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Beghtol, C.: Access to fiction: a problem in classification theory and practice. Part I.

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Bibliographic classification theory and practice have not been as fully developed for the humanities as for the sciences. In particular, classification systems have not been generally adopted for content elements of primary works of fiction. Analysis of the kinds of exceptions that have been made for these works shows that they are often grouped by a principle that may be called "classification-by-creator" instead of by the more usual principle of "classification-by-subject". This paper explores some implications of the "classification-by-creator" principle and the potential usefulness of more detailed content access to fictional works. Some previous classification systems for fiction are described and a list of fiction analysis systems is included. It is concluded that further investigation of methods of providing users with access to fiction is warranted.

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Eisner, M.: The ARBOR information system for classical archaeology and history of art.

Int. Classif. 16(1989)No.3, p. 141-145, 9 refs.

Both domains divide scientific knowledge into object and method knowledge, with the former meaning knowledge of the organization of the individual real and normally complex research objects and the latter knowledge of the ways how to compare these objects. Object knowledge progresses stepwise from the object as a whole to its parts, subparts, etc. and can be visualized as an object-specific tree structure. ARBOR consists of a formal language able to represent textual object knowledge in a computer readable way. A PC-based implementation allows retrieval on the basis of ARBOR-coded object descriptions in different tree-structure-specific query-modes.

(Author)

Endres-Niggemeyer, B., Schmidt, B.: Knowledge-based classification systems: Basic issues, a toy system and further prospects.

Int. Classif. 16(1989)No.3, p. 146-156, 27 refs.

This article propagates expert systems for classification by 1) explaining the conceptual affinity (especially) between faceted classification schemes and frame representations, using a simple example and a toy system for demonstration purposes, 2) reviewing some approaches to classificational knowledge processing, both from Artificial Intelligence and Classification Research or Information Science, in order to prepare the ground for the development of more comprehensive systems: expert systems for classification.

(Authors)

Berg-Schorn, E.: Editions of the ICD and other health-related classification systems. A systematically arranged bibliography of works 1960-1989.

Int. Classif. 16(1989)No.3, p. 157-159

Lists 80 references mainly in relation to the German language versions of ICD-9, the International Classification of Diseases of the World Health Organization, Geneva. As there had been many requests of ICD-9 users, a list of publications of ICD manuals, specialty-based applications of the ICD, and a number of other current health-related classification systems were compiled. The bibliography is in 5 parts: (1) ICD-9 editions, (2) Other general medical classification systems, (3) Subject-related Medical Classification systems, (4) Codes in the area of primary care, (5) Classification systems for drugs and adverse reactions. An author index has been added.

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Please correct:

In issue 16(1989)No.2, in the Contents List and on p.116 the author of the obituary for J.E.L. Farradane was omitted by mistake. It is Prof. R.T. Bottle from the Department of Information science, City University London. We are very sorry for this omission!

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Scope

The more scientific data are generated in the impetuous present times, the more ordering energy needs to be expended to control these data in a retrievable fashion. With the abundance of knowledge now available the questions of new solutions to the ordering problem and thus of improved classification systems, methods and procedures have acquired unforeseen significance. For many years now they have been in the focus of interest of information scientists the world over.

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