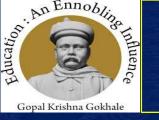
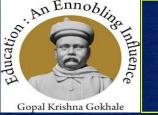
Classification Theories

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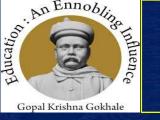
Theories of Classification

- Theories of Library Classification
 - Descriptive and Dynamic Theory
- A theory refers to an organised set of principles, which provides the basis for further investigations into and the development of a subject.
- It provides a scientific basis for a subject and brings respectability and status to it.



J.D. Brown (1862-1914)

- J.D. Brown was an English librarian, whose contribution to the General Theory of Library Classification was small but significant.
- Brought out three different schemes of classification.
- First, developed in 1894 jointly with J. H. Quinn and was known as Guinn-Brown Scheme.
- In 1897, Brown independently brought out another scheme and called it Adjustable Classification.
- In the year 1906, Brown published the first edition of his Subject Classification

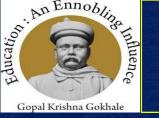


E.C Richardson (1860-1939)

- First classificationists to have made a systematic attempt to set down a theory of library classification.
- In 1910, he published his book Classification: Theoretical and Practical.
- Richardson asserted that

Things nature has already classified and man has to trace only the order of the classification and record it.





E.W Hulme (1859-1954)

- In 1911-1912, he published his book Principles of Book Classification in the library.
- According to Hulme, all classifications could be arranged into two groups (categories),
- Eg. Mechanical and Philosophical.

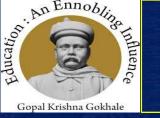




W. C. B . Sayers (1881-1960)

- William Charles Berwick Sayers, an English librarian and Teacher of S.R. Ranganathan.
- Referred to as the first grammarian of library classification. He never designed any classification scheme.
- His theory has shown the way for others in the designing of classification schemes.
- His theory of book classification first appeared in 1915 under the title "Canons of Classification".
- He expanded the outline of the theory in three other books,
 - Grammar of Classification
 - Introduction to Library Classification
 - Manual of Library Classification

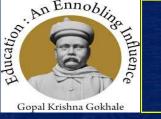
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H.E. Bliss (1870-1955)

- His theories and principles of classification were expanded in his first work, Organisation of Knowledge and the System of Science (1929).
- He formulated scientific, philosophical and logical grounds for the study of bibliographic classification.
- Published basic work on the theory of library classification titled Organisation of Knowledge in Libraries and the Subject Approach to Books (1933, 2nd ed. 1939).
- His work helped in establishing librarianship as a scholarly discipline.

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S R Ranganathan (1892-1972)

- Developing his first theory of library classification in 1924.
- Prolegomena to Library Classification (1937), he provided an integrated theory of the practices in classification
- Provided the largest list of Normative Principles like Fundamental Laws, Postulates, Principles and Canons and evolved a special terminology.
- His theory is now synonymous with the General Theory of Library Classification.