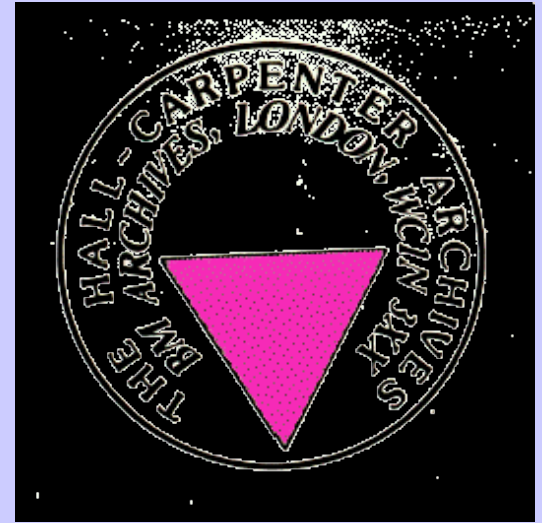


Indexing Lesbian and Gay Archives



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- Founded 1982
- Collected
 - archives of individual
 - journals
 - press cuttings - gay and straight media

Indexing issues

Shifting vocabularies:

- Gay/queer/lesbigay
- Transsexual/transgender

Use of *Homosexuality* in existing thesauri

Use of gay specific thesauri

Indexing gay archives

- UNESCO
- 4.20 Social problems
 - Disadvantaged groups
 - NT1 Gender minorities (use for Homosexuals, Sexual minorities)
- LCSH
- Sex (Psychology)
 - Sexual orientation
 - Homosexuality

AIM-25

Sexuality [Aim25]

NT1 Bisexuality [Aim25]

- NT1 Homosexuality [Aim25]
- NT1 Lesbianism [AIM25]
- NT1 Sexology [AIM25]
- NT1 Transsexuality [AIM25]
- RT Sexual Behaviour [UNESCO]

Gay Specific Thesauri

- **Pink Thesaurus** – UK specific, devised by HCA
- **Queer Thesaurus** - Homodok-Lesbisch Archief Amsterdam & Anna Blaman Huis Leeuwarden

New Thesauri

- Pink Thesaurus.
 - General headings eg
 - Goods and services / the gay scene
 - Sex offences
 - Social control
 - a civil liberties, police, lawyers, riots, privacy
 - ethnic minorities and racism
 - disability rights
 - attacks on lesbigay people, homophobia, self-defence,
 - blackmail, extortion
 - sexual violence, murders
 - criminals / spies (who are lesbigay)
 - suicides, accidental death

Queer Thesaurus

Homodok-Lesbich Archief

- Age
- Anthropology
- Arts/culture
- Body/health
- Economics/employment
- Education
- Eroticism/sexuality
- Gay and Lesbian existence
- gender studies
- History
- Language/literature
- Law
- Media communications
- Philosophies of life
- Policy/politics
- Psychology
- Public space/living
- Recreation/leisure
- Relationships
- Science Research
- Social Relations
- Violence

Queer Thesaurus: relationships

- adoption
- alimony
- arranged marriages
- bereaved
- boys' friendships
- brothers
- butch femme relationships
- children of homosexual parents
- children of pedophiles
- children of transsexuals
- children's friendships
- communes
- consecration
- cofathers
- cohabitation
- comothers
- coparenthood
- couples therapy
- dating agencies
- dating shows
- daughters of homosexual parents
- divorce
- domestic partnership contracts
- domestic partnership registration
- domestic partnership
- retirement benefits
- dowries
- extramarital children
- families
- family members
- family planning
- fathers of homosexual children
- fatherhood
- father's role
- female lovers

Problems

- Not generic
- High level of detail
- Ignore interoperability

Conclusions

- Awareness
- Flexibility