

BIC UK Standard Library Categories (UKSLC)

Statements of Endorsements

Bibliographic Data Services (BDS)

“BDS welcomes Version 2.0 of the UK Standard Library Categories (UKSLC) scheme and is delighted to have contributed to its design and implementation through involvement with the BIC Library Metadata Group. Data standards are key to well-managed library resources and BDS values being able to work with BIC to ensure that the UKSLC scheme is up to date and relevant to libraries.”

BiBorough Libraries

“The libraries of the City of Westminster and The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea have long used UKSLC to categorise our stock for statistical purposes. Automatically assigned during our electronic item receipt and addition processes, UKSLC allows us to monitor the use of stock and simplifies stock management processes across both authorities. We are very happy to see this new major revision in UKSLC 20 making the scheme better suited to modern society.”

Bromley Libraries

“Bromley Libraries were one of the first authorities to use UKSLC, for both adult and children’s stock. We will be very pleased to introduce this new version as it both enhances the adult scheme, bringing it up to date with current events and interests, and greatly improves on the children’s one, plugging gaps and more precisely defining the categories making it easier to use. We hope this will mean more children’s libraries will consider using the scheme as we feel Dewey alone creates inconsistent subject grouping, particularly in larger collections and has limited familiarity for the 21st Century user. The new UKSLC has great flexibility, allowing for overarching headings as well as more precise ones, suitable for all sizes of collection. The addition of “interest” codes in version 2.0 will only further increase its usefulness”

Hertfordshire Libraries

“The amended UKSLC standards will enable more accurate categorisation of library material. The changes will be particularly beneficial in identifying material of interest to the LGBTQ+ community and ethnic minority groups. “

Lambeth Libraries

“When organising our Black History Month programming last year, we found the UKSLC Version 1.2 categories were limited so we could not search for just Black Interest authors on our supplier’s website. It has been incredibly rewarding being able to discuss with the wider library sector and influence a more granular and appropriate descriptor to literature metadata on a local level in the UK thanks to BIC. International standards for cataloguing sometimes do not reflect or fit the search needs of our diverse communities and the books they want to read. These improvements will really help us and we hope to be involved in future work in this area.”

NielsenIQ BookData

“NielsenIQ BookData has been involved with the UKSLC standard from the beginning and worked closely with users and other interested parties on the development of Version 2.0. While retaining compatibility with Thema, the subject category scheme for a global book trade, this new UKSLC version features a greatly expanded set of Interest values, ensuring the Scheme can better support the library sector in identifying suitable stock for their patrons and users. BookData will continue to facilitate the generation and inclusion of UKSLC values in relevant products and services.”

