A&As	abbreviations and acronyms
A&I	abstract and indexes (or abstracting and indexing services)
AA	(i) Architectural Association (UK)
AA	(ii) accepted manuscript
AA	(iii) assistance authorization form (Harvard)
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AACR	Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules
AACR2	Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules 2nd ed.
AAI	authentication and authorization infrastructure
AAM	author accepted manuscript
AAP	American Association of Publishers
AARL	Australian Academic and Research Libraries
AAU	(i) Association of American Universities
AAU	(ii) additional authorized user
AAUP	Association of American University Presses
ABA	American Booksellers Association
ABC	(i) African Books Collective
ABC	(ii) Audit Bureau of Circulation
ABES	Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (France)
ABI	application binary interface
ABI/INFORM	Abstracted Business Information - abstracting and indexing database of business and management journals
ABOR	Arizona Board of Regents
ABTOE	Association of Bookseller and Publisher Training Organizations
ACAP	automated content access protocol
ACH	Automatic Clearing House
ACKU	Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University
ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
ACP	American College of Physicians
ACPJC	ACP Journal Club
ACQUIS	acquisitions usb-system of MINISIS
ACRL	Association of College and Research Libraries
ACROBAT	Adobe software for sending formatted documents between people using word processing or DTP
ACS	American Chemical Society
ACS/POD	American Chemical Society/Page-image on Optical Disk Project at UCL
ACTS	Advanced Communications Technologies and Services - EC DGX111 programme
ACU	Association of Commonwealth Universities
ADAM	Information gateway to art, design architecture and media information available over the Internet - project run by a consortium headed by Surrey Institute of Art and Design, funded through Electronic Libraries Project
ADAT	Academic Database Assessment Tool (developed by JISC)
ADBS	Association des Documentalistes et Bibliothecaires Specialises (France)
ADLSN	African Digital Libraries Support Network
ADONIS	article delivery over network information systems
ADS	Archaeology Data Service (University of York, UK)
ADT	Australasian Digital Theses Programme
AEI	Associated Electrical Industries
AFBI	Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (Belfast, Ireland)
AFP	Agence France Presse
AG	Aktien Gesellschaft
AGI	(i) Acquisitions Group of Ireland
AGI	(ii) Association for Geographic Information ((UK)
AGM	annual general meeting
AGORA	Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (UN FAO)
AGRENET	network allowing access to catalogues of research institutes of BBSRC
AGRIS	International information system for the agricultural sciences and technology
AHEC	Area Health Education Center (US)

AHILA	Association of Health Information and Libraries in Africa
AHRB	Arts & Humanities Research Board (UK)
AHRC	Arts & Humanities Research Council (UK)
AHSC	Academic Health Science Centre
AHSP	American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
AHSS	arts, humanities and social sciences
AHUA	Association of Heads of University Administrators
AHUG	Arts and Humanities User Group
AHVLA	Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency
AI	artificial intelligence
AIE	Italian Publishers Association (Associazione Italiana Editori)
AIMSS	Automating Ingest of Metadata on Serials Subscriptions (EDINA and Serials Solutions collaborative project)
AIP	American Institute of Physics
AIP UniPHY	social networking service from AIP in collaboration with Collexis Holdings,Inc
AISHE	All Ireland Society for Higher Education
AISHE-J	*All Ireland Society for Higher Education Journal*
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology
AIT	Athlone Institute of Technology (Ireland)
AJOL	African Journals Online (managed in S Africa)
AL [/LSC]	Academic Libraries [branch of LSC]
AL(L)T	Academic Liaison Librarian Team
ALA	American Library Association
ALAI	Associate of the Library Association of Ireland
ALCS	Author's Licensing and Collecting Society
ALCTS	Association for Library Collections and Technical Services
ALERT	EBSCO current awareness service linked to document delivery service EBSCOdoc
ALF	Auxilliary Library Facility
ALLIN	Access to Libraries for learning in Northamptonshire
ALO	Alumni Library Online (Cranfield University)
ALP	Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World - IFLA Core programme
ALPSP	Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers
ALS	Academic Library Services
ALT	Association for Learning Technology (based in Oxford)
AM	(i) Adam Matthew (digital publisher)
AM	accepted manuscript
AMA	American Medical Association
AMOSSHE	Now known as: The Student Services Organization
AMS	American Meteorological Society
ANABAD	Asociacion Espanola de Archiveros, Bibliotecarios, Museologosy Documentalistas (Spain)
ANDS	Australian National Data Service
ANKOS	Anatolian University Library Consortium (Turkey)
ANOVA	analysis of variance
ANR	National Agency of/for Research (France)
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ANU	Australia National University
AO	author's original
AOARI	African Open Access Repository Initiative
AoC	Association of Colleges
AOL	America Online - Internet service provider
AP & C	Acquisitions Processing and Cataloguing - British Library Boston Spa
APAC	Asia Pacific region
APARSEN	Alliance for Permanent Access to the Records of Science in Europe Network
APC	article processing charge [NB: also has other meanings so check for context!]
APEES	Portuguese Association of Higher Education Publishers [Editoras do Ensino Superior]
APEL	accreditation of prior experiential learning
API	application programming interface
APPLAUSE	ESPRIT project

APS	American Physical Society
APUC	Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (Scotland)
AR	augmented reality
ARAI	Archival and Records Association of Ireland
Archie	distributed information system based on client server architecture
ARDC	Australian Research Data Commons
ARDI	Access to Research for Development and Innovation (includes technology)
ARIADNA	automated library system used by the Spanish National Library
ARIEL	RLG fulltext delivery service of documents using Group 4 FAX over Internet
ARK	archival resource key identifiers
ARL	Association of Research Libraries
ARLAC	Australian Research Libraries Acquisition Consortium
ARLG	Academic and Research Libraries Group (CILIP)
ARMA	Association of Research Managers and Administrators
ARP	Automated Request Processing - British Library
ARROW	Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works
ARTel	Automated Request Transmission by Telephone
ASA	Association of Subscription Agents [latterly, '& Intermediaries'] (UK)
ASCII	American standard code for information interchange
ASEO	academic search engine optimization
ASHER	Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories
ASIS	American Society for Information Science
Aslib	African Studies Library
Aslib	Association of Information Management(UK)
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASP	(i) active server pages
ASP	(ii) application service provider
ASSAf	Academcy of Science of South Africa
ASTM	Association of Scientific Technical and Medical Publishers
ASU	Arizona State University (USA)
AT	assistive technologies
AT&T	Atlantic Telephone & Telegraphy
AT2OA	Austrian Transition to Open Access
ATA	Alliance for Taxpayer Access (USA) - coalition leading the charge to ensure US federally-funded research is made OA)
ATHENS	A system for authenticated access to electronic databases and documents
ATM	asynchronous transfer mode
ATO	Access-To-Own
AUAF	American University of Afghanistan Foundation
AUC	Air Transport User Committee
AUDI	an unmoderated list server for Irish Dynix Library System users
AULC	Arizona Universities Library Consortium (USA)
AUP	Amsterdam University Press
AUPresses	Association of American University Presses
AUT	Association of University Teachers (UK)
Auth & authz	authentication and authorization
AVLIN	African Virtual Library Network
BA	Booksellers Association
BACON	Base de Connaissance Nationale (Frances - ABES)
BAME	Black, Asian and minority ethnic
BanglaJOL	Bangladeshi Journals Online
BASE	Bielefeld Academic Search Engine
BASELINE	EU DGXIII Info 2000 Project on guidelines for system developers
BAV	best available version
BBIM	Bachelor of Business and Information Management (such as at that offered at University of Auckland, NZ)
BBSRC	Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK)
BCR	benefit-cost ratio

BD	borrow direct
BDIC	Bibliothèque de Documentation International Contemporaine (archive - France)
BDLSS	Bodleian Digital Library Systems and Services (Oxford, UK)
Becta	British Education Communication and Technology Agency
BEIC	Electronic Library of Scientific Information [trans.] - Chile
BERR	Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (UK)
BES	British Endocrine Societies
BESPOC	Broad Engagement in Science, Point of Contact
BHS	British Humanities Index
BHTC	Book House Training Centre
BIBFRAME	Bibliographic Framework Inititative (Library of Congress, USA)
BIBLID	bibliographic identification of contributions in serials and books - ISO 9115
BIBSAM	The Royal Library's Department for National Co-ordination and Development (Sweden)
BIC	Book Industry Communication
BICI	Book item and contribution identifier
BIDS	Bath Information and Data Services
BIMA	British Interactive Multimedia Association
BIOSIS	Biosciences information service of Biological Abstracts
BIREME	Latin American & Caribbean Center on Health Science Information
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (UK)
BISAC	Book Industry Systems Advisory Committee
BISG	Book Industry Study Group (USA)
BIU	Biomedical Information Unit (ICRF)
BL	British Library
BLAISE	British Library Automated Information Service
BLCMP	Birmingham Libraries Co-operative Mechanisation Project Project (now Talis)
BLDS	British Library for Development Studies, University of Sussex
BLDSC	British Library Document Supply Centre
BLEND	Birmingham Loughborough Electronic Network Development
BLLD	British Library Lending Division along with NLLST pre-cursor of BLDSC(UK)
BLNL	British Library Newspaper Library
BLPES	British Library of Political and Economic Science
BLRD	British Library Research and Development Department
BLRIC	British Library Research and Innovation Centre
BLS	BLCMP Library Services
BMA	British Medical Association
BMC	BioMed Central
BME	black and minority ethnic
BMJ	British Medical Journal
BNA	Blackwell North America
BNB	British National Bibliography
BNCF	Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (National Central Library of Florence), Italy
BNF	(i) Bibliographie Nationale Francaise
BNF	(ii) Bibliothèque Nationale de France
BN-OPALE	BNF database for serials
BOAI	Budapest Open Access Initiative
BOBCATSSS	A co-operative of European institutes and universities in the field of Library and Information Science, involving institutions in Budapest, Oslo, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Tampere, Sheffield, Stuttgart and Szombathely
BODOS	financial management system developed by BIDS
BoF	birds of a feather (as a conference session format)
BPC	book processing charge
bps	bits per second
BPS	British Psychological Society
BQFJ	Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Journals
BQFP	Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing
BRAQUE	Browse And Query - software to advise on how to make online database searches in most efficient way on ESA-IRS

