Grey House Publishing Acquires Sears List of Subject Headings


Now in its 95th year of publication, Sears List of Subject Headings, has served the unique needs of small and medium-sized libraries since 1923, suggesting subject headings and sub-headings to use when adding new titles to their collections. Using standard cataloging procedures and logic helps librarians keep their collections well organized and easy to access for their patrons.

Libraries of the twenty-first century have changed dramatically. More information is available in machine-readable form, and ready access to the Internet has changed the way many users seek and find information. Every edition of Sears List of Subject Headings has kept pace by including hundreds of new subject terms, all organized using language that makes the most sense to catalogers and library researchers. It is this currency, flexibility and expandability that make Sears List as valuable as it has always been in helping today's librarians keep their collections organized in a meaningful and current approach that ensures easy usage by patrons.

“Grey House is proud to continue the publishing tradition of this time-honored cataloging resource. We are getting almost daily calls from librarians already looking for the new edition,” said Richard Gottlieb, President of Grey House. “Along with the new 2018 print edition, we will be launching a companion online database, SearsListofSubjectHeadings.com or Sears-List.com for short, so cataloging librarians can have online access to this important resource in addition to the print edition.” The list price of the 2018 print edition is $195 and includes one year of free online access.

An essential resource for catalogers, Sears List of Subject Headings features:

- An easy-to-use thesaurus-like arrangement, with an emphasis on subject terms that makes sense to catalogers.
- Entries provide helpful guidance on which subject term to use for thousands of categories of information.
- Entries also include helpful notes outlining USED FOR, SEE ALSO, BROADER TERM, NARROWER TERM, and RELATED TERM.
Many new and revised headings include Scope Notes to clarify the specialized use of a term or to distinguish between terms that might be confused.

Accompanying list of canceled headings and when applicable, their replacements.

The Principles of Sears List, included in the front matter of the work, outlines the theoretical foundations of the Sears List and provides a concise introduction to subject cataloging in general. This introduction is recommended reading about the fundamentals of subject cataloging.

Continuing to be branded under the H.W. Wilson imprint, the twenty-second edition of Sears List of Subject Headings will be available in July 2018.

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