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FOREWORD

Since librarianship has entered the age of technology and has established a closer friendship with information science, its terminology and language have altered considerably.

The impact of automation, mushrooming of industrial, local, national and international library organizations, and expansion within its own boundaries have made library science a genuinely interdisciplinary field of endeavour.

For some time librarians have felt the need for an up-to-date list of definitions of abbreviations and acronyms used in library science, which have tended to proliferate during the past two decades.

Although there are several good dictionaries of abbreviations and acronyms, there are very few exclusively devoted to library and information science.

We have compiled this dictionary with a view to helping those seeking specific acronyms and abbreviations related to library and information science and frequently used by librarians, library science educators and information scientists. We have scanned major American and Canadian library science periodicals as well as personal and professional sources too numerous to mention.

The authors are aware that even this revised edition can not be considered definitive and that it will require further revision at fairly frequent intervals. However, it is our conviction that this list provides a good overview of the subject matter.

NOTES ON ARRANGEMENT OF TERMS

Terms are arranged in alphabetical order. Abbreviations having more than one explanation are noted as (1), (2), (3), etc. and are arranged alphabetically according to the definitions.

ABA (1) American Booksellers' Association

ABA (2) Antiquarian Booksellers Association (International)

Any reference to another abbreviation includes the appropriate number following the term referred to.

AAL Association of Assistant Librarians (part of Library Association, U.K.; formerly LAA (!))

Minor parts of speech

Articles, punctuation marks or diacritics are ignored in

alphabetizing. Terms with hyphens, slashes or ampersand are filed letter by letter.

B/NA-MARC	BNA MARC
BNBC	British National Book Centre (now British Library Lending Division Gifts and Exchanges Section)
BNB MARC	British National Bibliography MARC
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ISTIM	Interchange of Scientific and Technical Information in Machine Language
IS & TP	Index to Scientific and Technological Proceedings

General Coverage

Acronyms and abbreviations for institutions of a general and popular nature are included if the institutions are actively involved in library services and programmes.

ACS (2)	American Chemical Society
API (2)	American Petroleum Institute
IBM	International Business Machines Corp. (U.S.)
ILO	International Labour Office (of U.N.)

Since a Canadian dictionary of acronyms and abbreviations ought to cover French-language terminology as well as English, an effort is made to include as many French Canadian abbreviations as possible.

For organizations which are known by more than one acronym or abbreviation, the equivalent abbreviations are cross-referred by means of a phrase (also known as ...)

ACUTE	Association of Canadian University Teachers of English (also known as APAUC (2))
ASD (2)	Association Suisse de Documentation (also known as SVD)

When available, the English translation of foreign language definition is noted in parentheses following the definition.

ABS (2)	Associazione di Bibliotecari Svizzera (Association of Swiss Librarians; also known as VSB and ABS (1))
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Sometimes, only the English translations of certain foreign-language acronyms have been supplied due to the non-availability of foreign-language explanations.

CEDAF (Centre for African Studies and Documentation, Belgium)

An effort is made to include important Canadian educational institutions, and in most cases both the English and French abbreviations are recorded.

Abbreviations and acronyms related to computer science and technology have been greatly expanded in this edition, reflecting the increased use of these terms in the library literature.

ALU Arithmetic Logic Unit (computer term)

ALGOL Algorithmic Language (computer language)

Symbols and abbreviations for metric weights and measures and International System of Units (SI) are included as these have become increasingly relative to library and information science.

Geographic abbreviations to specify a jurisdiction have been taken from Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (2nd ed.).

Finally, the authors will be grateful if readers would take time to suggest additions, deletions or corrections to any term used in this book.