BRHRN	Books Right Here Right Now (University of Manchester Library initiative)
BRIL	BBSRC Research Institute Libraries
BRISC	BBSRC Research Institute Serials Consortium
BSD(i)	Bibliographic Services Division (of British Library)
BSD(ii)	Berkeley Software Distribution
BSF	Biosciences Federation (UK)
BSF	book storage facility (e.g. for the Bodleian Library, in Swindon, UK)
BSI	British Standards Institute
BSMS	Brighton and Sussex Medical School (UK)
BUBL	Bulletin Board for libraries
BUFDG	British Universities Finance Directors Group
BUG	BLCMP user group
BYU	Brigham Young University (USA)
C4DISC	Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion in Scholarly Communications
CABI	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International Library Services
CABS	Current Abstracts in Biological Sciences
CADIG	Coventry and District Liaison Group
CADIST	Centre d'acquisition et de diffusion de l'information scientifique et technique
CADL	China Academic Digital Library
CAG	community advisory group
CAIRNS	Co-operative Academic Information Retrieval Network for Scotland
CAIRS	Computer Assisted Retrieval System - library systems software
CAIS	Central Abstracting and Information Services (American Petroleum Institute)
CAJUN	CD-ROM ACROBAT journals using networks
CALIS	China Academic Library and Information System
CANDLE	Controlled access to network digital libraries in Europe (EU Project)
CAP	Community Advisory and Planning group
CAPCAS	Computer Aided Production Current Alerting Services - Elsevier ETOC experiment
CAPP	Council of Academic and Professional Publishers
CARET	Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies (at Cambridge University)
CARL	Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries
CARLIGH	Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Ghana
CARM	CAVAL Archival & Research Materials (Australia)
CARPET	Community for Academic Reviewing, Publishing and Editorial Technology
CAS	(i) Chinese Academy of Sciences
CAS	(ii) current alerting services
CAS/IAS	current alerting service/individual article supply
CASA	campus-activated subscriber access
CASIAS	EBSCO's document delivery service(Current Alerting Service/Individual Article Supply)
CASLIN	Czech and Slovak Library and Information Network
CASPAR	Cultural, Artistic and Scientific knowledge for Preservation, Access and Retrieval
CASPUR	Consorzio Interuniversitario Applicazioni di Super Calcola Universita e Recerca
CASRAI	Consortia Advancing Standards in Research Administration Information
CASS	Collaborative Academic Store for Scotland
CAST	China Association for Science and Technology
CATRIONA	Cataloguing and Retrieval of Information Networks Applications Project at University of Strathclyde
CATS	central article tracking system (as used at Taylor & Francis)
CAUL	Council of Australian University Librarians (also includes CSIRO)
CBE	Companion of the British Empire
CBT	campus-based teaching
CBUC	Consortium of University Libraries of Catalonia
CC	Creative Commons
CC BY	Creative Commons Attribution [BY does not seem to be an abbreviaton or acronym!]
CC BY-NC	Creative Commons Attribution - Non-Commercial
CC BY-ND	Creative Commons Attribution - Non-Derivative
CC BY-SA	Creative Commons Attribution - Share Alike
CC0	Creative Commons 'zero' Public Domain Dedication

CCC	Copyright Clearance Center
CCIP	Chamber of Commerce and Industry Paris
CCIS	Centre for Communication & Information Studies
CCITT	Comite Consultif International Telegraphique et Telephonique
CCLA	College Center for Library Automation (US)
CCM	Copac Collections Management project
CCN	Catalogue Collectif National des Publications en Serie
CCT	compulsory competitive tendering
CCTA	Central Computing and Telecommunications Agency(UK)
CCU	Central Computing Unit(ICRF)
CCUC	Union Catalogue of the Universities of Catalonia
CD	compact disc
CD PROMPT	CD ROM product news service from Swets
CD-I	Compact disc-interactive
CDL	California Digital Library (USA)
CDLR	The Centre for Digital Library Research (University of Strathclyde)
CD-NET	software for networking CD-ROMs supplied by Meridian Data
CDP	Committee for Development Policy (United Nations)
CDPA	Copyright, Designs and Patents Act (UK - 1988)
CD-ROM	Compact disk - read only memory
CDRS	Center for Digital Research and Scholarship (at Columbia University, USA)
CDS	CERN Document Server
CDS-ISIS	software developed by Unesco for serials management on microcomputers
CEC	Commission of the European Communities
CEDARS	CURL exemplars for digital archives
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CEGB	Central Electricity Generating Board (UK)
CEI	Committee for Electronic Information (HEFCE)
CEIRC	CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee
CEM	(ii) content relationship management
CENL	Conference of European National Librarians
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CEPA	Cambrdige Economic Policy Associates
CEPIEC	China Educational Publications Import and Export Corporation
CERES	(National) Centre for Systems and Services for Research Studies (Norway)
CERFACS	Centre Europeen de Recherche et Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique
CERIF	Common European Research Information Format
CERL	Consortium of European Research Libraries - 24 libraries incl. BL, NLS, BNF, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek
CERLIM	Centre for research in Library and Information Management, University of Central Lancashire
CERNET	China Education and Research Network (an arm of CALIS)
CESNET	Czech Technical University and Czech Educational and Scientific Network
CEST	Centre for the Exploitation of Science and Technology
CFP	call for participation
CGE	Compagnie Generale D'Electricite
CGI	common gateway interface
CHECKIN	Serials module used by the Joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund Library
CHEMS	Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service
CHERIL	Centre for Higher Education Research, Innovation and Learning (Manchester, UK)
CHEST	Combined Higher Education Software Team
CHILL	Consortium of Independent Health Information Libraries in London
CHIU	Committee of Irish Heads of Universities
CHORUS	Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States
CIAO	Collaborative Institutional Assessment of Open Access (tool)
CIBER	(i) Centre for Information Behaviour and the Evaluation of Research (at UCL)
CIBER	(ii) Coordinamento Interuniversitario Basi Dati & Editoria in Rete
CIC	Committee on Institutional Cooperation (13 major research libraries in the USA)
CIG	City Information Group

CIGAG	Chemical Information and Computer Applications Group (of RSC)
CILEA	Lombardic Interuniversitario Consortium for the Automatic Elaboration
CILIP	Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals
CILIPS	Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland
CINCEL	Consorcio para el Acceso a la Informacíon Cientifíca Electronica [Corporation/Consortium for the Access to Electronic Scientific Information] - Chile
CINDOC	Centro de Informacion y Documentacion Cientificia - organization with CSIC acting as a national centre for scientific document supply in Spain
CINES	National Computing Centre for Higher Education (France)
CIP	(i) cataloguing in publication
CIP	(ii) Computer- Investitionsprogramm(Germany)
CIP	(iii) Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (EC)
CIPE	Coordinamento Italiano Periodici Elettronici
CIPS	Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply
CIQM	Centre for Information Quality Management set up by LA/UKOLUG
CIRIG	China Institutional Repository Implementation Group
CIS(i)	campus information service
CIS(ii)	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISAC	International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers
CISTI	Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information
Citadel	RLG service providing online access to range of commercial and academic databases
CJO	Chemical Journals Online
CL	contributing holiding libraries
CLA	(i) Canadian Library Association
CLA	(ii) Copyright Licensing Agency (UK)
CLACSO	El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales
CLARCS	Copyright Licensing Agency Rapid Clearance Service
CLAUD	Creating Libraries Accessible to Users with Disabilities
CLCO	Copyright Licensing Co-ordination Office
CLI	Center for Library Initiatives (USA)
CLIC	Corporate Library Information Centre (Canada)
CLIK	Centre of Learning and Knowledge
CLIR	Council on Library and Information Resources
CLOCKKS	Controlled LOCKKS
CLR	Council on Library Resources (USA)
CLS	Computing and Library Services (for example, at University of Huddersfield)
CLSI	Computer Library Services International Ltd - library systems supplier
CMA	content management system
CMCAB	Copac Collections Management Community Advisory Board
CML	Chemistry markup language
CMOE	China's Ministry of Education
CMOE	Centre for Science and Technology Development (China)
cMOOC	connected' MOOC (usually early model of MOOC)
CMS	(i) content management system
CMS	(ii) Collection Management Section (e.g. of ALCTS)
CMU	Carnegie Mellon University
CNCI	Category Normalized Citation Impact
CNEAI	National Commission for the Evaluation of Research (Spain)
CNI	Coalition of Networked Information
CNIDR	Clearinghouse for Networked Information Discovery and Retrieval
CNKI	Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure
CNN-PS	French national catalogue for serials
CNPID	Chinese Newspaper and Periodical Index Database
CNRI	Corporation for National Research Initiatives (France)
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France)
COAF	Charity Open Access Fund (formerly Wellcome Trust)
COAlition S	Initiative to make full and open access [to science publications] a reality by 2010
COAR	Confederation of Open Access Repositories

CoCoast	Capturing our Coast
CODATA	Committee for Data on Science and Technology (International Council for Science)
CODEN	unique and unambiguous permanent identifier for a specific serial title
CODES	Collection Development and Evaluation Section (e.g. of RUSA)
CODI	Committee On Development Information (UN Economic Commission for Africa)
Cog	U.K. Government's E-mail discussion group on libraries and networked information
Coko	Collaborative Knowledge Foundation
COLD	computer output to laser disc
COLICO	Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland
COM	catalogue on microfiche; also Zeitschiftendatenbank(Germany)
COMMANDS	ICL contents management and document server system handling multimedia
CONICYT	National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research [trans.] - Chile
CONSER	(i) Co-operative online serials (database)
CONSER	(ii) Conversion of Serials project - Library of Congress Council of Library Resources
CONTU	National Commission of New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Work (USA)
CONUL	Consortium of National and University Libraries
COO	chief operating officer
CoP	Code of Practice (eg. For COUNTER)
COPAC	CURL OPAC
COPE	Committee on Publication Ethics
COPICAT	CEC ESPRIT funded project on copyright protection for electronically published material
COPINET	CEC ESPRIT funded project on charging and billing systems for document delivery
COPOL	Council of Polytechnic Librarians
Copywatch	CLA campaign stopping illegal copying targeted at business
CORC	Co-operative Online Resource Catalog (OCLC's metadata initiative)
CORDIS	Community Online Research and Development Information Service (CEC DGXIII database)
CORE	(i) Not strictly an acronym - hosts collection of OA content covering all research disciplines
CORE	(ii) Chemistry Online Retrieval Experiment
COSEELIS	Council of Slavonic and Eastern European Libraries and Information Services
COSN	Consortium for School Networking (USA)
COUNTER	Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources (now just referred to as COUNTER)
Couperin	French consortium: COnsortium Universitaire de PERIodiques Numériques
Covid-19	an acute disease in humans caused by a coronavirus, which became pandemic in 2020
CPA	Commission on Preservation and Access (USA)
CPAN	Comprehensive Perl Archive Network
CPD	(i) continuing professional development
CPD	(ii) cost per download
CPD	(iii) code of professional conduct
CPI	consumer price index (UK)
CPS	Chemistry Preprint Server
CPU	central processing unit
CRC	Centre for Research Communications (UK)
CREES	Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Birmingham
CREPUQ	Conférence des Recteurs et des Principaux des Universités de Québec (consortium)
CREST	Consortium for Research Excellence, Support and Training
CRI	Conference of University Rectors in Ireland
CRIS	Current Research Information System (The 'C' also used for Cranfield's RIS)
CRKN	Canadian Research Knowledge Network
CRL	Center for Research Libraries (USA)
CRM	(i) customer relationship management
Crossref	The official DOI registration agency
CRT	cathode ray tube
CRUE	Conference of Spanish University Rectors
CRUI	Conference of Italian University Rectors
CSA	Cambridge Scientific Abstracts
CSBi	Computational and Systems Biology Initiative
CSDGM	Content standard for digital graphical metadata authored by FGDC
CSIC	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas - national centre for research in Spain

