COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT CATEGORIES

The National Library is adopting the RLG Conspectus definitions of collecting levels for the revision of its collection development policy. These are the definitions recommended by Gary Gorman in his workshop on collection development in theological libraries at the 1985 ANZATS Library Consultation. (See Australasian College Libraries 5:3 (Sept. 1987), p.63-94; BABTPL 34/35 (Mar. 1986), p. 19-31).

These definitions have now been adopted by research libraries in virtually all the countries of the western world.

"Conspectus definitions of collecting level:

LEVEL 0; OUT OF SCOPE: the Library does not collect in this area.
LEVEL 1; MINIMAL LEVEL: A subject area in which few selections are made beyond very basic works.
LEVEL 2; BASIC INFORMATION LEVEL: A collection of up-to-date general materials that serve to introduce and define a subject and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. It may include dictionaries, encyclopedias, selected editions of important works, historical surveys, bibliographies, handbooks, a few major periodicals. A basic information collection is not sufficiently intensive to support any courses or independent study in the subject area involved.
LEVEL 3; INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVEL: A collection that is adequate to support undergraduate instruction, or sustained independent study; that is, adequate to maintain knowledge of a subject required for limited or generalised purposes, of less than research intensity. It includes a wide range of basic monographs, complete collections of the works of more important writers, selections from the works of secondary writers, a selection of representative journals, and the reference tools and fundamental bibliographical apparatus pertaining to the subject.
LEVEL 4; RESEARCH LEVEL: A collection that includes the major published source materials required for dissertations and independent research, including materials containing research reporting, new findings, scientific experimental results, and other information useful to researchers. It is intended to include all important reference works and a wide selection of specialised monographs, as well as a very extensive collection of journals and major indexing and abstracting services in the field. Older material is retained for historical research.
LEVEL 5; COMPREHENSIVE LEVEL: A collection in which a library endeavours, so far as it is reasonably possible, to include all significant works of recorded knowledge (publications, manuscripts, other forms), in all applicable languages, for a necessarily defined and limited field. This level of collecting intensity is one that maintains a "special collection"; the aim, if not the achievement, is exhaustiveness. Older material is retained for historical research."
NEW AND ALTERED LC SUBJECT HEADINGS

Among new and altered subject headings adopted by Library of Congress are some which may be useful in theological libraries. In the examples which follow, if you are still using the old style of subject authority, for "UF" read "x" and for "RT" and "BT" read "xx".

The subdivision "Text-books" has been replaced by its unhyphenated form, "Textbooks".

Draft resisters (May Subd Geog)
UF Dodgers, Draft
UF Draft dodgers
UF Resisters, Draft
SA subdivision Draft resisters under the names of individual wars,
World War, 1939-1945 - Draft resisters.

Haiti - History - 1934 - CANCEL
Haiti - History - 1934-1986 (Not Subd Geog)
Haiti - History - 1986 (Not Subd Geog)

Interfaith marriage (May Subd Geog)
UF Intermarriage, Religious
UF Interreligious marriage
UF Marriage, Interfaith
UF Marriage, Mixed
BT Intermarriage

Intermarriage (May subd Geog)
Here are entered works which discuss collectively marriage between persons of different religious, religious denominations, races, and ethnic groups.
UF Marriage, Mixed
UF Mixed marriage
BT Marriage

Marriage, Mixed  CANCEL

Military service, Compulsory - Draft resisters  CANCEL

Rajneeshees (May Subd Geog)

Rajneeshees - Biography
UF Rajneesh Foundation International - Biography

Rajneesh Foundation International
NEW ABN SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following are some of the new subject headings approved by the ABN Subject Headings Review Panel:

Anzac Day sermons
UF Anzac Day - Sermons
UF Sermons, Anzac Day
BT Anzac Day
BT Occasional sermons

Didjeridu
UF Didgeridoo
UF Didjeridoo
UF Digeridoo
UF Dijiridu
BT Aborigines, Australian - Music
BT Musical instruments - Australia
BT LWind instruments

Knights of Malta (May Subd Geog)
BT Hospitalers
BT Orders of knighthood and chivalry

Lasseter's Reef (Legendary gold reef)

Pilbara (W.A.)
(Chosen in preference to LCSH form: Pilbara (W.A. : Region)

Women convicts (May Subd Geog)
UF Female convicts
BT Convicts.
BT Female offenders
BT Women prisoners

RELIGION INDEX TWO

A revised edition of Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works, 1976-1980 is being published in a two-volume, cumulated set. The annual volumes have been augmented to approximately 1250 titles and 16,000 entries. The pre-publication price (till October 31, 1988) is $US495. Libraries can gain SUS30 credit for all annual volumes between 1976 and 1980 returned to ATLA Religion Indexes. The address: 5600 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60637.