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A	Ampere (SI) (electric current)
AAAA	American Association of Advertizing Agencies
AAAAAA	Association for the Alleviation of Asinine Abbreviations and Absurd Acronyms
AAAB	American Association of Architectural Bibliographers
AAAC	Archival Association of Atlantic Canada
AAACE (1)	American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
AAACE (2)	American Association of Agricultural College Editors (now ACE (1))
AAAE (1)	Alliance of Associations for the Advancement of Education (U.S.)
AAAE (2)	Association for African American Education
AAAH	American Association for the Advancement of the Humanities
AAAL	American Academy of Arts and Letters (now AAIL)
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AAASS	American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies
AABB	Association des Archivistes et Bibliothécaires de Belgique (also known as VABB)
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, (W. Germany)
AABP	Association of Area Business Publications (U.S.)
AAC	Association of American Colleges
AACCCM	Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials
AACHIR	Augusta Area Committee for Health Information Resources (U.S.)
AACI	American Association for Conservation Information
AACJC	American Association of Community and Junior Colleges

AACOBBS	Australian Advisory Council on Bibliographic Sources/Services
AA Code	Anglo-American Cataloguing Code (1908)
AACR	Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (1967)
AACR II	Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules (2nd ed.)
AACR/BT	Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules - British Text (1967)
AACTE	American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
AAEO	Association of Adult Education Organizations
AAF	American Advertizing Federation (formerly AFA)
AAHE	American Association for Higher Education (U.S.; formerly AHE)
AAHLA	Albany Area Health Library Affiliates (U.S.)
AAHSLD	Association of Academic Health Science Library Directors (U.S.)
AAIL	American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters (formed through the merger of AAAL and the National Institute of Arts and Sciences)
AAIM	American Association of Industrial Management
AAL	Association of Assistant Librarians (part of Library Association, U.K.; formerly LAA (1))
AALC	Asian American Librarians Caucus (U.S.)
AALL	American Association of Law Libraries
AALO	Association of Academic Librarians of Ontario
AALS (1)	Association of American Library Schools (now ALISE)
AALS (2)	Association of American Law Schools
AAISED	Association of Assistant Librarians South East Division (Library Association, U.K.) (also known as SED)
AALT	Alberta Association of Library Technicians
AAMC	American Association of Medical Colleges

AAMRL	American Association of Medical Record Librarians
AAP (1)	Affirmative Action Program (U.S.)
AAP (2)	Association of American Publishers (formerly AEPI and ABCP (2))
AAPA	American Amateur Press Association
AAPIER	American Association for Public Information
AAPT	American Association of Physics Teachers
AAQ	Association des Archivistes du Québec
AARL	Advanced Automation Research Laboratory (Perdue University, U.S.)
AARLMP	Afro-American Resources and Library Manpower Project (Columbia University, U.S.)
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
AAS (1)	American Antiquarian Society
AAS (2)	Asian and African Section (of ACRL)
AAS (3)	Association for Asian Studies (U.S.)
AASA	American Association of School Administrators
AASCU	American Association of State Colleges and Universities
AASDJ	American Association of Schools and Department of Journalism (Univ. of Minnesota)
AASL (1)	American Association of School Librarians (of ALA)
AASL (2)	American Association of State Libraries (also known as ASLA (2); now ASCLA)
AASL/EB	AASL Encyclopaedia Britannica (of AASL (1))
AASLH	American Association for State and Local History
AASL/NPSS	AASL Non-Public School Section (of AASL (1))
AASL/SS	AASL Supervisors Section (of AASL (1))
AAU (1)	Association of American Universities (also known as American Association of Universities)

