- ALPC** Australian Library Promotion Council
- ALPHA** Automated literature processing, handling and analysis (US Army)
- ALPL** Administrators of Large Public Libraries (Canada)
- ALPS** Automated library processing services (System Development Corp, USA)
- ALPSP** Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (UK)
- ALRA** Adult Literacy Resource(s) Agency (UK)
- ALS** Automated Library Systems Ltd (UK)

- ALSA** Area Library Service Authority (Indiana, USA)
- ALSO** Area library service organisation
- ALTA** American Library Trustee Association (American Library Association, USA)
- ALTS** Automated Library Technical Services (Los Angeles Public Library, California, USA)
- ALU** Adult Literacy Unit (UK) (now Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit)
- ALWIN** Algorithmic Wiswesser notation
- AMAC** Aldermaston multi-access configuration (United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority)
- AMACUS** Automated microfilm aperture card updating system
- AMAI** Agricultural Materials Analysis Information Service (Laboratory of the Government Chemist, UK)
- AMBAC** Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, A.C. (Mexico)
- AMCL** Association of Metropolitan Chief Librarians (UK) (now Association of London Chief Librarians)
- AMCOS** Aldermaston mechanised cataloguing and-ordering system (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
- AMFIS** Automatic microfilm information system
- AMIC** (1) Aerospace Materials Information Center (US Air Force)
- AMIC** (2) Asian Mass Communication Information Centre (Singapore)
- AMIS** Agricultural management information system (Centre for Information and Documentation, European Communities)
- AMLO** Administrators of medium-sized libraries of Ontario (Canada)
- AMMLA** American Merchant Marine Library Association (USA)
- AMNIPS** Adaptive man/machine non-numeric information processing system (IBM Corp, USA)
- AMOP** Association of Mail Order Publishers (UK)
- AMPIC** Atomic and Molecular Processes Information Center (Department of Energy, USA)
- AMRC** Abadina Media Resource Centre (Nigeria)
- AMT** Automated microform terminal (Marconi Co, UK)
- AMTCL** Association for Machine Translation and Computational Linguistics (USA)
- AMTD** Automatic magnetic tape distribution (Defense Technical Information Center, USA)
- AMY** Cataloguing system at Liverpool Polytechnic Library (UK)
- ANABA** Asociación Nacional de Bibliotecarios, Archiveros y Arqueólogos (National Association of Librarians, Archivists and Archaeologists, Spain)
- ANACONDA** Ad Hoc Committee to work with Activities Committee on New Directions for American Library Association Activities (USA)
- ANAI** (1) Arab network of administrative information (Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences)
- ANAI** (2) Associazione Nazionale Archivistica Italiana (National Association of Italian Archives)
- ANB** Australian national bibliography
- ANBEF** Association Nationale des Bibliothécaires d'Expression Française (National Association of French-speaking Librarians, Belgium)
- ANCIR** Automated news clipping indexing and retrieval system (Image Systems Ltd., UK)
- ANEDA** Association Nationale d'Études pour la Documentation Automatique (France)
- ANHUL** Australian National Humanities Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANL** Australian National Library (National Library of Australia) (also known as NLA (3))
- ANNA** (Automation of Italian National bibliography in the National Library, Italy)
- ANPB** Asociación Nacional de Profesionales de Biblioteca (National Association of Professional Librarians, Cuba) (now Colegio Nacional de Bibliotecarios Universitarios)
- ANRIC** Annual National Information Retrieval Colloquium (USA)
- ANRT** Association Nationale de la Recherche Technique (France)
- ANS** Alternative News Service (USA)
- ANSA** Automatic new structure alert (Chemical data base)
- ANSBR** American national standard for bibliographic references
- ANSCR** Alpha numeric system for classification of recordings (C. Saheb-Ettaba and R.B. McFarlane, Brodart, 1969)
- ANSI** American National Standards Institute (USA)