CSR	Comprehensive Spending Review (UK)
CSV	comma separated values (text format)
CTA	copyright transfer agreement
CUL	Cornell University Library (USA)
CULCG	Cambridge University Libraries Copyright Group (UK)
CUP	(i) Cambridge University Press (UK)
CUP	(ii) Coimbra University Press (Portugal)
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries
CVCP	Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals
CVoR	corrected version of record
CWIS	campus wide information service
CWTS	Centre for Science and Technology Studies (Leiden, Netherlands)
DA	Doctoral Academy
DACS	Design and Artistis Copyright Society
DAD	digital asset distribution
DAF	data audit framework (e.g. as used by DCC)
DAF	Data Asset Framework
DAG	Digitization Advisory Group (at Jisc)
DAI	Dutch author identifier
DAISY	Digital Accessible Information System
DALI	EU DG XIII library project on the electronic publishing and delivery of multimedia scientific reports in oceanography
DAM	digital asset management
DAMS	digitial asset management system
DanBib	Danish (national) library catalogue
DARE	Digital Academic REpositories Project (Netherlands)
DARIAH	Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (EU)
DBI	Deutsche Bibliotheksinstitut
DBI-FIRST	DBI document copying and delivery service using ten German and two foreign libraries as its sources
DBI-OSI II	German federal government and DF project to facilitate searches in the German regional electronic union catalogues, the Zeitschriftendatenbank, PICA and other major databases
DBMS	database management system
DCC	Digital Curation Centre (http://www.dcc.ac.uk/)
DCIP	Data Citation Implementation Project
DCMS	Data capture management system
DCU	Dublin City University
DCU	Dublin City University
DDA	demand-driven acquisition
DDEP	Dutch Depository of Electronic Publications
DDS	
DeCAff	Department for Constitutional Affairs
DECIMAL	library decision support module developed by a European consortium co-ordinated by Department of Library and Information Studies, Manchester Metropolitan University
DECOMATE	Delivery of COpyright MATerial to End-users - a digital library project to provide end users with access to copyright materials in electronic form run by a consortium of Tiliburg University, LSE and Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona
DEFF	Dansmark Elektroniske Forskningbibliothek - Danish electronic research library
DEFNet	Gateway for consortia-purchased resources in Denmark (originally negotiated with TDNet)
DELPHES	European Business information on CD-ROM produced by CCIP
DELTA	Telematic network and services applied to flexible distance learning
DENI	Department of Education, Northern Ireland,
DERA	Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (UK)
DF	Dansmark Forskningbibliothekforening (Denmark)
Dfee	Department of Further Education and Employment
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DFG	Deutsche Forshungsgemeinschaft - German Research Council/Foundation
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)

DF-Revy	Danish Research Libraries Review
DGXIII	Directorate General of the Commission of European Studies responsible for telecommunications, information industries and innovation
DH	digital humanities
DH	Department of Health
DIAD	Digitization in art and design - an eLib project
DIAL	Digital Identifiers for Institutions and Libraries (NISO Working Group)
DIALOG	on-line database host
DIAS	Digital Information and Archiving System
DIDL	Digital Item Declaration Language
DIEPER	The Digitized European Periodicals project (EU funded)
DIMDI	Deutsches Institut fur Medizinnische Dokumentation und Information
DIP	dual in-line package
DISLU	Department of Information Science at Loughborough University
DIUS	Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (UK)
DiVLE	Linking Digital Libaries with VLEs Programme
DLF	Digital Library Federation
DLF ERMI	Digital Library Federation's Electronic Resource Management Initiative
DLP	Digital List Price
DLS	Digital Library Services (e.g. DLS team at MMU)
DLT	distributed ledger technology
DMCA	Digital Millennium Copyright Act
DMLL	Disruptive Media Learning Lab (e.g. at Coventry University)
DMLS	Defence Medical Library Service (UK)
DMP	data management plan
DNER	Distributed National Electronic Resource
DNH	Departement of National Heritage
DOAB	*Directory of Open Access Books*
DOAJ	*Directory of Open Access Journals*
DOCDEL	document delivery(service)
DOD	digitization on demand
DOE	Department of Energy (US publisher)
DOI	(i) digital object identifier
DOI	(ii) Document Delivery and Electronic Publishing Initiative (of CEC)
DON	(numerical or digital optical disk double drive)
DORA	Declaration of Research Assessment (San Francisco)
DOS	database operating system
DOS-PC	disk operating system for personal computer
DOT	Directory of Transcription Services - Share the Vision project(UK)
DPA	Digital Performance Archive
DPC	Digital Preservation Coalition
DPDU	Direction de la Programmation et du Developpement Universitaire
DPE	DigitalPreservationEurope
dpi	dots per inch
DPLA	Digital Public Library of America
DPOD	distributed print on demand (which began as a Taylor & Francis initiative)
DPS	dynamic purchasing system
DRDP	Doctoral Research Development Programme
DRIVER	Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research
DRM	(i) digital rights management
DRM	(ii) Defence Research Agency (UK)
DRS	destination recognises source
DSC	(British Library) Document Supply Centre
DSCOLS	Diplomatic Service Commercial Officers Library Service(UK)
DSIR	Department of Scientific Industrial Research (former UK government department)
DTD	document type definition
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (UK)
DTP	desk top publishing

DTV	Danish Technical Knowledge Centre and Library
DUL	distributed usage logging
DVI	direct voice input
E2EOA	End-to-End Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc)
EA	enterprise architecture
EAD	Encoded archival description
EAHIL	European Association of Health and Information Libraries
EAJUS	Electronic article and journal usage statistics project from IOPP
EAN	European Article Number
EARL	Electronic Access to Resources in Libraries project
EARN	European Academic and Research Network
EAST	Eastern Academics' Scholars Trust (US)
EBA	evidence-based acquisition
EBI	European Bioinformatics Institute
E-BioSci	EMBO e-publishing initiative
EBL	EBook Library (Corporation)
EBLIDA	European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations
EBM	(i) Espresso Book Machine
EBM	(ii) evidence-based medicine
EBP	evidence-based practice
EBS	evidence-based selection
EBSCO	serials subscription agent based in the U.S. - founded by Elton Bryson Stephens
EC	European Community (also European Commission)
eCAM	*Complementary & Alternative Medicine* online (OUP)
ECAS	electronic current awareness service
ECCO	Eighteenth Century Content Online (from Jisc Collections)
ECDL	European Computer Driving Licence
ECE	Eastern and Central Europe
ECHO	(i) EC Host organization
ECHO	(ii) Exploring Cultural Heritage Online (North Carolina, US, project)
ECIL	European Conference on Information Literacy
ECLIPS	European Convention of Library and Information Products and Services
ECPA	European Commission on Preservation and Access
ECR	early career researcher
ECU	(i) European Currency Unit
ECU	(ii) Edith Cowan University (Australia)
ECUP	European Copyright User Platform
ed.	edited(or)
EDD	electronic document delivery
EDI	Electronic data interchange
EDIFACT	electronic data interchange for administration, commerce and transport
EDIL	Electronic document interchange between Libraries
EDINA	Edinburgh Data and Information Access
EDIteur	Pan-European Book Sector EDI group
EDP	electronic data processing
EDS	EBSCO Discovery Service
EEBO	Early English Books Online
EES	Elsevier electronic subscriptions
EESE	The Engineering E-journal Search Engine
EEVL	Edinburgh Engineering Virtual Library
EFQM	European Foundation of Quality Management
EFSG	European Federation of Serials Groups
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
e-GMF	eGovernment Metadata Framework
EI	(i) Engineering Information
EI	(ii) Engineering Index
EIDM	evidence-informed decision-making
EIES	electronic information exchange system

EIFL	Electronic Information for Libraries (from the OSI)
EIO	electronic information object
EIPM	Evidence Informed Policy Making
EIPS	Electronic information products and services
EJAC	E-journal Archives of Chongqing, China
eKAT	Electronic Knowledge Access Team (in NHS)
EKT	EKT/NHRF: National Documentation Centre (Greece)
ELAG	English Language Arts
ELAG	European Library Automation Group
ELC	Equality and Liberation Champions (University of Leicester)
eLib	electronic libraries programme of JISC
E-LIB	Electronic library at State and University Library Bremen, Germany
ELIN	Electronic Library Information Navigator, University of Lund
ELINOR	The Electronic Library Project at De Montfort University, Milton Keynes
ELISA	East of England Library and Information Services Development Agency
ELISE	Electronic Library Image Server for Europe project
ELITE	EU DG XIII library project combining technologies for electronic document management, access and delivery using WWW services in the STM area
ELS	electronic library system
ELSA	EU DG XIII library project designed to extend TULIP experiment by remote delivery of full text from publisher to user in SGML format
ELVIRA	Electronic Library and Visual Information Research project
ELVYN	Electronic Version Why Not? electronic journal project run through partnership of IOPP, Loughborough, Oxford, Manchester, Exeter, UCL, Hertfordshire universities and Harwell
e-mail/email	electronic mail
EMANI	Electronic Mathematics Archive Network Initiative - project including four publishers and Cornell University, the State and University Library Goettingen and Tsinghua University, Beijing
EMBASE	Excerpta Medica database published by Elsevier Science
EMBO	European Molecular Biology organization
EMEA	Europe, the Middle East and Africa
EMERALD	the Electronic Management Research Library Database
EMIC	Export Market Intelligence Centre
Emtree®	Embase Subject Headings
ENIVIDUCATION	Multimedia GIS for elementary environmental education
ENTER	Dawson on-line acquisitions tool
EOL	Economics Online (a proposed central portal from NEEO)
EOL	Encyclopaedia of Life (wiki-style encyclopaedia)
EOSC	European Open Science Cloud
EP	European Parliament
EPEF	Evalutation des Périodiques Electroniques dans le Réseau Universitaire Française (Project to evaluate use of e-journals in French universities)
EPIC	(i) a command interface online reference information system from OCLC
EPIC	(ii) Electronic purchasing in collaboration (NZ)
EPIC	(iii) Electronic Publishing Initiative at Columbia (University)
EPICo	European Print Initiatives Collaboration
EPICS	EDItEUR Product Information Communication Standards
EPIN	Electronic Public Information Network
EPS	Electronic Publishing Services
EPSRC	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council
EQLIPSE	Evaluation and quality in library performance : system for Europe - 10 member, European consortium led by CERLIM
EQUATOR	Enhancing the QUAlity and Transparency Of health Research
ER&L	Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference (USA)
ERA	(i) Educational Recording Agency
ERA	(ii) Excellence in Research for Australia
ERA	(iii) European Research Area
ERC	European Research Council
ERDB-JP	Electronic Resources Database - Japan

ERGIS	European Seabed Resource Geographical Information Service - IMPACT project
ERIH	European Reference Index for the Humanities
ERL	Electronic Reference Library
ERM	Electronic resource management
ERMI	Electronic Resource Mangement Initiative
ERS	Electronic Reading Systems, company supplying thereof
Erwerb-L	Erwerbungensfragen in Bibliotheken - mailing list on all acquisitions and collection development matters
ESA	European space Agency - in its role as a database host
ESAC	Efficiency and Standards for Article Charges initiative (Germany)
ESC	European Serials Conference
ESDS	Economic and Social Data Services
ESL	Elsevier Science Ltd.
ESOC	European Open Science Cloud
ESPACE	EPO bibliographic information on European/PCT patent applications since 1978
ESPL	Electronic Serials in Public Libraries project
ESPRIT	European Strategic Research Programme in Information Technology
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council
ESSD	Earth System Science Data
ESSN	electronic ISSN
ESSOAr	Earth and Space Sciences Online Archive
ESW	Education and Social Work (usually 'School of …')
ETD	Electronic theses and dissertations
ETHOS	European Telematics Horizontal Observatory Service Project - market and technology awareness service for EC's Telematics Application Programme
EThOS	Electronic Theses Online Service
ETOC	Electronic Table of Contents Service (British Library)
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EU	European Union
EUA	European University Association
EUnet	European Unix Network(Usenet)
EURILA	EU DG XIII library project on the electronic publishing and delivery of technical documents in
EURIPIDES	European Information Project involving Demographic and Economic Statistics - IMPACT project
EUROGI	European Umbrella organization for Geographical Information
EUROLOG	European On-line User's Group
EUR-OP	EC official publications office
EUROPAGATE	A SR/Z39.50 European gateway
EUROPANET	European academic network - using X.25 and TCP/IP
Europeana	Pan European digital library
EUSIDIC	European Association of Information Services
EV	Emerofica Virtuale - e-journals platform used by CIBER
EVoR	enhanced version of record
EWS	European Workshop on SGML
EXPLORER	The Space Explorer - IMPACT project
EZB	Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek
FACEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
FAIR	(i) Focus on Access to Institutional Resources
FAIR	(ii) findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable
FAME	Financial Analysis Made Easy - CD-ROM company information product
FAN	Forum for National Archivisits (Forum des Archivistes Nationaux)
FAPESP	Fundacao de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Sao Paulo
FAQ	frequently asked questions
FAR	faculty activity reporting
FASTDOC	EU DG XIII library project on document ordering and delivery
Fax	facsimile transmission
FBOI	First Bank of Internet
FCCN	National Foundation for Scientific Computing (Portugal)
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK)