AU (2)	Association of Atlantic Universities (also known as AUA)
AU/BNAR project	Association of Atlantic Universities/Blackwell North America (cataloguing support) Project (ceased 1979)
AUC	Association d'Art des Universités du Canada (also known as UAAC)
AULC	Association of Atlantic Universities Librarian's Council
AUP (1)	American Association of University Professors
AUP (2)	Association of American University Presses
AUW	American Association of University Women
AVRPHS	American Association for Vital Records and Public Health Statistics
AVT	Association of Audio-Visual Technicians
BA (1)	American Booksellers' Association
BA (2)	Antiquarian Booksellers Association (International)
BA (3)	Atlantic Booksellers Association
BA (4)	Australian Booksellers Association
BAA	Antiquarian Booksellers of America Association
BACOS	A Bunch of Atari Computer Owners (U.S.)
BACUS	Association of Bibliographic Agencies of Britain, Australia, Canada, and the United States (a group formed to discuss cooperation in cataloguing matters in March 1978)
BADCAM	Association des Bibliothécaires, Archivistes, Documentalistes et Muséographes du Cameroun (Association of Librarians, Archivists, Documentalists, and Museum Curators of Cameroon)
BAH	Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Archiveros de Honduras (Association of Librarians and Archivists of Honduras)
BAK	Association di Biblioteka i Archivo di Korsow (Association of Libraries and Archives, Netherlands)
BB	Asociación Boliviana de Bibliotecarios (Association of Bolivian Librarians)

ABC (1)	American Bibliographical Center
ABC (2)	American Book Center for War Devastated Libraries (now USBE)
ABC (3)	Asociación de Bibliotecarios de Córdoba (Argentina)
ABC (4)	Audit Bureau of Circulations (U.S.)
ABC (5)	Augmented Bibliographic Citation
ABC (6)	Automation of Bibliography through Computerization (American Bibliographical Center - Clio Press)
ABCA (1)	American Business Communication Association (formerly ABWA)
ABCA (2)	Association of British Columbia Archivists
ABC-Clio	American Bibliographical Center - Clio Press
ABCL	Association of British Columbia Librarians (dissolved 1975)
ABC Pol Sci	Advance Bibliography of Contents: Political Science (publication)
ABCU	Association of Burroughs Computer Users
ABD (1)	Administration des bases de Données (of UTLAS, Inc.)
ABD (2)	Area Business Databank (of Broward County Library in Florida and Dayton-Hudson Corp. Library in Minneapolis)
ABD (3)	Association des Bibliothécaires - Documentalistes de l'Institut d'Études Sociales de l'Etat (Association of Librarians and Documentalists of the State Institute of Social Studies, Belgium)
ABDF	Associação dos Bibliotecários do Distrito Federal (Brazil)
ABDP	Association of British Directory Publishers
ABE	Adult Basic Education (Provincial Institutional Program: Canada)
ABEBD	Associação Brasileira de Escolas de Biblioteconomia e Documentação (Brazilian Association of Library Science and Documentation Schools)
ABEF	Association des Bibliothèques Ecclésiastiques des France

ABELF	Association Belge des Editeurs de Langue Français (Belgian Association of Publishers of French Language Books)
ABES	Asociación de Bibliotecarios de El Salvador (Association of El Salvador Librarians)
ABF	Association des Bibliothécaires Français (France)
ABGILA	Annals, Bulletin and Granthlaya of the Indian Library Association (1949-53)
ABGRA	Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados de la República Argentina (Association of Graduate Librarians of the Republic of Argentina)
ABI (1)	Abstracted Business Information (Data Courier Inc., Louisville, Ky.)
ABI (2)	Adult Book Index
ABI (3)	Association des Bibliothèques Internationales (also known as AIL (1))
ABIESI	Asociación de Bibliotecarios de Instituciones de Ensenanza Superior y e Investigacion (Mexico)
ABI/INFORM	Abstracted Business Information/Information Needs (Data Courier, Inc.)
ABIISE	Agrupación de Bibliotecas para la Integración de la Información Socio-Economica (Group of Special Libraries for the Integration of Socio- Economic Information, Peru)
ABIPAR	Asociación de Bibliotecarios del Paraguay (Association of Paraguay Librarians)
ABIPC	Abstract Bulletin of the Institute of Paper Chemistry (Appleton, Wis.)
ABIUC	Association des Bureau d'Information des Universités du Canada (also known as ACUIB)
ABL	Atlas Basic Language (computer language)
ABLE (1)	Academic Business Librarians Exchange (a network at UCLA)
ABLE (2)	Adult Basic and Literacy Education (Conference, Toronto, Aug. 1980)
ABLE (3)	Agricultural Biological Literature Exploitation (a systems study of NAL)