- ANSLICS** Aberdeen and North of Scotland Library and Information Cooperative Services (UK)
- ANSOL** Australian National Social Sciences Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANSTEL** Australian National Scientific and Technological Library (National Library of Australia)
- ANTILOPE** Antwerpse inventaris van Lopende periodieken (Antwerp union catalogue of current periodicals, Belgium)
- ANUIES** Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Institutos de Enseñanza Superior (Mexico)

- ANVAR** Agence Nationale de la Valorisation de la Recherche (France)
- ANYLTS** Association of New York Libraries for Technical Service (USA)
- ANZLA** Associate of the New Zealand Library Association
- AOLC** Asolab On-line Centre (UK)
- AP** Administrative, professional
- APACE** Aldermaston project for the application of computers to engineering (UK Atomic Energy Authority)
- APADI** Asosiasi Perpustakaan, Arsip dan Dokumentasi Indonesia (Indonesian Library, Archive and Documentation Association)
- APAIS** Australian Public Affairs Information Service (National Library of Australia)
- APB** Arbeitsgemeinschaft Pädagogischer Bibliotheken und Medienzentren (Working Group of Educational Libraries and Media Centres, West Germany)
- APC** Alternative Press Center (Toronto, Canada)
- APCA** Authors and Publishers Copyright Association (proposal, UK)
- APEID** Asian programme of educational innovation for development (Unesco)
- APER** Association of Publishers' Educational Representatives (UK)
- API (1)** Alternative press index (Alternative Press Center, Toronto, Canada)
- API (2)** Architectural periodicals index (Royal Institute of British Architects, UK)
- APIC** Apollo Parts Information Center (Parts Reliability Information Center, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA)
- APIF** Automated process information file (Library of Congress, USA)
- APIN-MARC** (Adaptation of MARC used by Wrocław Technical University Library and Scientific Information Centre, Poland)
- APIS** Alternative Press Information Service (London, UK) (defunct)
- APL** Agence de Presse Liberation (Paris, France)
- APLA (1)** Atlantic Provinces Library Association (Canada)
- APLA (2)** Authors' and Publishers' Lending Right Association (UK)
- APLET** Association for Programmed Learning and Educational Technology (UK) (now Association for Educational and Training Technology)
- APLIC** Association of Population/Family Planning Libraries and Information Centers (USA)
- APPARAT** Archive preservation programme and retrieval by automated techniques (Imperial War Museum, UK)
- APRIS** Alcoa picturephone remote information system (USA)
- APSE** Abstracts of photographic science and engineering literature (Society of Photographic Scientists and Engineers, USA)
- APT (1)** Administrative, professional, technical
- APT (2)** All-picture transfer
- APTI** Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (UK)
- APTIC** Air Pollution Technical Information Center (Environmental Protection Agency, USA)
- AQUARIUS** A query and retrieval interactive utility system (IBM Corp)
- AR** Advisory report
- ARA** (Alternative information service, Liverpool, UK)
- ARAC** Aerospace Research Applications Center (Indiana University, USA)
- ARAL** Automatic record analysis language
- ARBICA** Arab Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives
- ARCHON** Archives on line (Baltimore University, USA)
- ARCIS** Agricultural research current information system (Agricultural Research Council, UK)
- ARCS** Automated ring code search (chemicals)
- ARDIS (1)** Automatizovaný Rečeršný Databázový Informační Systém (Automated data-based information retrieval system-program, Czechoslovakia)
- ARDIS (2)** Army Research and Development Information System (US Army)
- ARDS** Advanced remote display station (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA)
- ARIANE** (Building industry data bank, Centre d'Assistance Technique et de Documentation, France)
- ARIEL** Automated Real Time Investments Exchange Ltd (London, UK)
- ARIMA** Autoregressive integrated moving average (Forecasts in information studies, USA)
