Abbreviations and Acronyms

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AAP	American Association of Publishers
AAU	Association of American Universities
ACS	American Chemical Society
ALCS	Authors Licensing and Copyright Society
ALPSP	Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers
AOL	America Online – Internet provider
ARL	Association of Research Libraries (US)
AUT	Association of University Teachers
BIDS	Bath Information and Data Services
BOBCATSSS	A co-operative of European institutes and universities in the field of Library and Information Science, involving Budapest, Oslo, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Tampere, Sheffield, Stuttgart, and Szombathely.
CABI	Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International Library Services
CAIRNS	Co-operative Academic Information Retrieval Network for Scotland
CHEST	Combined Higher Education Software Team
CLA	Copyright Licensing Agency
COPAC	CURL OPAC
CORC	Cooperative Online Resource Catalog (OCLC's metadata initiative)
CURL	Consortium of University Research Libraries
DMS	Diploma in Management Studies
DNER	Distributed National Electronic Resource
DOI	digital object identifier
DTP	Desk Top Publishing
EAD	Encoded Archival Description

EBLIDA	European Bureau of Library and Documentation Associations
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
EMIC	Export Market Intelligence Centre
HEFC	Higher Education Funding Council
HEI	Higher Education Institution
HTML	hypertext mark-up language
I&DeA	Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government
IGER	Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research
ICOLC	The International Coalition of Library Consortia
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations
IFS	International Finance Statistics
IIAC	Industrial Injuries Advisory Council
ILDS	Inter-lending and Document Service
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPR	intellectual property rights
ISI	Institute for Scientific Information
JSTOR	The Mellon Foundation Journal Storage Project for American economics and history
LIPs	Local Information Plans
LIS	Library and Information Science
MAN	Metropolitan Area Networks
MBA	Masters Degree in Business Administration
MIDAS	Manchester Information, Data and Associated Services
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NASIG	North American Serials Interest Group
NEAR	National Electronic Archive (of material produced by academics) - initiative proposed by University of Kansas
NESLI	National Electronic Site Licence Initiative
NEYAL	North East and Yorkshire Academic Libraries purchasing consortium
NHS	National Health Service
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center; Ohio College Library Center
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
ONS	Office for National Statistics
OPAC	Online public access catalogue

PDF	portable document format
PEAK	Pricing Electronic Access to Knowledge – research project at the University of Michigan in collaboration with Elsevier
RAE	Research Assessment Exercise(in UK higher education)
SCONUL	Standing Conference of National and University Libraries
SICI	serials item and contribution number (as in barcode)
SPARC	Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (US)
SPOT	Satellite Pour l'Observation de la Terre
TEI	Text Coding Initiative
TULIP	The University Licensing Project
UKAPE	United Kingdom Association of Publishing Educators
UMIST	University of Manchester Institute for Science and Technology
URL	universal (uniform) resource locator
WOS	Web of Science