FCT	Foundation for Science and Technology [Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia], Portugal
FE	further education
FEC	further education college
FECYT	Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee, US Geological Survey - see CSDGM
FIDDO	Focused Investigation of DocDel Options
FIGARO	Federated Initiative of GAP and Roquade (representing Dutch and German universities)
FIGIT	Follett Implementation Group for Information Technology (UK)
FIL	Forum for Interlending(UK)
FinElib	Finnish national electronic library programme (licensing structure)
FISO	find, identify, select and obtain
FIZ	Fachinformationscentrum
FLAI	Fellow of the Library Association of Ireland
FLARE	Florida Academic Repository
FMDF	Association of Staff Members of Danish Research Libraries
FOBID	Federation of Library, Documentation and Information organizations
FOI	Freedom of Information [Act]
FOLIO	The Future of Libraries is Open (EBSCO)
FORCE	The future of rsearch communications and e-scholarship
FOSTER	Facilitate Open Science Training for European Research
FOUDRE	Fourniture de Document sur Reseau Electronique
FP7	Seventh Framework Programme [for research] (Europe)
FRAD	Functional Requirements for Authority Data
FRANCIS	INIST multidisciplinary bibliographic database covering core of world literature in humanities, social sciences and economics
FRBR	Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records
FSCI	FORce11 Scholarly Communications Institute
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards (USA)
FSU	(i) former Soviet Union
FSU	(ii) Florida State University
FT	Financial Times
FTAM	file transfer access and management
FTC	Federal Trade Commission (USA)
FTE	full-time equivalent
FTP	file transfer protocol
FUNET	Finnish University and Research Network
FWCI	Field-weighted citation impact
FWF	Austrian Science Fund (Der Wissenschaftsfonds)
G & B	Gordon and Breach Publishing Group
G7	Group of 7 Industrial Nations - Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden and the United States
GA	Google Analytics
Gabriel	WWW service to members of Conference of European National Libraries
GALILEO	Consortium (interconnected libraries)
GAPP	General Administration of Press and Publication (China)
GARE	guidelines for authority and reference entries(Unesco)
GATES	Generic access to electronic services
GB	gigabyte
GBV	Gemainsamer Bibliotheksverbund ('Common Library Network: 200 academic and five public libraries in North Germany linked to PICA
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GDR	(former) German Democratic Republic
GEC	General Electric Company
GEDI	Group on Electronic Document Interchange
Geo	Gene Expression Omnibus
GERD	gross domestic expenditure and research & development
GeSIG	German-speaking serials interest group
GFII	Groupement Francais de l'Industrie de l'Information (French Information Industry Association)

GGC	Dutch central cataloguing system
GIDEON	Global Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology Network
GIF	graphical interchange format
GIS	geographical information systems
GL*SSARY	GreyNet project in order to build resources in grey literature
GLC	Greater London Council
GLIG	Government Libraries and Information Group
GLIMPSE	Global implicit search -search software for EESE
GLN	Global Location Number
GMC	General Medical Council
GMID	Global Markets Information Database
GMT	Greenwich mean time
GNI	gross national income
GNN	global network navigator
GOA	gold open access
GOKb	Global Open Knowledgebase
Gopher	distributed information system based on client server architecture
GP	General Practitioner - medical doctor
GPL	General Public Licence
GPS	global positioning satellite
GRID	Global Research Identifier Database - in the Digital Science portfolio
GRIDD	Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery
GRO	Griffith Research Online
GS	Greenhouse Studios
GSTPGs	Google Scholar
GSTPGs	Global studies taught postgraduates
GUI	graphical user interface
GUIDON	graphical user interface developed by OCLC
GUPL	Global University Publications Licence
GW4	Pathfinder project funded by Jisc (GW = Great Western, and 4 universities were involved)
GW4	[see above] - now known as Great West Four consortium
GWLA	Great Western Library Alliance (USA)
H2020	Horizon 2020 OA policy (European Community)
HAERVI project	Higher Education Access to E-Resources in Visited Institutions
HAI	Human Assets Index
HALO	Holdings, Accounts and Lines of Ownership - Jordan & Sons Ltd database
HATII	Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute (University of Glasgow)
HDR	higher degree by research
HDTV	high density television
HE	higher education
HEA	Health Education Academy
HECoS	Higher Education Classification of Subjects
HEFC	Higher Education Funding Council(UK)
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England [now Research England]
HEFCW	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
HEI	higher education institutions
HEIF	Higher Education Innovation Funding
HELib	Higher Education Library
HELIG	Higher Education Library Interest Group (South Africa)
HENSA	Higher Education National Software Archive (UK)
HEP	high energy physics
HEPI	Higher Education Policy Institute
HEPnet	High Energy Physics Network
HERD	higher education expenditure on research & development
HERON	Higher Education Resources ON-demand (JISC/eLib project)
HESA	Higher Education Statistics Agency
HHuLOA	[Universities of] Hull, Huddersfield, Lincoln Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc)
HIFA	Healthcare Information for All

HINARI	Health Internetwork Access for Research Literature (UN WHO)
HIRMEOS	High Integration of Research Monographs in the European Open Science infrastructure
HL	holding libraries
HLEG	High Level Expert Group (appointed by EC)
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HLG	Health Library Group (formerly Medical, Health & Welfare Group) (UK)
HLN	Health Libraries Network (UK)
HMS	Her Majesty's Ship
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationery Office
HND	Higher National Diploma (UK)
HOAP	hybrid open access
HOAP	Huddersfield [University] Open Access Publishing
HPCN	high performance computing and networking
HQ	headquarters
HRI	Horticultural Research Institute (UK)
HSE	Health and Safety Executive (UK)
HSE	Health Service Executive (Ireland)
HSS	humanities and social sciences
HTML	Hypertext markup language
HuMetricsHSS	Humane Metrics in Humanities and Social Sciences
HUSAT	Human Sciences and Advanced Technology - research institute at LUT
HyperBIT	hypertext electronic version of the journal "Behaviour and
I&DeA	Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government
I4OC	Initiative for Open Citations (project)
IAA	Identification, authentication and authorization
IAD	Institute for Academic Development
IAMS	identity and access management system
IAR	The Information Asset Register (UK)
IAS	individual article supply
IBC	integrated (trans-European) broadband communications
IBERMARC	Spanish MARC
IBIS	International Book Information Service
IBL	automated Dutch union catalogue for periodicals
IBM	International Business Machines
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development(World Bank)
IBSS	International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
ICADLA	International Council on Archives
ICADLA	International Conference of African Digital Libraries
ICBL	International Campus Book Link
ICC	International Computaprint Corporation - division of Reed technology & Information Services
ICCC	International Conference on Computer Communication
ICE	Institute of Civil Engineers
ICEDIS	International Committee for EDI in Serials
ICI	Imperial Chemical Industries Plc
ICMJE	International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
ICNET	Imperial Cancer Network
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
ICOLC	International Coalition of Library Consortia
ICP	International Cataloguing Principles (created by IFLA)
ICRF	Imperial Cancer Research Fund
ICRS	Institute of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability
ICSTI	International Council for Scientific and Techncial Information
ICSU	International Council for Scientific Unions
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IDEA	Esprit Project
IDEA	Inter- Institutional Directory of European Administrations
IDEAL	International Digital Electronic Access Library: database of Academic Press journals table of contents

IdP	Identity Provider
IDPF	International Digital Publishing Forum
IDRC	International Development Research Centre(Canada)
IE	information environment
IEB	*Insights* Editorial Board
IEDML	International Exchange of Duplicate Medical Literature
IEE	Institute of Electrical Engineers
IEEE	Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IEEE/LOM	IEEE learning object metadata standard
IEG	Information Exchange Groups
IESR	The Information Environment Service Registry
IET	Institution of Engineering and Technology (UK)
IF	impact factors
IFIP	International Federation of Information Processing
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations (and Institutions)
IFLANET	computer network of IFLA
IFRRO	International Federation of Reproduction Rights organizations
IGeLU	ExLibris User Group
IGER	Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research
IGI	Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research
IHR	(i) Institute of Historical Research (UK)
IHR	(ii) Institute of Humanities Research
IIMP	International Index to Music
IIS	Institute of Information Scientists
ILANET	Information and Libraries Access Network (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific)
ILDS	Inter-lending and Document Service
ILEJ	The Internet Library of Early Journals
ILL	Inter-library loans
ILRT	Institute for Learning and Research Technology
ILS	integrated library system
IMD	Index of Multiple Deprivation
IME(Ltd)	Information Made Easy Ltd - library software and system supplier
IMechE	Institution of Mechanical Engineers
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMISCOE	[research network on] International migration, integration and social cohesion
IMLS	Institute of Museum and Library Services (USA)
IMPACT	Information Market Policy Actions programme - co-ordinated by DGXIII-E ; primary EC agency for developing EC information
IMPACT2	second phase of IMPACT programme - raise awareness of existing information standards; stimulate growth of information systems
IMPRIMATUR	Intellectual Multimedia Property Rights Model and Terminology for Universal Reference Project - EC ESPRIT programme project
IMS	IMS Global Learning Consortium - metadata standard
IN SITE	current awareness service additions to the Internet
INASP	International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications
INFER	Italian National Forum on Electronic Resources
INFLIBNET	Information and Library Network Centre (India)
INIST	Institute National pour l'Information Scientifique et Technique (France)
INORMS	International Network of Research Management Societies
INPI	Institut National de la Propriete Industrielle (Patent Office, France)
INRA	Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique [Agricultural] (France)
INRIA	Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique (France)
INSERM	Institut National de la Santé [Health] et de la Recherche Medicale (France)
INSPEC	Information services for physics, electronics and computers provided by IEE
Internet	collection of networks that share the same namespace and use TCP/IP protocols (USA) - old?!
ION	Interlending OSI Network project
IOP	Institute of Physics
IOPP	Institute of Physics Publishing Ltd.