ABLEDATA	(an information system of the National Rehabilitation Information Center at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.)
ABLISS	Association of British Library and Information Studies Schools (formerly SLC (1), then ABLIS (1))
ABLS (1)	Association of British Library Schools (formerly SLC (1); now ABLISS)
ABLS (2)	Bachelor of Arts in Library Science (U.S.)
ABMG	Associação dos Bibliotecários de Minas Gerais (Brazil)
ABMI	Author Biographies Master Index (Gale Research)
ABN	Australian Bibliographic Network
ABO (1)	Association des Bibliotechniciens de l'Ontario (also known as OALT)
ABO (2)	Association des Bibliothèques d'Ottawa (also known as LAO)
ABP	American Business Press, Inc.
ABPA	Australian Book Publishers' Association
ABPC (1)	American Book Prices Current (periodical)
ABPC (2)	American Book Publishers Council (formerly AEPI; now AAP (2))
ABPR	American Book Publishing Record
ABQ	Association des Bibliothécaires du Québec (also known as QLA)
ABRACADABRA	Abbreviations and Related Acronyms Associated with Defense, Astronautics, Business and Radio-Electronics (publication)
ABRC	Association des Bibliothèques de Recherche du Canada (also known as CARL (2))
ABS (1)	Association des Bibliothécaires Suisses (Association of Swiss Librarians; also known as VSB and ABS (2))
ABS (2)	Associazione dei Bibliotecari Svizzera (Association of Swiss Librarians; also known as VSB and ABS (1))
ABSC	Association des Bibliothèques de la Santé du Canada (also known as CHLA (1))

ABSS	Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section (of ACRL)
ABSTI	Advisory Board on Scientific and Technical Information (of NRC (1))
ABTD	American Book Trade Directory (publication)
ABTICS	Abstract and Book Title Index Card Service (U.K.)
ABTAPL	Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries (formerly SCOTAPLL)
ABU (1)	Agrupación Bibliotecologica del Uruguay (Library Science Association of Uruguay)
ABU (2)	Asociación de Bibliotecarios del Uruguay (Library Association of Uruguay)
ABUEN	Asociación de Bibliotecas Universitarias y Especializadas de Nicaragua
ABWA	American Business Writing Association (now ABCA (1))
ACA (1)	American Communications Association
ACA (2)	American Composers Alliance
ACA (3)	American Correctional Association
ACA (4)	Association of Canadian Archivists
ACAEN	Association Canadienne pour l'Avancement des Études Néerlandaises (also known as CAANS)
ACARU	Association Canadienne des Administrateurs de Recherche Universitaire (also known as CAURA)
ACATA	Association for Computer-Assisted Text Analysis (U.S.)
ACB (1)	Asociación Costarricense de Bibliotecarios (Costa Rican Library Association)
ACB (2)	L'Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques (now CLA)
ACBCU	Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Collège et d'Université (now CACUL)
ACBD	Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit (also known as CALL (1))
ACBLF	Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française (now ASTED)
ACBM	Association Canadienne de Bibliothèques Musicales (also known as CAML)

