PREFACE

The first edition of Subclass PN, *Literature (General)*, was published in 1915, together with subclasses PR, PS, and PZ. That edition was reissued in 1964 with supplementary pages. Subsequent editions were published in 1978 and 1988. In 1997, subclass PN was published separately for the first time. A 2004 edition cumulated changes that were made between 1997 and May 2004 and a 2007 edition cumulated changes made between May 2004 and December 2006. This 2010 edition cumulates changes made since the publication of the 2007 edition.

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