A Dictionary of Knowledge Organization by M.P. Satija Amritsar, Guru Nanak Dev University, 2004. xix+248p, price Rs. 250/- ISBN 81-7770-101-0.

Organization of knowledge helps in the proper utilization of the existing knowledge resources and facilitates creation of new knowledge. Knowledge organization and information dissemination is central to library and information work. Library and information professionals evaluate the knowledge resources to accumulate the best possible knowledge assets and organize these knowledge resources in a way which helps in their retrieval with maximum recall and greater precision. With the increasing professional attention and interest in the area of knowledge organization, this field is growing at a tremendous rate and so do its terminology. In the interest of further advancement of the field of knowledge organization, its terminology must be standardized, organized and conveniently presented for quick reference.

This work is in fact an attempt made by the author to organize and conveniently present various terms and issues in the area of knowledge organization. This dictionary not only defines terms but also provides a meaningful explanation to facilitate complete understanding of terms and concepts for users of this dictionary. The description of some terms (e.g. index language pp 103-105) is so elaborate that it gives this work the look of a concise-encyclopedic dictionary. The author has provided a brief, simple, logical and consensual meaning of terms and brief description of concepts with explanations, examples and comments in a bottom up way.

In all a total number of 670 terms are covered in this dictionary. The terms are arranged alphabetically in the word-by-word order. The terms selected and included in this reference work form the part of current vocabulary of the field of knowledge organization. This work is not lexicographical but terminological. The major concern of the author is to make it commentative readable and educative apart from being an informative reference work. The author has also tried to investigate relations between various concepts and consolidate them into a system of definitions. A number of cross-references have been given to interlink the related entries. Terms taken from other authors' works, organizations and websites have duly been acknowledged. A few illustrations are also included to explain various terms. The author should have titled this work as Glossary instead of dictionary because it more or less provides definitions and even explanations to ensure full understanding of terms to users instead of merely providing meaning of words and terms. This work will be very useful for teachers, students and practitioners in the field of knowledge organization.

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