

## PREFACE

Class P: Subclasses PB-PH, *Modern European Languages*, was originally published in 1933 and was reprinted in 1966 with supplementary pages of additions and changes. PG2900-PG3698 (Russian Literature) was published as a separate schedule in 1948 and was reprinted in 1965 with supplementary pages of additions and changes. Beginning with the 1999 edition, the Russian literature numbers were incorporated into the main text. A 2005 edition cumulated all additions and changes that were made during the period 1999-2005. This 2009 edition cumulates changes made since the 2005 edition was published. It includes all modern European languages as well as all modern European literatures except those classed in PQ, PR, and PT. Individual authors and titles in subclass PG now include Cyrillic characters in addition to the Romanized forms of names. These Cyrillic characters were provided by Lucas Graves, of the staff of the Policy and Standards Division.

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Janis Young, cataloging policy specialist in the Policy and Standards Division, is responsible for coordinating the overall intellectual and editorial content of class P and its various subclasses. Kent Griffiths, assistant editor of classification schedules, is responsible for creating new classification records, maintaining the master database, and creating index terms for the captions.

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