

tions for a glossary of library terms in Persian language. Each member gave generously of their time in advising the committee on their choice of terms. After three years of continuous work, a recommendation was made that the glossary be published.

It must be remembered that in the old librarianship, there existed terms and definitions pertaining to manuscripts and the art and history of making books which is not included in this glossary and it is hoped that it will be prepared and published on a separate issue in due course.

Different books have been used in the search for definition material, but A.L.A. Glossary of Library Terms, 9th edition (Washington 1966), published by American Library Association) and Vocabularium Bibliothecari (Paris 1962) published by Unesco were the main source of information for the preparation of this glossary.

In this attempt to collect and formulate definitions, it has been a cooperative enterprise; first of all at every meeting each word was discussed and then the right term was chosen and finally a definition was selected. Mrs. Sheybani, the Secretary of the Committee gathered all the definitions and prepared the final form.

It must be mentioned here that after this glossary was finished, the Documentation Center of Ministry of Science and Higher Education, because of its urgent need, decided to publish this Glossary in paper forms.

However, we are aware that some of these terms might not be suitable and better definitions could have been chosen and we hope that criticism and suggestions received would complete this glossary.

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## PERSIAN GLOSSARY OF LIBRARY TERMS

In 1966, the need of a comprehensive collection of a Persian Glossary of Library Terms was felt keenly by the Central Library and Documentation Center of Tehran University with the hope of proving to be of value to librarianship in Iran.

The idea was put forward to the Library Association of Iran, which had just started and met a favourable response from its members. After a few primary discussions, a committee was appointed with the following persons as its members:

Afshar, Iraj : Central Library and Documentation Center  
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Badrei, Ferydoon: Central Library and Documentation Center  
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Daneshpajouh, Mohamad Taqi: Faculty of Theology's Library

Daneshi, Hossein: Documentation Center (Ministry of Science  
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Sepehri, Shahla: Faculty of Law's Library.

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mentation center (Tehran University).

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Higher Education).

This committee met every week and most of its members gathered in a friendly discussion to make a study of terms and defini-