IP	(i) Internet Protocol
IP	(ii) intellectual property
IPA	International Publishers Association
IPGM	Independent Publishers Guild
IPGM	Institute of Post Graduate Medicine
IPL	Information Power Ltd
IPO	Intellectual Property Office
IPPI	Institute of Information Transmission Problems of Russian Academy of Sciences
IPR	intellectual property rights
IPTC	International Press Telecommunications Council - their taxonomy is a widely used coding system for news and media content
IR	institutional repository
IRD	Institut de recherche pour le développement (France)
IReL	Irish Research eLibrary
IRIS	database searching/document ordering service for libraries and business users in Ireland
IRISZ	Programme at the University of Budapest Central Library and Information Centre to establish a database for foreign periodicals and provide an electronic delivery service
IRMAP	Information Resources Management and Access (collection development policy at Imperial College London Library)
IRUS	institutional repository usage statistics [now also including subject repositories]
IRUS-UK	UK aggregation service (see IRUS above)
IS	Information Services
ISA	Investigation-Study-Assay (tool)
ISAD (G)	General International Standard Archival Description
ISAN	International Standard Audiovisual Number - ISO 15706
ISBD	International Standard Book Description
ISBD(ER)	International Standard Book Description for electronic resources
ISBN	International standard book number
ISC	Industrial Science Centre (Lisburn, NI)
ISDI	International standard document identifier
ISDN	integrated services digital network
ISDS	International Serials Data System
ISI	Institute of Scientific Information
ISIC	Information Specialist in Context (as used by Medical Library Association)
ISIL	International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations
ISIS	serials management package marketed by B.H.Blackwell Ltd.
ISN	internal sequence number - record control number used on MINISIS
ISNI	International Standard Name Identifier
ISO	International Standards Organization
ISO4	ISO Standard 4 - equivalent to BS 4148 specification for abbreviations of title
ISOC	Internet Society
ISODE	ISO Development Environment - allows OSI services to use a TCP based network
ISP	Internet service provider
ISPI	International standard party identifier
ISPO	Information Society Project Office
ISSC	Information Services Subcommittee of JISC
ISSN	International Standard Serial Number
ISSN-L	Linking ISSN
ISTC	International Science and Technology Center
ISTEX	Initiative for Excellency in Scientific and Technical Information (France)
ISTIC	Institute of Science and Technology Information of China
ISTP	Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings
ISWC	International standard work code
IT	information technology
ITE	Institute of Terrestrial Ecology
ITPS	International Thomson Publishing Services
ITT	invitation to tender (to supply)
IUA	Irish University Association

IUG	Innovative Users Group (USA)
IVRLA	*Independent Voices*
IVRLA	Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive (University College Dublin)
IXI	International X.25 Infrastructure
IYTE	Izmir High Institute of Technology (Turkey)
JACS	Joint Academic Coding System
Jake	Jointly Administered Knowledge Environment
JANET	Joint Academic Network
JASON	Document copying and delivery service based on periodical holdings in North Rhine Westphalia
JATS	journal archiving tag suite
JCIIE	JISC Committee for Integrated Information Environment
JCR	Journal Citation Reports (Thomson Reuters)
JHIP	*Journal of High Energy Physics*
JIBS	JISC Assisted Bibliographic Dataservices - user group end-users of the UK's networked resources
JIF	journal impact factor
JIME	Journal of Interactive Media in education - an e-journal (UK)
JINR	Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Russia)
JIPS	Joint Internet Protocol Service
JISC/Jisc	Joint Information Systems Committee (of HEFC's) [Now written: 'Jisc' and not expanded]
JMLS	John Menzies Library Services Ltd. - library supplier
JNCI	Journal Normalized Citations Impact
JOL	Journals OnLine platform (developed by PKP)
JOLI	*Journal of Library Innovation*
JOLIS	*Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*
JoRD	Journal of Research Data policy bank
JRDPR	Journal Research Data Policy Registry
JRULM	John Rylands University Library of Manchester
JSCEIP	Journal Supply Chain Efficiency Improvement Pilot
JSON	JavaScript object notation
JSTOR	The Mellon Foundation Journal Storage project of American economics and history (now encompassing Ithaka)
JUF	journal usage factor
JUGL	JANET User Group for Libraries
JULIA	(human resource development in the transition towards the hybrid library project (Denmark)
JUPITER	JUGL Project for Information Transfer, Education and Research
JUR	Journal Use Reports™ (Thomson Scientific product)
JUSP	Journal Usage Statistics Portal (UK)
JVP	Janet-Viscount-Public libraries project
JWG	Journals Working Group of JISC
KAMJE	Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors
KAUST	King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia)
KB	National Library of the Netherlands (Koninklijke Bibliotheek)
KB+	Knowledge Base+ (shared academic knowledge base)
KBART	Knowledge Bases and Related Tools (Joint UKSG-NISO Working Group)
KE	Knowledge Exchange
KEMÖ	Austrian Academic Library Consortium (Kooperation E-Medien Österreich)
KESLI	Korea Electronic Site License Initiative
KI	Karolinska Institutet
KIB	Karolinska Institutet (University) Library
K-Int	Knowledge Integration Ltd
KISTI	Korea Institute of Science and Technology (South Korea)
KLIS	Knowledge, Library and Information Services
KLISC	Kenyan Library and Information Consortium
KNAW	Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences
KNUST	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana, Africa)
KPI	key performance indicator

KTP	knowledge transfer partnership
KU	Knowldege Unlatched
KU	University of Kansas (Libraries)
LA	Library Association
LAI	Library Association of Ireland
LAIG	Library Association Industrial Group (UK)
LAM	Library Archive and Museum
LAMDA	London and Manchester Document Access - electronic document delivery service
LAMJOL	Latin American Journals Online
LAMP	Library Analytics and Metrics Project
LAN	local area network
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory (later to become: arXIV.org - archive service)
LANtastic	network operating system from Artisoft
LAPT	Library Acquisitions theory and practice - periodical
LARCH	Linked Automated Register of Collaborative Holdings
LASSIE	London's Libraries and Social Software in Education
LC	Library of Congress
LCCN	Library of Congress Control Number
LCD	liquid crystal display
LCPDT	London College of Printing and Distributive Trades
LD	linked data
LDAP	lightweight directory access protocol
LDC	least developed countries
LDL	Librarians' Digital Library (repository based in India)
LEAP	Library Executive Advisor Programme (of LYRASIS, USA)
LEI	legal entity identifier
LERU	League of European Research Universities
LGBTQ	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer
LGMA	Libraries Development Local Government Management Agency (Ireland)
LIA	Licensed Internet Associates programme (at TNA)
LIASA	Library and Information Association of South Africa
LIBACT	program sponsored by the European Communities
LIBER	Ligue des Bibliothèques Européenes de Recherche
LIBERATION	EU DG XIII project where STM publishers will prepare a range of multimedia materials for libraries both on CD-ROM and for local area network or Internet use
LIBERTAS	automated library system marketed by SLS Ltd.
LIBRANK	research project investigating relevance ranking and evaluation (Germany)
LIC	Library and Information Commission
LIDP	Library Impact Data Project
LIEM	Library and Information East Midlands (UK)
LIFE	Life-Cycle Information For E-literature
LILAC	Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference
LINC	Library and Information Co-operation Council (UK)
LIP	library and information plan or local information plan
LIRN	(Project) Library and Information Referral Network
LIS	Library and Information Services (ICRF)
LIS	library and information science
LISA	Library and Information Science Abstracts
Lis-Link	library and information science mailing list for news and discussion funded by JISC
LISSA	LIS Scholarship Archive
LISTSERV	abbreviation of list server - software allowing list of subscribers to be
LIW	Library Ireland Week
LJMU	Liverpool John Moores University (UK)
LKDN	Library & Knowledge Development Network (NHS, UK)
LMI	Leeds Medical Information - former OIS based at Leeds University
LMS	(i) library management system
LMS	(ii) learning management system
LMSPG	London Medical School Purchasing Group

LOC	Library of Congress
LOCH	Lessons in Open Access Compliance for Higher Education (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc)
LOCKSS	Lots of copies keep stuff safe' - project managed by Stanford University (USA)
LOD	linked open data
LODLAM	Linked Open Data in Libraries, Archives and Museums
LPC	Library Publishing Coalition
LPS	Library Partnership Subsidy
LRC	Learning Resources Centre
LSC	Library Society of China
LSDD	Library Subscriptions and Document Delivery
LSE	London School of Economics (and Political Science)
LSETO	LSE Theses Online
LSP	library service platforms
LTE	long term evolution (example: 4G services)
LTSS	LOCKSS Technical Support Service
LUG	library user group
LUP	Liverpool University Press
LUT	Loughborough University of Technology
LYRASIS	Merger of SOLINET and PALINET, joined by NELINET = membership organization serving libraries and information professionals (USA)
MA	Master of Arts
MA/HEM	Methodology for Access/Holdings Economic Modeling
MAB	Maschinelles Austauschformat fur Bibliotheken - exchange format for
MAC	Macintosh computer
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (UK)
MAG	Mark Allen Group
MAGiC	Managing access to grey literature collections - project managed by Cranfield University with BLDSC, DERA/DRIC, SIRSI Ltd. and Loughborough University
MAGIS	Map supported Area information service based on GIS - IMPACT project
MagNet	Serials network of EARL
MAID	Market Analysis and Information Database
MAIS	MA [Masters Degree] in Information Studies
MALC	Myanmar Academic Libraries Consortium
MAN	Metropolitan area network
MAP	Malaria Atlas Project
MARC	machine readable cataloguing
Mb per mn	megabytes per minute
MBS	Manchester Business School
MCB	MCB University Press - book and serials publisher (UK)
MDC	Mead Data Central- online database host- largest in North America
MDIS	McDonnell Information Systems Group
MDUI	Metadata extensions for log-in and Discovery User Interface
MEDLARS	Medical literature analysis and retrieval service
MEDLINE	online or CD-ROM database equivalent of Index Medicus
MedOANet	Mediterranean Open Access Network
MEDten	CD-Plus product making available current ten years of MEDLINE on eight discs with monthly updates
MEED	Middle East Economic Digest
MeSH	medical subject headings
MESUR	MEtrics from Scholarly Usage of Resources
METS	Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
MHS	message handling system - LAN based e-mail system
MIDAS	Manchester Information Datasets and Associated Services based at University of Manchester
MIMAS	Manchester Information and Associated Services
MINISIS	Periodicals management automated computer system

MINSTREL	EU funded project to develop software for accessing relevant and reliable management information from automated and non-automated data sources. Partners in the project are BLCMP, PICA, University College Dublin, De Montfort University Library and TUT
MIRA	Motor Industry Research Association
MIS	management information systems
MI-SPI	Michigan Shared Print Initiative
MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
MIUR	Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Italy)
MK	Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga - distributor for foreign subscribers in the USSR
ML	modern languages
MLA	Museums Libraries and Archives Council
MLA	Modern Language Association
MLE	managed learning environment
MLO	Modern Languages Open (an LUP initiative)
MMC	Monopolies & Mergers Commission(UK)
MMU	Manchester Metropolitan University
mn	minute
MOA	Mass Observation Archive (at Sussex)
MOD	Ministry of Defence(UK)
MOOC	massive open online course [see also: cMOOC and xMOOC]
mOPAC	mobile OPAC
MoST	Minister of Science and Techology (China)
MOTIS	Message Oriented Text Interchange System - formal name of 1988 CCITT x.400 standard
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MoW	Memory of the World Programme (UNESCO)
MP	Member of Parliament (UK)
MPDL	Max Planck Digital Library
MPP	massively parallel computing
MPS	Multiple protocol server
MS	Microsoft
MSMSE	Modeling and Simulation in Materials Science and Engineering - journal in electronic and printed formats
MTC	Military Technical College
MU	Maynooth University (Ireland)
MUD	multi-user dialogue/domain/dungeon (Internet)
MUMLIB	Multimedia in Libraries - EU funded project to set up database of text, picture, sound and video materials of number of authors in original language and English (Denmark, Ireland and Portugal)
MUP	Manchester University Press (UK)
MURAL	Maynooth University Research Archive Library
MUSE	full text online service for John Hopkins University Press journals
MVP	minimum viable product
MYRIADE	CCN on CD-ROM
NACSIS	National Center for Science Information Systems
NAG	National Acquisitions Group (UK)
NAL	National Agricultural Library (USA)
NAP	National Awareness Partners - provide local support to libraries, educational institutions on information provision
NAP	National Academies Press
NAR	*Nucleic Acids Research* (OUP)
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA)
NASIG	North American Serials Interest Group
NASIGNET	NASIG network
NASW	National Association of Social Workers (US)
NAU	Northern Arizona University (USA)
NBA	Net book agreement
NBK	National Biblioigraphic Knowledgebase (Jisc, UK)
NBN	National Bibliographic Number

