

LIBRARY-SPEAK CHEAT SHEET

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ACRL	Association of College and Research Libraries	ex	"The core purpose of the Association of College & Research Libraries is to lead academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship"; subgroup of ALA	http://www.ala.org/ACRL
ALA	American Libraries Association	ex	Professional group for librarians	http://www.ala.org/
ALCTS	Association for Library Collections & Technical Services	ex	"ALCTS will provide its members, other ALA divisions and members, and the library and information community with leadership and a program for action on the access to, and identification, acquisition, description, organization, preservation, dissemination of information resources in a dynamic, collaborative environment."	http://www.ala.org/alcts/
Alliance	Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries	ex	See CARL	http://www.coalliance.org/
AMRC	American Music Research Center	I	"AMRC is a rare music repository dedicated to exploring the rich tradition of American music."	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/amrc/index.htm
Ariel		ex	An electronic document transmission system for Interlibrary loan.	http://www4.infotrieve.com/products_services/ariel.asp

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ARL	Association of Research Libraries	ex	CU, along with many other large library institutions, is a member of ARL.	http://www.arl.org/
BCR	Bibliographic Center for Research	ex	Company hired to do a complete inventory of Norlin Library (and some branches). BCR also provides professional classes for library workers at their facilities down in Denver. BCR is our regional OCLC organization.	http://www.bcr.org/
BFA	Boulder Faculty Assembly	ex	"BFA is the representative body of faculty on the Boulder Campus to set academic policy and advise administration on other policy..."	http://www.colorado.edu/FacultyGovernance/
British Studies Room	[Center for British and Irish Studies]	in	See CBIS	
Cabinet		in	A libraries policy-making group, made up of the Dean of the Libraries and his associate directors.	
CARL	Colorado Association of Research Libraries	ex	A consortium of Colorado and Wyoming libraries who have pooled resources in order to "increase purchasing power, materials, and ideas"; new parent company is now TLC.	http://www.coalliance.org/ http://www.tlcdelivers.com/tlc/default.asp
CBIS	Center for British and Irish Studies	In	Conference/party room on the Fifth Floor of Norlin Library.	

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CDP	Collaborative Digitization Program (formerly Colorado Digitization Project)	ex	Group that is putting historical documents, photos, maps, etc. in digital form for easier, computer access.	http://www.cdpheritage.org/about/project_welcome.html
Chinook		in	The name of our online bibliographic (library) catalogue. See also Millennium	http://libraries.colorado.edu/
COG	Chinook Oversight Group	in	A group of Libraries staff and faculty that monitors the Chinook system in general and specific modules of the system; documents system-related problems; recommends CU-Boulder specific enhancements to the system; hosts training for system upgrades; serves as a sounding-board for standing Task Forces.	
Council		in	Group that advises the Dean on policies; made up of department heads, plus the dean and associate directors	
CPI	Campus Printing Initiative	ex	Campus pay for printing program	http://www.colorado.edu/cpi/

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CRL	Center for Research Libraries	ex	An international not-for-profit consortium of colleges, universities, and libraries that makes available scholarly research resources to users everywhere.	http://www.crl.uchicago.edu/
CTRC	Colorado Technical Research Center	in	Offers document delivery and custom research services to businesses and professionals (as opposed to library patrons— see ILL)	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/ctrc/index.htm
EAD	Encoded Archival Description	ex	A standard for encoding archival finding aids using Extensible Markup Language (XML).	http://www.loc.gov/ead/ http://www.w3.org/XML/
ERM	Electronic Resources Module	in	A component (module) of Millennium that will help us deal with the inventory, use, and payment for electronic resources such as web journals and e-books.	
FRBR	Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records	ex	A new cataloging concept which seeks to replace the current format of bibliographic records.	http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/frbr/default.htm
FSDC	Faculty-Staff Development Committee	in	A group comprised of reps from both library faculty and staff that put together lectures of interest and professional advancement for any libraries staffer to attend.	Calendar of scheduled events: http://libnet.colorado.edu/fsdc/
GPO	Government Printing Office	ex	US government documents printing house	http://www.gpoaccess.gov/

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GWLA	Greater Western Library Alliance	ex	Consortium of libraries throughout the US West who pool resources to increase purchasing power of information sources	http://www.gwla.org/
IFLA	International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions	ex	"IFLA is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession."	http://www.ifla.org/
III	Innovative Interfaces Inc.	ex	Company that produced Millennium ; Chinook runs on a III interface	http://www.iii.com/
ILL	Inter-Library Loan	in	Go here to borrow materials not owned by CUB; CU also lend its materials to other libraries so that their patrons may use them (largely a free service)	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/ill/index.htm
ILLiad		ex	Interlibrary Loan Resource Sharing management software (from OCLC)	http://www.oclc.org/illiad/
INNOPAC		ex	What III generically calls the local catalogs that use its product	http://www.iii.com/
INN-Reach		ex	Interface that runs Prospector ; III 's consortial borrowing system	http://www.iii.com/innreach/index.shtml
ITS	Information Technology Services	ex	Entity responsible for campus computing services	http://www.colorado.edu/ITS/