- ARIS** Association Referral Information Service (Ohio Education Association, USA)
- ARIST (1)** Agences Regionales d'Information Scientifique et Technique (France)
- ARIST (2)** Annual review of information science and technology (Encyclopaedia Britannica for American Society for Information Science, USA)
- ARKISVST** (International Information System for Architecture and Urban Planning, Unesco)
- ARL** Association of Research Libraries (USA)
- ARLIS** Art Libraries Society (UK)
- ARLIS/NA** Art Libraries Society/North America (USA)
- ARMS** Automated records management system

- ARPANET** Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (Defense Communications Agency, Department of Defense, USA)
- ARRT** Art Reference Round Table (American Library Association, USA)
- ARSRCDS** Academia Republicii Socialiste Romania Central de Documentare Stiintifica (Rumania)
- ArtADES** Art alphabetical — Dewey extended system (experimental system, Teesside College of Art, UK)
- ARTEC** Auto retrieval of terse conclusions
- ARTEMIS** (A system for document digitalisation and teletransmission (Arthur D. Little for Commission for European Communities))
- ARUANDA** Arquivamento, Recuperação e Análise de Dados (Brazil)
- AS** Alphabetical Sequence (register)
- ASA (1)** American Standards Association (USA)
- ASA (2)** Australian Society of Authors
- ASADT** Aerospace Studies Institute Arctic, Desert, Tropic (Information Center) (Air University, US Air Force)
- ASB** Allgemeine Systematik für Büchereien (General Classification for Public Libraries, West Germany)
- ASC** Automatic sequence control
- ASCA** Automatic subject citation alert (Institute for Scientific Information, USA)
- ASCAP** American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (USA)
- ASCII** American Standard Code for Information Interchange (USA) (also known as USASCII)
- ASCIS** Australian School Catalogue Information Service
- ASCOLBI** Asociación Colombiana de Bibliotecarios (Colombia)
- ASD (1)** Adult Services Division (American Library Association, USA)
- ASD (2)** Association Suisse de Documentation (Switzerland) (also known as SVD)
- ASDC** Aeronomy and Space Data Center (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA)
- ASDI** Automated Selective Dissemination of Information
- ASDIRS** Army study documentation and information retrieval system (US Army)
- ASE** Association for Science Education (UK)
- ASEIB** Asociación de Egresados de la Escuela Interamericana de Bibliotecología (Association of Graduates of the Inter-American School of Librarianship, Colombia)
- ASELT** Association Européenne pour l'Echange de la Littérature Technique dans le Domaine de la Sidérurgie (Luxembourg)
- ASERL** Association of South Eastern Research Libraries (USA)
- ASFA** Aquatic sciences and fisheries abstracts (Food and Agriculture Organisation and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation)
- ASFEC** (Regional Centre for Functional Literacy in Rural Areas for the Arab States, Egypt)
- ASFIS** Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System (Food & Agriculture Organisation and International Oceanographic Commission)
- ASG** Annotated Service Guide (European directory of business information sources, Center for Business Information, France and USA)
- ASI (1)** American Society of Indexers (USA)
- ASI (2)** American statistics index (Congressional Information Services, USA)
- ASI (3)** Articulated subject index
- ASI (4)** Analytic subject index (American Institute of Physics, USA)
- ASIDIC** Association of Scientific Information Dissemination Centers (USA)
- ASII** American Science Information Institute (USA)
- ASIN** Agricultural services information network (National Agricultural Library, USA)
- ASINIT** (Automated scientific and technical information system for unpublished documents, USSR)
- ASIOR** (Automated system of information provision, Academy of Sciences Library, USSR)
- ASIS** American Society for Information Science (USA) (formerly ADI)
- ASK (1)** Access to subject knowledge (project, National Research Council, Canada)
