

Both these subject heading lists are also used abroad but local variations are endless. Subject headings are the second component of a catalogue card which may have to be altered to be usable locally.

If all elements of a catalogue card were subject to the same amount of alteration as class numbers and subject headings, there would be little point in providing cataloguing copy for any books being sent abroad. Fortunately, the remaining two components of the catalogue card, the main entry and the descriptive body of the card, would normally be useable by most academic libraries with little or no change. This is very important, especially in the case of the main entry.

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