# Knowledge Organization

Library Classification – Definition, need and Purpose, functions, Cannons of Idea, Verbal and Notational Plane

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# Library classification

Derived from Latin word classis meaning making class

## Definition

H. E. Bliss,—" A classification is a series or system of classes arranged in some order according to some principle or conception, purpose or interest, or some combination or such."

### Need and purpose

- 1. Explosion of knowledge
- 2. Complexity of subjects
- 3. Different form of reading materials
- 4. Variety of languages
- 5. To apply 5 laws of library science

#### **Functions**

- 1. To arrange books into shelves
- 2. To give every document its personal name
- 3. To prepare union catalogue
- 4. To weed out old and unused documents
- 5. Stock verification
- 6. To provide reference service
- 7. Helpful in circulation
- 8. To purchase new editions of books

Cannons of Idea Plane

Cannon of characteristics

Cannon of Difference

Cannon of Ascertainability

Cannon of Relevance

Cannon of Permanence

Cannon of succession of characteristics

Cannon of Concomittance

Cannon of Relevant succession

Cannon of Consistent succession

Cannon of Array of classes Cannon of Exhuastiveness Cannon of Exclusiveness Cannon of Consistent sequence Cannon of Helpful sequence Cannon of chain of classes Cannon of Decreasing extension Cannon of Modulation Cannon of filatory sequence Cannon of subordinate classes Cannon of Co-ordinate classes

## Cannon of Verbal plane

Cannon of Context
Cannon of Enumeration
Cannon of Reticence
Cannon of Currency

#### Cannon of Notational Plane

Cannon of Homonym

Cannon of Synonym

Cannon of Uniformity Vs Relativity

Cannon of Hierarchy Vs Non Hierarchy

Cannon of Mixed Notation Vs pure notation

Cannon of Faceted Notation vs Non Faceted

Notation

Cannon of Co-extensiveness vs Under extensiveness