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IUG	Innovative Users' Group	ex	"The IUG was founded in 1991 as an international organization of member libraries who use the Innovative Interfaces, Inc. integrated library software, INNOPAC ." See also RMIUG	http://innopacusers.org/about/
LAB	Library Advisory Board	in	The Board consists of 4 faculty reps, four staff reps, and the Dean. Purpose is "to gather information, provide assistance, and offer advice to the dean."	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/internal/lab/index.htm
LC	Library of Congress	ex	Is not only the repository for all published materials in the US, but also the authority on its cataloging.	http://www.loc.gov/
LibQual	LibQual+	In	"LibQUAL is a suite of services that libraries use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality"	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/libqual/
LITA	Library and Information Technology Association	ex	Sub-group of ALA ; "LITA educates, serves, and reaches out to its members, other ALA members and divisions, and the entire library and information community through its publications, programs, and other activities designed to promote, develop, and aid in the implementation of library and information technology."	http://www.lita.org/LITAMAINTemplate.cfm?Section=lita

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LSA	University Libraries Staff Association	in	“forum for staff to discuss and process issues related to life in the workplace. All staff of the University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries are automatically members.”	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/internal/lisa/index.htm
MARC	MACHINE-Readable Cataloging	ex	Standard for the representation and communication of bibliographic and related information in machine-readable form; often when we talk about MARC here, we mean MARC format for catalog HOLDINGS.	http://www.loc.gov/marc/ http://www.loc.gov/marc/holdings/echdhome.html
Millennium		in	The Chinook catalog runs on this interface, and it is used by technical and public services staff to manipulate the catalog-- see III	http://www.iii.com/
NACO	Name authority cooperative program	ex	Cataloging term: “Participants agree to follow a common set of standards and guidelines when creating or changing authority records in order to maintain the integrity of a large shared authority file.”	http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/naco/naco.html
NASIG	North American Serials Interest Group	ex	“organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain - anyone working with or concerned about serial publications. “	http://www.nasig.org/

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NDLTD	Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations	ex	International organization dedicated to promoting electronic analogues to these and dissertations	http://www.ndltd.org/
netLibrary		ex	Electronic book vendor	http://www.netlibrary.com/
OCLC	Online Computer Library Center	ex	Worldwide library cooperative cataloging group	http://www.oclc.org/
OPAC	Online Public Access Catalogue	in	A generic term for any library's online catalog (in our case, Chinook) .	
PASCAL	P reservation and A ccess S ervice Center for C olorado A cademic L ibraries	in	This is otherwise known as "offsite storage"; it is a cooperative library materials storage facility with multiple partners, including the Libraries.	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/about/pascal.htm
PCC	Program for Cooperative Cataloging	ex	"international [cataloging] cooperative effort aimed at expanding access to library collections by providing useful, timely, and cost-effective cataloging that meets mutually-accepted standards of libraries around the world."	http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/
PDQ	Position Description Questionnaire	ex	Job description form (State of Colorado)	
PPP	Performance Pay Program	ex	Staff evaluation form (State of Colorado)	
Prospector		ex	Unified (cooperative) catalog of 23 libraries; sponsored by the Alliance	http://prospector.coalliance.org/

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PS	Public Services	in	Front lines of service at the Libraries: circulation, inter-library loan, reference, shelving, etc.	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/publicservices/index.htm
PWR	Program for Writing & Rhetoric	ex/in	CU's freshman writing program; some of our librarians teach classes for this.	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/pwr/
RDA	Resource Description and Access	ex	Successor to AACR2	http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rdadraftpt1.html
RLG	Research Libraries Group	ex	RLG is a not-for-profit organization of over 150 research libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural memory institutions. Provides solutions to the challenges presented by information access and management in the digital era.	http://www.rlg.org/
RLIN	Research Libraries Information Network	ex	Defunct network-- See RLG	
RMIUG	Rocky Mountain Innovative User's Group	ex	Regional group of libraries who use the ILL integrated library software. See also IUG	http://www.rmiug.org/
Staff Council	Boulder Campus Staff Council	ex	Elected reps for CUB staff	http://www.colorado.edu/StaffCouncil/
TLC	The Library Corporation	ex	Formerly called CARL Corp. Offers automation systems for libraries (such as templates for library catalogs, acquisitions modules, etc)	http://www.tlcdelivers.com/tlc/default.asp

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TS	Technical Services	in	Department where behind-the-scenes work is done: cataloging, preservation, and acquisitions of library materials.	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/techservices/index.htm
TSDH	Technical Services Department Heads	In	Dept heads hold monthly meetings with the TS director to discuss issues within TS	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/techservices/index.htm
ULR	University Libraries Report	in	The newsletter of the Libraries	http://libnet.colorado.edu/ULRFiles/ULRPage.cfm
UROP	Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program	ex	University program designed to create research partnerships between faculty and undergraduate students.	http://www.colorado.edu/Research/UROP/
VPN	Virtual Private Network	ex	Recommended method for obtaining remote access to library databases.	http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/research/vpn.htm
WebOPAC	Web Online Public Access Catalogue	in	A generic term for any library's catalog with a web interface (in our case, Chinook on the Web)	http://libraries.colorado.edu/
WorldCat		ex	"World's largest bibliographic database, the merged catalogs of thousands of OCLC member libraries."	http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/

For general information on Libraries Departments, go to <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/about/departments.htm> .

For a brief description of committees (including current members) within the Libraries, go to <http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/adminservices/committees.htm> .