ACC (1)	Accumulator (computer term)
ACC (2)	Amateur Computer Club (U.S.)
ACC (3)	Article Clearinghouse Catalog [number] (of UMI)
ACC (4)	Association des Cartothèques Canadiennes (also known as ACML)
ACCC	Association des Collèges Communautaires du Canada (Association of Canadian Community Colleges)
ACCE	Association Canadienne des Chercheurs en Éducation (also known as CERA)
ACCESS (1)	Automated Catalog of Computer Equipment and Software Systems (U.S. Army)
ACCESS (2)	Automatic Computer-controlled Electronic Scanning System
ACCIS	(United Nation's Geneva-based program)
ACCL	Alberta Council of College Librarians
ACCOMP	Academic Computer Group (U.S.)
ACCORD	Acquisitions par CATSS/CATSS Ordering (of UTLAS Inc.)
ACCT (1)	AD Hoc Committee for Competitive Communications (U.S.)
ACCT (2)	Advisory Committee on Careers and Training (of LC)
ACCUC	Association Canadienne de Counseling Universitaire et Collégial (also known as CUCCA)
ACCWP	Acquisitions, Cataloguing and Circulation Working Party (Nalib Computer Applications Group, U.K.)
ACDDE	Association Canadienne des Doyens et Directeurs d'Éducation (also known as CADDE)
ACDEMLT	Association Canadienne des Dirigeants de l'Éducation des Adultes des Universités de Langue Française
ACDES	Alabama Consortium for the Development of Higher Education
ACDL	Asynchronous Circuit Design Language (computer language)
ACDLS	Association Canadienne des Doyens des Facultés des Lettres et des Sciences
ACE (1)	Agricultural Communicators in Education (U.S.; previously AAACE (2))

ACE (2)	American Christians in Education
ACE (3)	American Council on Education
ACE (4)	Association Canadienne d'Éducation (also known as CEA (1))
ACEA (1)	Association Canadienne des Études Africaines (also known as CAAS (2))
ACEA (2)	Association Canadienne des Études Asiatiques (also known as CSAS)
ACEA (3)	Association Canadienne pour l'Éducation des Adultes (also known as CAAE)
ACEAS	Association Canadienne pour l'Étude de l'Administration Scolaire
ACEB	Association Canadienne des Écoles Bibliothécaires (also known as CALS)
ACEI	Association for Childhood Education International (Washington, D.C.)
ACEJ	American Council on Education for Journalism
ACELA	Association Canadienne des Études Latino-Américaines (also known as CALAS)
ACELF	Association Canadienne d'Éducation de Langue Française
ACELLC	Association Canadienne pour l'Étude de Langues et de la Littérature du Commonwealth (also known as CACLALS)
ACER	Australian Council for Educational Research
ACESS	Association Canadienne des Écoles de Service Social (also known as CASSW)
ACEUM	Association Canadienne des Écoles Universitaires de Musique (also known as CAUSM)
ACEUN	Association Canadienne des Écoles Universitaires de Nursing (also known as CAUSN)
ACEUR	Association Canadienne des Écoles Universitaires de Réadaptation (also known as CAUSR)
ACF	Authorities Communication Format (of UTLAS Inc.)
ACFAS	Association Canadienne Française pour l'Avancement des Sciences

ACFB	Association Canadienne Fournisseurs Bibliothèque
ACFD	Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (also known as AFDC)
ACFEE	Association Canadienne des facultés d'Études sur l'Environnement (also known as ACFES)
ACFEES	Association Canadienne des Facultés et Écoles des Études Supérieures
ACFES	Association of Canadian Faculties of Environmental Studies (also known as ACFEE)
ACFRSE	Association Canadienne des Femmes Responsables de Service aux Étudiants
ACH	Association for Computers and Humanities (U.S.)
ACHE	Alabama Center for Higher Education
ACI	Association Canadienne de l'Informatique (also known as CIPS)
ACIA	Asynchronous Communications Interface Adapter (computer term)
ACIC	Aeronautical Chart and Information Center (U.S. Air Force)
ACIDA	Atlantic Coast Independent Distributors Association (U.S.)
ACL (1)	Association for Computational Linguistics (U.S.; formerly AMTCL)
ACL (2)	Audit Command Language (computer language)
ACLCP	Area College Library Cooperative Program of Central Pennsylvania
ACLNC	Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California
ACLO	Association of Cooperative Library Organizations (now part of ASCLA)
ACLS	American Council of Learned Societies
ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
ACM	Association for Computing Machinery (U.S.) (see also several entries under SIG ... Special Interest Groups of ACM)