- ASK (2)** Anomalous state of knowledge
- ASL** Association of Student Librarians (1964-5) (UK)
- ASLA (1)** Association of State Library Agencies (American Library Association, USA)
- ASLA (2)** Australian School Library Association
- ASLG** American Studies Library Group (UK)
- ASLIB** formerly Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux (UK) (organisation is now known as Aslib)
- ASLIP** Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (also known as ASLP)
- ASLN** Australian special libraries news (periodical)
- ASLP** Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines (also known as ASLIP)
- ASMI** Agudat Ha-Sifriyot Hameyuhadot Umerkeze Ha-Meda Beyisrael (Israel Society of Special Libraries and Information Centres) (also known as ISLIC)
- ASOCh** (Automated reader service system, Lenin Library, USSR)

- AS-OSPK-ZK** (All-union master printed catalogue of foreign books, USSR)
- ASpB** Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Spezialbibliotheken e.V. (Special Libraries Working Party, West Germany)
- ASPI** Automatizovaný Systém Právních Informací (Automated legal information system, Czechoslovakia)
- ASRDI** Aerospace Safety Research and Data Institute (National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA)
- ASRPI** (Automated service for the registration of periodical publications, Council for Mutual Economic Assistance)
- ASSASSIN** Agricultural system for storage and subsequent selection of information (Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, UK)
- ASSI** Advisory Service for Small Industries (Zimbabwe)
- ASSIG** Aslib Social Sciences Information Group (UK)
- ASSISTENT** (Automated reference information system for science and technology, USSR)
- Association-INTD** Association de l'Institut National de Techniques de la Documentation (Association of the National Institute of Documentation Technology, France) (also known as AINTD)
- ASTED** Association pour l'Avancement des Sciences et Techniques de la Documentation (Association for the Advancement of Scientific and Technical Documentation) (Canada) (formerly ACBLF)
- ASTI** (1) Applied Science and Technology index (H.W. Wilson Co. USA)
- ASTI** (2) (Automated system for sorting information, Institute of Engineering Geology, Czechoslovakia)
- ASTI** (3) (Automated literature search system, Bulgarian Institute of Radio-electronics)
- ASTIA** Armed Forces Technical Information Agency (USA) (now Defense Technical Information Center)
- ASTRID** Association Scientifique et Technique pour la Recherche en Informatique Documentaire (Belgium)
- ASTUTE** Automated system for thesaurus updating, testing and editing (Commission of the European Communities)
- ASUPECHAT** (Automated management system for publishing, State Committee for Publishing and All-Union Book Chamber, USSR) (may have suffixes denoting sub-systems)
- ASYVOL** Analyse synthétique par vocabulaire libre (Laval University Library, Canada)
- AT** Automatic translation (also known as TA)
- ATA** American Translators Association (USA)
- ATALA** Association pour l'Étude et le Développement de la Traduction Automatique et de la Linguistique Appliquée (France)
- ATD** (1) Aerospace Technology Division (Library of Congress, USA)
- ATD** (2) Association Tunisienne des Documentalistes, Bibliothécaires et Archivistes (Tunisian Association of Documentalists, Librarians and Archivists)
- ATI** Association of Technical Institutions (UK)
- ATIG** Alternative Technology Information Group (UK)
- AT/L** Advanced technology libraries (J. Wiley, UK)
- ATLA** American Theological Library Association (USA)
- ATLAS** (1) Aids to library administration series (Centre for Library and Information Management, Loughborough University, UK)
- ATLAS** (2) Automatic tabulating, listing and sorting system
- ATLIS** (1) Army technical libraries and information systems (USA)
- ATLIS** (2) Army technical library improvement studies (USA) (now Technical Information Support Activities Project)
- ATMS** Advanced text management system (IBM)
- ATO** Area Training Organisation (Teacher training) (UK)
- ATP** American Technical Publications