NCA	National Council on Archives
NCAS	National Center for Supercomputing Applications (USA)
NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information (USA)
NCC	Dutch national computer catalogue/Dutch union catalogue
NCL	(i) non-conventional literature
NCL	(ii) National Central Library (former division of British Library)
NCP	National Contact Points (e.g. in SCOAP programme)
NCSE	Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition project (Birkbeck College)
NCSU	North Carolina State University (USA)
NDL	(i) National Digital Library - e.g. as in Library of Congress (USA) and Finland
NDL	(ii) National Diet Library (Japan)
NDLR	National Digital Learning Repository (Ireland)
NDLTD	National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (UK)
NDP	Normative Data Project for Libraries (USA)
NDSA	National Digital Stewardship Alliance
NEAR	National Electronic Archive (of materials produced by academics) - initiative proposed by the University of Kansas
NEEO	Network of European Economists Online
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities (USA)
NEHL	Norwegian Electronic Health Library
NEJM	*New England Journal of Medicine*
NELH	National Electronic Library for Health
NELINET	New England Library Network
NELLCO	New England Law Library Consortium (USA)
NepJOL	Nepalese Journals Online
NER	named entity recognition
NERL	North East Research Libraries Consortium (USA)
NeSC	The National e-Science Centre
NESLI	National Electronic Site Licence Initiative
NESSTAR	EU DG XIII project involving statistical archive access and visualisation
NEWSPLAN	project to establish co-operative preservation of serials publications initiated by SWERLS aided by BLNL
NEYAL	North East and Yorkshire Academic Libraries Consortium
NFAIS	National Federation of Advanced Information Services (USA)
NFC	near field communication
NGfl	National Grid for Learning
NGO	non-governmental organization
NHLKS	National Health Library & Knowledge Service (Ireland)
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia)
NHRF	EKT/NHRF: National Documentation Centre (Greece)
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NiCHE	Network in Canadian History & Environment
NIFU	Norwegian Institute for Studies in Research and Higher Education
NIH	National Institutes of Health (USA)
NISC	National Inquiry Services Centre (S Africa)
NISO	National Information Standards Organization (USA)
NISP	Networked Information Service Project
NISS	National Information Software and Services
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology (US)
NIU	National University of Ireland (Galway)
NJP	*New Journal of Physics*
NL	The Netherlands
NLF	National Library of Finland
NLL	National Lending Library (UK)
NLL	non-linear lending (such as the model offered by EBL)
NLLST	National Lending Library for Science and Technology along with BLLD pre-cursor of BLDSC(UK)
NLM	National Library of Medicine

NLP	natural language processing
NLS	(i) National Library of Sweden
NLS	(ii) National Library of Scotland
NMC	Nursing and Midwifery Council
NMS	National Museums of Scotland
NMSG	National Monographs Steering Committee
NODA	National Office of Digital Archiving
NOKC	Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services
NOOC	National MOOC
NORAD	Norwegian Development Agency for Co-operation
NOSP	Scandinavian serials union catalogue
NOSPI	Newsletter on Serials Pricing
NOTIS	Northwestern online totally integrated system (USA)
NoWAL	North West Academic Libraries (UK)
NPG	Nature Publishing Group
NPLSaT	Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology
NPO	National Preservation Office
NPOS	National Plan Open Science (Netherlands)
NRAL	*New Review of Academic Librarianship*
NREN	National Research and Education Network (USA)
NRN	National Research Network (Ireland)
NSCF	National Scholarly Communication Forum (Australia)
NSCS	First Nordic Conference on Scholarly Communication in Lund/Copenhagen
NSDP	National Serials Data Program (USA)
NSF	National Science Foundation (USA)
NSFC	Natural Science Foundation of China
NSL	National Science Libarary (China)
NSS	National Student (Satisfaction) Survey (UK)
NSTL	National Science and Technology Library (China)
NTIS	National Technical Information Service(US Department of Trade and Commerce)
NTK	National Technical Library, Prague (Czech Republic)
NTNU	Norwegian University of Science and Technology
NTU	Nottingham Trent University (UK)
NUC	National Union Catalogue
NUCAF	National Union Catalogue of Alternative Formats
NUI Galway	National University of Ireland Galway
NUIM	National University of Ireland Maynooth
NUMERIS	French ISDN network
NUP	new university press
NVBF	Nordic Federation of Research Libraries
NVB-SG	Dutch Serials Group
NVQ	national vocational qualification
NWLIP	North West Libraries Interlending Partnership (UK)
NWO	Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research
NWUPC	North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium
O2OA	Open to Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc)
OA	open access
OAeBU	Open Access eBook Usage
OAeX	Open Access Exchange
OAGP	Open Access Good Practice (UK initiative funded by Jisc)
OAI	Open Archives Initiative
OAI-PMH	Open Archives Initiative - Protocol for Metadata Harvesting
OAIS	Open Archival Information System
OAPEN	Open Access Publishing in European Networks
OAPEN-UK	Open Access Publishing in European Networks - United Kingdom (a project)
OARE	Online Access to Research in the Environment
OARPST	Open Access and Research Publications Support Team
OASIS	organization for Article Standards in Science

OASPA	Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
OATA	Open Access Toolset Alliance
OATS	open source assistive technology software
OATS	(Current Contents) Online and the Genuine Article
OBN	*Open Biology*
OBN	Open Library Network(The Netherlands)
OBP	Open Book Publishers
OCC	Office for Copyright Compliance (USA)
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center
OCR	optical character recognition
OCS	Open Conference Systems
OCUL	Ontario Council of University Libraries (Canada)
ODA	open document architecture
ODE	Opportunities for Data Exchange project (STM project with EU funding)
ODI	Open Discovery Initiative (a NISO initiative)
ODIF	open document interchange format
ODU	Old Dominion University
OEB	Open E-Book standard
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OER	open educational resource(s)
OFEC	Organization for Electronic Commerce
OFL-21	Optical Fibre Loop for the Twenty-First Century (Japan)
OfS	Office for Students
Oftel	Office of Telecommunications(UK)
OGC	Office for Government Commerce
OHP	Open Humanities Press
OIS	Oncology Information Service based at Leeds University - succeeded by LMI
OJ	Official Journal of the European Community
OJCCT	Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials
OJEU	*Official Journal of the European Union*
OJS	Open Journal System(s)
OLAP	online analytical processing
OLE	Open Library Environment project (which became Kuali OLE 17)
OLH	Open Library of Humanities
OLR	optical layout recognition
OMEGA	Object Metadata for European Geographic Analysis - IMPACT project
OMNI	organizing Medical Networked Information - eLib project
ONIX-PL	ONIX Publications Licence
ONLD	Organisation Name Linked Data
ONS	Office for National Statistics
OOA	original OA (as used by Leo Waaijers, i.e. not just with CC licence in subscription journal)
OPAC	online public access catalogue
OpenAIRE	Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe
OpenDOAR	*Directory of Open Access Repositories*
OPI	Open Information Interchange - IMPACT initiative to develop guidelines for use of information standards
OPPN	one page project manager tool [free download: oppmi.com]
ORACLE	library management system
ORCID	Open Researcher & Contributor IDentifier [iD]
ORO	Open Research Online
ORPAN	Distribution Centre for Scientific Literature (Poland)
OS	open source
OSAP	Office of Scientific and Academic Publications (of ARL)
OSC	Office for Scholarly Communication (Harvard)
OSF	Open Science Framework
OSI	(i) Open Society Institute
OSI	(ii) open systems interconnection
OSIRIS	Online Serials Information Registration and Inquiry System (IFLA)

OSPP	Open Science Policy Platform
OSS	open source software
OST	Office of Science and Technology
OSTI	Office of Scientific and Technological Information
OSTP	Office for Science and Technology Policy (USA)
OU	The Open University
OULS	Oxford University Library Services (later to become 'The Bodleian Libraries')
OUP	Oxford University Press
OUR	OCUL usage rights (database) - an implementation of British Columbia's open source Mondo
OVID	database interface produced by CA Plus Technologies Ltd.
OWD	Orphan Works Directive
P&R	publish and read
P&T	promition and tenure
PA	Publishers Association
PAC	public access catalogue
PAC	Preservation and Conservation - IFLA Core Programme
PACS	Physics & Astronomy Classification Scheme
PACS-L	Public Access Computers in Libraries - Listserv - directory available on Internet
PALINET	Philadelphia Area Library Network (USA)
PALM Africa	Publishing and Alternative Licensing Model of Africa
PALS	Publisher and Library/Learning Solutions group
PAMS	Publication access management services
PANCATALOGU	French University union catalogue of books
PANGPAC	packet switched network for Papua New Guinea
PAPR	The Print Archives and Preservation Registry
PASA	Publishers Association of South Africa
PASCAL	(i) INIST multidisciplinary bibliographic database covering world literature in science, technology and medicine
PASCAL	(ii) Preservation and Access Service Center for Colorado Academic Libraries (USA)
PASTEUR4OA	Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research
PATRON	Performing Arts Teaching Resources ONline -eLib project in electronic reserve or short loan category
PAYG	pay as you go
PC	personal computer
PCG	Publishers Communication Group
PCI	(i) Primo Central Index
PCI	(ii) Patent Citation Index
PCMCIA	Personal Computer Memory Card International Association
PDA	(i) patron-driven acquistion
PDA	(ii) personal digital assistant; personal data assistant
PDB	Protein Data Bank
PDF	portable document format
PDR	Pharma Documentation Ring
PEAK	Pricing Electronic Access to Knowledge -research project at the University of Michigan in collaboration with Elsevier
PEB	Pret Etre Bibliotheques - computerised messaging system
PEER	Publishing and the Ecology of European Research
PELICAN	Pricing experiment library information co-operative network - JISC funded project
PEPRS	Pilot for an e-journals preservation registry service
PERI	Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (launched by INASP)
PfD	Publishers for Development (an ACU and INASP initiative)
PGR	postgraduate research
PGT	taught postgraduates
PHI	Partnerships in Health Information
PhilJOL	Philippines Journals Online
PHL	principal holding libraries
PI	principal investigator
PICA	Project geIntegreerde Catalogus Automatiserung (The Netherlands)

