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TLAs in LIS – Part 1: Glossary of library, book and publishing-related acronyms
– *Glenda Browne*

Acronyms and other abbreviations make up a large part of the language we use when talking about our work, especially the technology-related aspects. This is the first of two articles on TLAs (three-letter acronyms) in Library and Information Science, and will introduce the different types of acronyms, websites that are useful sources of definitions of acronyms, and a list of acronyms relevant to libraries and the publishing industry, including URLs and additional explanatory information where appropriate. Part 2, to be published in a later issue, will cover IT, web and standards-related acronyms. There is some overlap between these, eg a standards-related term about library issues will be found in this part. 84

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