- ATPG** Aslib Transport and Planning Group (UK)
- ATPI** American Textbook Publishers' Institute (USA)
- ATS** Administrative terminal system (System 360) (IBM Corp, USA)
- ATSVK** (Automated centralised system for book exchange within the Soviet Union, USSR)
- AUDACIOUS** Automatic direct access to information with the on-line UIC system (American Institute of Physics scheme for nuclear science, USA)
- AUDIST** Agence Universitaire de Documentation et d'Information Scientifique et Technique (University Agency for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation, France)
- AULA** Arab University Library Association (Kuwait)
- AUPELF** Association des Universités Partiellement ou Entièrement de Langue Française (Canada)
- AUDIST** Agence Universitaire de Documentation et d'Information Scientifique et Technique (University Agency for Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation, France)
- AULA** Arab University Library Association (Kuwait)
- AUPELF** Association des Universités Partielle-

- ment ou Entièrement de Langue Française (Canada)
- AUPG** American Universities Publishers Group (USA)
- AUPTL** All-Union Patent and Technical Library (USSR)
- AUSINET** Australian Information Network
- AUSIRC** Australian Sport Information Resource Centre (proposal)
- AUTIS** Automatisiertes Dokumenten = recherchesystem "Schweisstechnik" (Automated Document Retrieval System "Welding Technology", East Germany)
- AUTO-CITE** (automated legal retrieval system)
- AUTOCLASS** (Creation and updating of hierarchical classifications—computer program)
- AUTODOC** Automatic documentation
- AV** Audio-visual
- AVA** Audio-visual aid
- AVG (1)** Audio-Visual Group (Aslib, UK)
- AVG (2)** Audio-Visual Group (Library Association, UK)
- AVIP** Association of Viewdata Information Providers (UK)
- A-VIS** Audio-visual information system (US Army)
- AVLOC** Audiovisuals learning objectives catalog (Alabama University, USA)
- AVLS** Audio-Visual Library Services (UK)
- AVSCOT** Audio-Visual Group Scottish Branch (Library Association, UK)
- AVTA** Automatic vocal transaction analysis
- AWARE** Action for women's advice, research and education (South London Women's Centre, UK)
- AWLNET** Area wide library network (San Joaquin Valley Library System, California, USA)
- AYB** Association of Yorkshire Bookmen (UK)
- AzNIINTI** (Azerbaijan Scientific Research Institute for Scientific and Technical Information and Economic Research, USSR)

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- BA** Biological abstracts (USA)
- BABAS** Bay Area Book Awareness Service (San Francisco, USA)
- BABTAPL** Bulletin of the Association of British Theology and Philosophy Libraries (UK)
- BAC** Business Archives Council (UK)
- BACIE** British Association for Commercial and Industrial Education (UK)
- BADADUQ** Banque de données à accès direct de l'Université du Québec (Canada)
- BADJAM** Banque des Données Jamesiennes (Data Bank on James Bay territory, Quebec Province, Canada)
- BAJ** Basic abstracts journal (Derwent Publications Ltd, UK)
- BAL** Bibliography of Latin America
- BALLOTS** Bibliographic automation of large library operations using time sharing (Stanford University, USA) (with RLG, now transformed into Research Libraries Information Network)
- BALS** Birmingham Association of Library Students (UK)
- BAMIRAC** Ballistic Missile Radiation Analysis Center (Michigan University, USA)
- BANSDOC** Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre
- BAPA** British Amateur Press Association (UK)
- BAPLA** British Association of Picture Libraries and Agencies (UK)
- BAR** Book auction records (William Dawson, UK)
- BARC (1)** Bay Area Reference Center (San Francisco Public Library, USA)
- BARC (2)** Bibliographic and Reference Center (Cornell University, USA)
- BASE** (Africa Bureau of Educational Services, Zaire)
- BASH** Booksellers Association Service House (UK)
- BASI** (Automatic system for dissemination of information, USSR)
- BASIC** Biological abstracts-subjects-in-context (USA)
- BASIS (1)** Battelle automated search information system (Battelle Memorial Institute, USA)