PID	persistent identifier
PIE-J	Presentation and Identification of E-Journals
PII	Publisher item identifier
PILIN	persistent identifier linking infrastructure project (Australia)
PIM	Platform of Information Management (international organization)
PIN	personal identification number
PIPEX	Public IP Exchange Ltd. - leading Internet provider in Europe
PIRUS	Publisher and Institutional Repository Usage Statistics
PKP	Public Knowledge Project
PKSB	Professional Knowledge and Skills Base
PLANETS	Permanent Long-term Access through NETworked Services (European project)
PLER	Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources - American Library Association
PLN	private LOCKSS network
PLNASG	Public Library Network Awareness Steering Group
PLOS	Public Library of Science (previously written: PLoS)
PLS	Publishers Licensing Society
PLUS	scheme whereby Elsevier Science Ltd journals may award credits to libraries of their choice - credits to be used for purchase of any Elsevier Science journal
PMC	PubMed Central
PNAS	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
POD	print on demand
POLAR	Participation of Local Areas (Index)
POP	point of presence
PORTRAIT	online database service for marketing information based on postcodes produced by Infolink Decision Services
PPA	Periodical Publishers Association
PPE	personal protective equipment
PPPR	post-publication peer review
PPT	Parallel Publishing for Transactions - eLib project
PPV	pay per view
PQDT	ProQuest Dissertations and Theses
PR	public relations
PRC (i)	Publishing Research Consortium
PRC (ii)	People's Republic of China
PREMIS	Preservation Metadata Implementation Strategy
PREP	Psychology Preprint Bulletin Board
PRO	public research performing organization
Pro-Cite	database application software for managing and formatting bibliographic references
PROM	Programmable read only memory
PSLI	Pilot Site Licence Initiative
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network (USA)
PSU	(i) Penn State University (USA)
PSU	(ii) Portland State University
PTA	post-termination access
PTT	Post, Telegraph and Telephone Administration - a government provider of communications functions in most European countries
PUB5	complete database marketing and subscription fulfillment software system marketed by Newsco Software Ltd of Peterborough
PURL	permanent universal resource locator
PuRLS	Publishing and Research Learning for Students
PVC	Pro-Vice Chancellor
QA	quality assurance
QAA	Quality Assurance Agency [for higher education]
QCA	qualitative content analysis
QED	Quest Economics Database- primary macro-economic research, country reports, risk analysis
QNL	Qatar National Library
QNRF	Qatar National Research Fund
QOAM	Quality Open Access Market

QR	quality related (as in: quality-related grant distribution)
QR code	quick response code
QS	Quacquarelli Symonds (British education research company)
QUARTET	project - extension of BLEND examining further the potentials of electronic publishing, networking, CD-ROMS and optical digital disks
QUB	Queen's University, Belfast
QUT	Queensland University of Technology
R&D	research and development
R&D	research and development
R&E	research and enterprise
R2R	Researcher to Reader (conference)
R5	Release 5 (of COUNTER)
RA	research administrator
RACE	Research and Development in Advanced Telecommunications Technologies for Europe
RAE	research assessment exercise
RAIS	successor to VAAP in Russia- author's agency
RAM	random access memory
RAPDOC	Rapid Document Delivery Project involving 19 major libraries and PICA in the Netherlands
RBB	Reuter Business Briefing
RBGE	Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
RCAAP	Repositório Científico de Acesso Aberto de Portugal (OA repository infrastructure in Portugal)
RCN	Royal College of Nursing
RCPO	Research Councils Procurement Organization
RCSI	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
RCUK	Research Councils UK [now historical - see UKRI]
RD	Reveal Digital (USA)
RDA	resource description and access
RDF	resource description framework
RDM	research data management
RDN	Resource Discovery Network
RDR	research data repository
RDS	Research Data Services (e.g. at University of Virginia, USA)
RDSS	Research Data Shared Services (developed by Jisc)
RE	Research England (was formerly HEFCE)
REBIUN	Network of Spanish University Libraries
RECODE	Policy RECommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe
Red Sage	collaborative project of UCSF, Springer-Verlag and AT&T to provide electronic library
ReDI	Regional Database Information Services (Germany)
REF	Research Excellence Framework
REP	Robots Exclusion Protocol
RePEc	Research Papers in Economics
RESCOLINC	Consortium of research council funded libraries
RESMETIG	Research Assessment and Metrics Interest Group (ACRL, USA)
Resource	The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries
RFC	(i) request for connection
RFC	(ii) request for comments
RFID	radio frequency identification
RICA	Regole Italiane di Catalogazione per Autori
RIDDLE	Rapid Information and Display in a Library Environment - CEC funded project
RIN	Research Information Network (UK)
RIOXX	Does not appear to be an acronym but is the name of a metadata application profile
RIP	Raw Impact per Paper
RIS	research and innovations support
RLG	Research Libraries Group (USA)
RLN	Research Libraries Network
RLUK	Research Libraries UK
RMA	research managers and administrators
ROAC	Radical Open Access Collective

ROAD	Directory of Open Access scholarly Resources
ROAR	Registry of Open Access Repositories
ROARMAP	Registry of Open Access Repositoriy Mandatory Archiving Policies
ROI	return on investment
RoI	Republic of Ireland
ROMEO	Rights Metadata for Open Archiving - JISC funded Project
ROS	research outcomes system (RCUK)
ROW	(European) Registry of Orphan Works (due to be finished by 2011)
RPA	robotic process automation
RPI	retail price index
RPSC	Research Planning and Strategy Committee
RQF	Research Quality Framework (subsequently became ERA)
RRO	Reproduction Rights organization
RRP	Reed Reference Publishing
RSC	(i) Royal Society of Chemistry
RSC	(ii) RDA Steering Committee
RSLG	Research Support Libraries Group
RSLIS	Royal School of Library and Information Science (Denmark)
RSLP	Research Support Libraries Programme - national initiative funded by four UK h e funding bodies (1999-2002)
RTF	rich text format
RUGIT	Russell Group IT Directors (UK)
RUSA	Reference and User Services Association
RWA	Research Works Act
SaaS	Software as a Service
SABER	semiautomatic business environment research
SADL	Student Ambassadors for Digital Literacy (LSE project)
SAFARI	project involving the retrieval of trademarks by shape, feature etc., at University of Northumbria
SALSER	Scottish Academic Libraries' Serials network
SAML	Security attribute mark-up language/Security Assertion Markup Language
SAN	standard address number
SAN	Systeme d'archivage numerique
SAPIENS	Students as Academic Partner (project)
SAPIENS	Scottish Academic Periodicals Implementing an Effective Networked Service
SAR	self-assessment report
SAS	statistical software suite
SBL	Serials in the British Library
SCCTP	Serials Cataloguing Cooperative Training Program (USA)
SCHARR	Sheffield Centre for Health and Related Research, Sheffield University
SCI	(i) Serials Citation Index (Third World)
SCI	(ii) Scholarly Communication Institute (USA - Triangle)
SCI	(iii) Science Citation Index
SCIELO	Scientific Electronic Library Online (Brazil) project managed by FAPESP and BIREME
SCiPer	Science in the Nineteenth-Century Periodical project (University of Leeds)
SCN	scholarly communication network [also sometimes: scholarly collaboration network]
SCOAP	Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics (now SCOAP^3)
SCONUL	Society of College, National and University Libraries
SCORM	Shareable Content Object Reference Model Initiative
SCORPIO	Serials Co-ordination Project in Oxford (launched August 2004)
SCOSS	(Global) Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services
SCP	Standing Conference of Principals
SCSI	small computer systems interface
SCUJNS	Society of China University Journals in Natural Sciences
SCURL	Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries
SDF	Association of Danish Research Libraries
SDI	selective dissemination of information
SDL	Search Digital Libraries (searches LIS IRs in India)
SDLC	Scottish Digital Library Consortium

SDU	University of Southern Denmark
SED	secure electronic delivery
SEK	Swedish kronor (currency)
SELL	Southern European Libraries Link
SELLL	School of English Language, Literature and Linguistics
SEO	search engine optimization
SEP	Strategic Evaluation Protocol (Netherlands)
SEPSU	Science Engineering Policy Studies Unit (UK)
SETI	(Office of) Science, Education and Technical Information
SFC	Scottish Funding Council
SFEP	Society of Freelance Editors and Proofreaders
SFX	Context sensitive linking service from Ex Libris
SGML	standard general markup language
SHA	Strategic Health Authority
SHALL	Strategic Health Authority Library Leeds
SHARE	Shared Access Research Ecosystem
SHARP	Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
SHEDL	Scottish Higher Education Digital Library
SHEFC	Scottish Higher Education Funding Council
SHERPA	Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access - JISC project
SHL	(i) Senate House Libraries (made up of 9 libraries including those of Institutes of School of Advanced Study) (London, UK)
SHL	(ii) Sue Hill Recruitment
SHL	(iii) Sussex Humanities Lab (UK)
SI	Society of Indexers (UK)
SIA	senior information assistant
SICI	serials item and contribution identifier
Sida	Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency
SIDLP	Stanford Integrated Digital Library Project
SIR	Scientific Independence of young Researchers programme (Italy)
SISAC	Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee
SJR	SCImago Journal Rank
SK	(i) Scottish Knowledge - Scottish Universities venture to promote distance learning abroad
SK	(ii) Scholarly Kitchen (blog hosted from USA)
SL [/LSC]	Special Libraries [branch of the LSC]
SLA	Special Libraries Association
SLA	service level agreement
SLJOL	Sri Lankan Journals Online
SLS	SWALCAP Library Services Ltd.
SMDS	switched multimegabit data services
SME	small and medium sized enterprises
SMS	short messaging service
SMUR	submitted manuscript under review
SNA	systems network architecture
SNI	SIEMENS/NIXDORF library system(Germany)
SNIP	Source Normalised Impact per Paper
SNIPES	Scotland and Northern Ireland PEriodicalS purchasing consortium
SNS	social networking site
SNSF	Swiss National Science Foundation
SOA	service-oriented architecture
SOAP	Simple Object Access Protocol
SOAS	School of Oriental and African Studies (UK)
SOCIAM	The Theory and Practice of Social Machines (funded by EPSRC)
SOCKER	SR Origin Communication Kernel - project funded by EC's Telematique Programme aiming to design z39.50 interface to allow connection between any library workstation and any online catalogue irrespective of system supplier or database host
SOCRS	Serials and Other Continuing Resources Standing Committee (IFLA)
SOH	Serials Online Holdings (ONIX for Serials)

SOIF	Summary object interchange format
SOPODA	Social Planning/Policy and Development Abstracts
SP	Scholar's Portal (Ontario, Canada)
SPA-OPS	Society Publishers Accelerating Open Access and Plan S
SPARC	Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
SPARQL	a 'recursive' acronym for *SPARQL* Protocol and RDF Query Language
SPICe	Scottish Parliament Information Centre
SPIRS	SuperJANET Project on Information Resources
SPL	Scientific Periodicals Library, University of Cambridge (UK)
SpLD	special learning difficulty
SPO	Scottish Publishing Office
SPRU	Science Policy Research Unit, Universit of Sussex (UK)
SPS	Serials Products and Subscriptions
SPUD	Scholars Portal usage data
SQL	structured query language
SR	Search and Retrieve
SRC	Swedish Research Council
SRD	source recognises destination
SRG	Subscription Review Group
SRIS	(British Library) Science Reference and Information Service
SRN	Serials Release Notification
SRU	search/retrieve via URL
SSAH	Social Science, Arts and Humanities
SSISWG	Scottish Science Information Strategy Working Group
SSL	Secure socket layer
SSO	single sign-on
SSP	Society for Scholarly Publishing
SSRC	Social Sciences Research Council (UK)
SSRN	Social Science Research Network
STAMP	Software tools to integrate Information Access - an ESPRIT project
STAR	Special Telecommunication Action Regional Development (EC)
STARGATE	Static repository gateway and toolkit (PALS 2 project)
StARs	Student Academic Representatives (e.g. at University of Worcester)
STAS	Scientific and Technical Attribute Set-CAS developed this to provide a standard way to refer to a large of searchable/retrievable fields using z39.50 protocol
STeamLine	an electronic publishing system supporting electronic financial transactions through subscriptions, accounts and purchases payable by credit or debit card
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine
STI	(i) science, technology and innovation
STI	(ii) Scientific and technical information (France mostly)
STL	short-term loan
STM	(i) Scientific, Technical and Medical (publications/publishers)
STM	(ii) International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers
STN	Scientific and Technical Network
STORRE	(University of) Stirling Online Research Repository
SUB	Stockholm University Library
SUBITO	An initiative of the German federal government and federal states to combine searching, ordering and delivery of documents via the Internet to the researcher's desk top PC
SUHF	Association of Higher Education (Sweden)
SUNCAT	Serials Union Catalogue for the UK
SUNIST	Serveur Universitaire National de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (France)
SUPC	Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (UK)
SuperJANET	Super Joint Academic Network - an advanced high speed optical fibre network
SURF	Dutch Higher Education and research partnership organization for network services, IT and communications technology
SURFnet	Dutch academic and research network
SUSHI	Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative
SuUB	State and University Library Bremen (Germany)

