SURATSAWADI MUTTARKARN: LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION OF TEXTBOOKS USED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLUSTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL PRIMARY EDUCATION COMMISSION, IN EDUCATIONAL REGION I. THESIS ADVISOR: ASSO. PROF. AMPORN TIKHARA, 169PP. ISBN 974-578-305-6

The purpose of this research was to compare the efficiency of classification schemes for textbooks used in elementary school clusters under the jurisdiction of the Office of National Primary Education Commission (ONPEC) in the educational region I. The population was 110 teacher librarians of ONPEC in the educational region I, and the hypotheses were:-

- 1. The appropriate classification scheme for textbooks used in elementary school clusters under the jurisdiction of ONPEC was the scheme based on area of learning experience in the curriculum, devised by ONPEC.
- 2. Background knowledge and experience of teacher librarians impacted upon the use of a classification scheme.

The research revealed that among 4 classification schemes for textbooks used in elementary school clusters under the jurisdiction of ONPEC, the appropriate schemes were the one based on area of learning experience and the combination of the Dewey Decimal Classification with the first scheme. Reasons were also found out that the first scheme comformed to the Primary Education Curriculum, B.E. 2521 which the Dewey Decimal Classification was universal, and was very popular among school libraries. The combination of the 2 schemes could give a close classification for the elementary school textbooks.

For the second hypotheses, it was found out that background knowledge in Library Science and experience in library works of school librarians were important factors in their choice and use of a classification scheme.

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