- BASIS (2)** Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science (USA)
- BASIS-E** Bibliothekarisch-analytisches System zur Informations-Speicherung-Erschlies-

- sung (Library-analytical system for information storage/retrieval. West Germany)
BASYC Benefit assessment of system change (Durham University Department of Computing, UK)
BATAB Baker & Taylor automated buying (computerised ordering system—Baker & Taylor Co. USA)
BAZ Booksellers Association of Zambia
BB Bibliotheca Bogoriensis (Indonesia)
BBC (1) Basic bibliographic citation
BBC (2) British Broadcasting Corporation (UK)
BBDC British Book Display Centre (Tokyo, Japan)
BBIP British books in print (J. Whitaker, UK)
BBK Bibliotekno-bibliograficheskaya klassifikatsiya (Library-bibliographical classification, USSR)
BBL Biblioteksbladet (periodical, Sweden)
BBM Books by mail
BBN British book news (periodical, British Council, UK)
BBSLG British Business School Librarians Group (UK)
BBTA British Book Trade Association (Booksellers Association and Publishers Association, UK)
BBX Books for business executives and business students (Book Promotion Services Ltd, UK)
BC Bibliographic classification (H.E. Bliss)
BCA (1) Bliss Classification Association (UK)
BCA (2) Book Club Associates (UK)
BCAC Bibliography of Central America and the Caribbean
BCC British Copyright Council (UK)
BCD Binary coded decimal (computer term)
BCH Booksellers Clearing House (UK)
BCIS Building Cost Information Service (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, UK)
BCL (Central library processing service, Amherst, Massachusetts, USA)
BCLA British Columbia Library Association (Canada)
BCM British catalogue of music (British Library Bibliographic Services Division, UK)
BCN Biomedical communications network (USA)
BCOP Birmingham Cooperatives (UK)
BCP Bibliothèque centrale de prêt (Central lending library, France)
BCPA British Copyright Protection Association (UK)
BCR Bibliographic Center for Research (USA)
BCS (1) British Cartographic Society (UK)
BCS (2) British Computer Society (UK)
BCU Bibliothèque cantonale et Universitaire de Lausanne (Switzerland)
BC2 Bibliographic classification (H.E. Bliss, 2nd edition)
BDA Bibliothek-en Dokumentatieakademie (Library and Documentation Academy, Netherlands)
BDC (1) Book Development Council (UK)
BDC (2) Bureau International de Documentation des Chemins de Fer
BDDR Bibliotheksverband der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik (Library Association of German Democratic Republic) (formerly DBV (1))
BDIAC Battelle Defender Information Analysis Center (Battelle Memorial Institute, USA) (Now Strategic Technology Office Information Analysis Center)
Bds Boards (bookbinding)
BDT Bibliography, documentation, terminology (bi-monthly bulletin, Unesco)
BEAR Berkeley elites automated retrieval (California University, USA)
BEAST Basic experimental automatic syntactic translator (Bunker Ramo Corp, USA)
BECAN Bioengineering current awareness notification of National Institute of Medical Research (Medical Research Council, UK)
BECEWA Belgisch Studie-en Documentatiecentrum voor Water (Belgium) (also known as CEBEDEAU)
BEE Bulletin of environmental education (Town and Country Planning Association, UK)
BEEA British Educational Equipment Association (UK)
BEI British education index (Library Association, UK)
BEL Board of Education for Librarianship (USA)
BELINDIS (Belgian information and dissemination service, of the Ministry of Economic Affairs)
BELLPAY Bell Laboratories library network royalty accounting system, USA)
BELLREL Bell Laboratories library real-time loan (USA)
BELLTIP (Bell Telephone Laboratories—on line acquisitions & cataloguing system, USA)
BEMIS Benn's Editorial Media Information Service (Benn Publications Ltd, UK)
BEP Break-even point
BERC Basic Education Research Centre (Kenya)
BETA Business Equipment Trade Association (UK)
BETI British education theses index (Libraries of the Institutes and Schools of Education, UK)
BF Bibliotekarforeningen (Association of Librarians, Denmark)
BFC (Libraries' Supply Centre, Sweden)
BFI British Film Institute (UK)
BFMP British Federation of Master Printers