SVKB	System vendor knowledge base
SWALCAP	South West Academic Libraries Co-operative Automated Project
SWAP	Scholarly Works Application Profile
SWERLS	South West Regional Library System (UK)
SWORD	Simple Web-service Offering Repository Deposit
SWOT	strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats [analysis]
SYN	synopsis - as in publication code for EC documents
T&Cs	terms and conditions
TA	toll access
TALIS	BLS Ltd client -server library management system
TAPoR	Text Analysis Portal for Research (Canadian initiative)
TAS	Transfer Alerting Service
TCD	Trinity College Dublin
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TCP/IP	total cost of publication
TCR	The Combined Regions (UK)
TDM	text and data mining
TDR	trusted digital repository
TECHLIB	application of the BASIS Text Information Management System - includes cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions and ILL
TED	Tenders Electronic Daily (a European database)
TEEAL	The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library
TEI	Text encoding initiative
TEL	The European Library
TELEFIRM	French company information
TELETHESES	French theses since 1972 on CD-ROM
TERCW	Tertiary Education and Research Commission for Wales
TERMS	Techniques for Electronic Resources Management
TFPL	Task Force Pro-Libra
THES	Times Higher Education Supplement
TIB Hanover	Universitatbibliothek Hannover und Technische Informationsbibliothek
TIBQUICK 2000	Project funded by the German federal government to enhance the capability of the Central Library of Technology, Hanover to access and store electronic documents
TIFF	tagged image file format - graphic file format developed by Aldus and Microsoft
TIME	Test bed for Interoperable Metadata for E-books
TIPP	Title Instance Package Platform (a KB+ term)
Tironet	Trans-Ireland Optical Network
TITAN	Tourist Information and Travel Assistance Network - IMPACT project
TiU	Tilburg University, The Netherlands
TLA	transaction log analysis
TLC	The Library Corporation (USA)
TLS	Swedish Association of Information Specialists (formerly Swedish Society for Technical Documentation)
TNA	The National Archives (UK)
TNE	Transnational education
TOC	Table of Contents
TOCRoSS	Table of Contents by Really Simple Syndication
TOME	Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem
TORCH	The Research Centre in the Humanities (e.g. at Oxford)
TPM	technological protection measures
TPS	technological protection systems
TQ	Total Quality
TRAC	Trusted Repository Audit Checklist
TRIPS	Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TSV	tab separated values (text format)
TTP	trusted third party
TUBITAK	Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council
TULIP	The University Licensing Program

TUPE	Transfer of undertakings(protection of employment)
TUT	Technische Universiteit Twente Bibliothek
TV	television
UA	University of Arizona (USA)
UAA	user-activated acquisition
UAP	Universal Availability of Publications - IFLA Core programme
UB	University of Barcelona, Spain
UBC	Universal Bibliographic Control
UBCIM	Universal Bibliographic Control - IFLA Core programme
UBiRD	*User Behaviour in Resarch Discovery* (JISC report)
UC	University of California (USA)
UCC	University College Cork (Ireland)
UCD	University College Dublin (Ireland)
UCG	University College, Galway
UCISA	Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association
UCL	University College London
UCLA	University of California, Los Angeles (USA)
UCNW	University College of North Wales (Bangor)
Uconn	University of Connecticut (USA)
UCP	University of California Press
UCSD	University of California San Diego (USA)
UCSF	University of California San Francisco (USA)
UCU	University and College Union (UK)
UDC	Universal Decimal Classification
UDL	Universal Design for Learning
UDO	University of Derby's student portal
UDT	Universal Dataflow and telecommunication - IFLA Core programme
UEA	University of East Anglia
UfI	Usage factor
UfI	University for Industry
UG	undergraduate
UHI	University of the Highlands and Islands (Scotland, UK)
UIUC	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
UK	United Kingdom
UK DRI	UK Dementia Research Institute
UK HE	United Kingdom Higher Education
UK HEI	UK higher education institution
UKÄ	Swedish Higher Education Authority
UKAMF	UK Access Management Federation (Jisc)
UKAPE	United Kingdom Association of Publishing Educators
UKB	The Association of Dutch University Libraries, the Royal Library, and the Library of the Royal Academy of Sciences (The Netherlands)
UKCoRR	UK Council of Research Repositories
UKERNA	United Kingdom Educational and Research Networking Association
UKHEI	United Kingdom Higher Education Institution
UKMARC	United Kingdom MARC format
UKNFP	UK National Focal Point (for European Libraries Programme)
UKNUC	United Kingdom Union Catalogue
UKOLN	Office for Library and Information Networking (UK)
UKPMC	United Kingdom arm of PubMed Central
UKRDS	UK Research Data Service
UKRI	UK Research and Innovation [replaced RCUK]
UKRR	UK Research Reserve project/initiative
UKRR-M	working title (2018) of UKRR-style model for Monographs
UK-SCL	UK Scholarly Communication Licence
UKSG	United Kingdom Serials Group (now known simply by its acronym: UKSG)
UL	University of Limerick (Ireland)
ULL	University of Liverpool Library (UK)

ULRLS	former name for group of libraries: University of London Research Library Service [see SHL for new group name]
UMDS	United Medical and Dental School, University of London
UMI	University Microfilms Inc.
UML	University of Manchester Library
UMLS	unified medical language system
UMRCC	University of Manchester Regional Computing Centre
UNC	University of North Carolina
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNI	Italian national standards institution
UNIMARC	Universal MARC format
UniProtKB	Universal Protein Knowledge Base
UniSA	University of South Australia
UNISIST	Universal System for Information in Science and Technology
UNIVIE	University of Vienna (not universal abbreviation for this)
Unix	a portable operating system - operating on mainframes down to PC's
UNMCL	University of Nebraska Medical Center Library
UNNC	University of Nottingham Ningbo China
UO	University of Ottowa (Canada)
UoA	Unit of Assessment (as used in RAEs)
UoL	University of Liverpool
UoSL	University of Sussex Library
UP	Ubiquity Press
UPCC	University Press Content Consortium
UPEI	University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)
UPTURN	Umbrella Proposal for Telematics for Users and Research Networks
UPV	Universitat Politècnica de València
UQ	University of Queensland (Australia)
UREP	Undergraduate Research Experience Programme (funded by QNRF)
URI	uniform resource identifier
URICA	automated library system - "Universal Real-time Information Control Administration" - product of McDonnell Douglas Information Systems Ltd.
URL	uniform resource locator
URN	universal resource name
US(A)	United States(of America)
USAS	(i) Ulrich's Serials Analysis System (Bowker)
USAS	(ii) UCREL Semantic Analysis System (devised at University of Lancaster)
USBE	United States Book Exchange
USC	University of Southern California (USA)
USC	United States Code
USMARC	United States MARC format
USSR	Union Of Soviet Socialist Republics
UStat	statistics storage and analysis tool (from Ex Libris)
USTC	Universal Short Title Catalogue project (St Andrews University)
UU	University of Ulster
UUID	Universally unique identifier
UUK	Universities UK
UUKi	Universities UK International
UUP	University of Utah Press (USA)
Uva	University of Virginia (USA) [preferred style: U.Va.]
UW	University of Washington
UWIC	University of Wales Institute Cardiff
UWS	University of the West of Scotland
UXPA	user experience
UXPA	User Experience Professionals Association
VAAP	authors agency in former USSR
VADL	Victorian Academic Digital Library (CAVAL initiative, Australia)

VAN	value-added network
VAT	value-added tax
VC	Vice Chancellor
VCU	Victoria Commonwealth University (US)
VGA	video graphics array
VIAA	Flemish Institute for Archiving (Vlaams Instituut voor Archivering) (Belgium)
VIAF	Virtual International Authority File
V-ISAN	ISAN for different versions of audiovisual publications
VITAL	Visitors Information on Transport and Locations - IMPACT project - RARE initiative
VIVA	The Virtual Library of Virginia (consortium of 39 public colleges and universities in Virginia, USA)
VJOL	Vietnam Journals Online
VK	Verbundkatalog maschinenlesbarer Datenrager - German national
VL	virtual library
VLE	virtual learning environment
VOLNET	online information service run by the Volunteer Centre (UK)
VoR	version of record
VPIEJF-L	discussion list/list server provided by Virginia Polytechnic and University for those interested in electronic publishing
VPN	virtual private net
VRE	Swedish Research Council
VRE	virtual research environment
VSAT	very small aperture terminals
VSNU	Association of Universities in the Netherlands
VT	Virtual Terminal - term used for ISO 9040/9041 for interfacing different kinds of terminals with open systems cf VT100
VT100	series of DEC terminals
WAG	Writers' Action Group
WAIS	Wide Area Information Service
WAME	World Association of Medical Editors
WAN	wide area network
WAP	(i) wireless application protocol
WAP	(ii) Wissenschaftler-Arbeitsplatz-Programm (Germany)
Watch	Writers and their Copyright Holders - database of copyright holders being compiled by Reading University Library etc.
WAYF	Where are you from? (process used in checking username/password)
WAYFless	URL where you are not required to login with username/password
WCAG	Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, e.g. WCAG 2.0
WCL	WorldCat Local
WCMC	Weill Cornell Medical College (US, and also WCMC-Q in Qatar)
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty 1996
WebDoc	project offering users access to electronic journal articles run by a consortium of Dutch and German academic libraries and PICA
WECARD	West and Central African Council for Research and Development
WG(BBSRC)	Working Group of BBSRC
WHEEL	Wales Higher Education Electronic Library
WHELF	Wales Higher Education Libraries Forum
WILIP	The Wider Information and Library Issues Project
WIN	Wissenschaftsnetz - German nationwide x.25 research network
WinPac	interface launched by Dynix combining the Z39.50 protocol and the Gopher to allow libraries to share bibliographic information over the Internet
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
Wisdom	Wellcome Information Service Databases on Medicine
WITSA	World Information Technology and Services Alliance
WMRLS	West Midlands Regional Library System
WMS	Web-scale Management Services (OCLC)
WOS	Web of Science
WoSEC	Web of Science Enhancement Committee

WPG	Willings Press Guide
WPPT	WIPO Performance and Phonogram Treaty
WSIHE	West Sussex Institute of Higher Education
WTL	Writing To Learn movement
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWW [also: W3	World Wide Web
X.25	CCITT standard specifying the interface between a user's device and the modem , for packet mode operation over a packet switching system
X.400	CCITT definition of a message handling system for public or private electronic mail
X.400/MOTIS	see MOTIS
X.500	CCITT definition of the directory function to be used with X.400 e-mail services
X.509	Specification for digital certificates
X12	ANSI standard for electronic data interchange
XML	Extensible mark-up language
xMOOC	later models of MOOC using mostly video lectures with limited communication outside this
XREP	XML request and response protocol
YAHOO	Yet Another Hierarchical Officious Oracle - Internet search engine
YPCVC	Young Professionals Community Volunteer Conference
z39.50	ISO standard for an information retrieval protocol for intersystem searching
ZBM, Koln	Zentralbibliothek der Medezin, Koln
ZDB	Zeitschriftendatenbank - German union catalogue for periodicals maintained by the DBI
ZonMw	the Dutch health research council