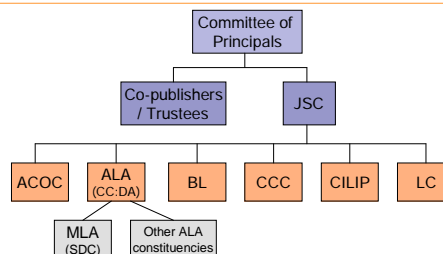


RDA: Update, Discussion and Implementation Plans

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RDA Development Structure



RDA - MLA's Participation via BCC

- Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging
 - Responsible for all matters concerning the content of descriptive portions of the machine-readable bibliographic record
 - Members appointed to staggered 4-year terms
 - Chair (or designee) represents MLA at CC:DA
 - MLA liaison has voice but no vote
- Specific proposals approved by BCC before submission to CC:DA
- CC:DA carefully considers specialists' comments

RDA Vision

- International cataloging code
 - Developed concurrently with IFLA Meeting of Experts on an International Cataloguing Code (IME ICC), 2003-07
 - An update of the 1961 Paris Principles
- Compatible with existing metadata standards
 - Including Dublin Core
- Content and organization based on the FRBR and FRAD conceptual models
 - Includes principles of authority control
- Forward-looking; will work with multiple implementation scenarios

RDA Timeline: Past

- 1997:
International Conference on the Principles and Future Development of AACR (Toronto)
- Sept. 2004:
Editor appointed to draft new rules
- Dec. 2004:
*Draft of AACR3 part I**
- Dec. 2005:
*Draft of RDA Part I**

* New organization imposed after the draft release

RDA Timeline: Past

- June 2006:
*Draft of RDA Chapters 6-7**
- March 2007:
*Draft of Part A, Chapter 3 (revised)**
- June 2007:
*Draft of Part A, Chapters 6-7 (revised)**
- December 2007:
Draft of Sections 2-4, 9

* New organization imposed after the draft release

RDA Timeline: Future

- Spring 2008: *online prototype (canned)*
- April 2008: *JSC discusses constituency responses to latest draft chapters*
- July 2008: *Final draft out for review*
- Aug. 2008: *Roll out prototype at IFLA (live)*
- Early 2009: *Product complete*
- Late 2009: *Implementation*

RDA Online – Promised Features

- Customizable views
- Portable user profile
- Personal bookmarks
- Options to view/hide examples
- Search history
- Linked index
- Ability to export sections as PDFs for printing
- Crosswalk between RDA and corresponding AACR2 rule numbers

Impact on MARC21

- Initial discussion paper at ALA Midwinter
 - General guidance from MARBI about granularity, etc.
 - MARBI agreed on the need for specific coding of new RDA data elements
 - Changes to bibliographic and authorities formats
 - Possibility of new fields, indicator values and/or subfields and fixed field values
 - Major undertaking at ALA Annual
 - MARBI must approve changes then to have them incorporated in time for RDA implementation in 2009
- RDA publishers in regular contact with local system developers

JSC Decisions in Oct. 2007

- Bible uniform titles
 - Will not abbreviate O.T. and N.T.
 - Will not intersperse name of testament when describing a single book
- Internationalization
 - Instructions to record in English replaced by instructions to record in the preferred language of the cataloging agency

JSC Decisions in Oct. 2007

- Changes requiring a new description
 - Change in mode of issuance or in media type (all resources)
 - Issuance of a new base set (integrating resources)
- Introductory words in titles will not be considered part of the title proper (confirming AACR2 1.1B1)

RDA Structure – Reorganized Again!

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|-------------------------|---|
| ■ Old RDA:
Two Parts | ■ New RDA:
Two major parts in ten sections |
| ■ Description | ■ Recording attributes of FRBR entities <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Sections 1-4 |
| ■ Access point control | ■ Recording relationships between FRBR entities <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Sections 5-10 |

RDA Reorganization

- Instructions more closely related to FRBR entities and user tasks
- All FRBR entities represented
- Greater use of FRBR and FRAD terminology
- Fewer explicit ties to a given implementation scenario
- Makes RDA forward-looking

RDA Outline: Attributes

- Section 1 - *Recording attributes of manifestation and item*
- Section 2 - *Recording attributes of work and expression*
- Section 3 - *Recording attributes of person, family, and corporate body*
- Section 4 - *Recording attributes of concept, object, event, and place*

RDA Outline: Relationships

- Section 5 - *Recording primary relationships between work, expression, manifestation, and item*
- Section 6 - *Recording relationships to persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with a resource*
- Section 7 - *Recording subject relationships*

RDA Outline: Relationships

- Section 8 - *Recording relationships between works, expressions, manifestations and items*
- Section 9 - *Recording relationships between persons, families, and corporate bodies*
- Section 10 - *Recording relationships between concepts, objects, events, and places*

RDA Appendices

- Capitalization
- Abbreviations
- Initial articles
- Record syntaxes for descriptive data
- Record syntaxes for access point control data
- Additional instructions on names of persons
- Titles of nobility, terms of rank, etc.
- Conversion of dates to the Gregorian calendar
- Relationship designators:
 - Between a resource and persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with the resource
 - Between works, expressions, manifestations, and items
 - Between persons, families, and corporate bodies
 - *Between concepts, objects, events, and places*

RDA Draft Chapters Under Recent Review

- Section 2: Attributes of work and expression
 - Chapter 5. General guidelines
 - Chapter 6. Identifying works and expressions
- Section 3. Attributes of person, family, and corporate body
 - Chapter 8. General guidelines
 - Chapter 9. Identifying persons
 - Chapter 10. Identifying families
 - Chapter 11. Identifying corporate bodies

RDA Draft Chapters Under Recent Review

- Section 4. Attributes of concept, object, event, and place
 - Chapter 16. Identifying places
 - Same scope as AACR2 Chapter 23
- Section 9. Relationships between persons, families, and corporate bodies
 - Chapter 29. General guidelines
 - Chapter 30. Related persons
 - Chapter 31. Related families
 - Chapter 32. Related corporate bodies

RDA Draft Chapters Under Recent Review

- Appendix F. Additional instructions on names of persons
- Appendix G. Titles of nobility, terms of rank, etc.
- Appendix H. Conversion of dates to the Gregorian calendar

RDA Draft Chapters Under Recent Review

- Attributes of the entities
 - Factual information about the entity
 - Name usage (preferred and variant)
 - Scope of coverage (dates, etc.)
- *Not same* as Access points for the preferred name of the entity
- Access point based on preferred name qualified by other elements as required to make it unique
 - "Name" here represents a bibliographic entity (from FRBR Group 1, 2 or 3); it's not limited to persons, families and corporate bodies

MLA Concerns About Recent Draft Chapters

- Centered on music-related instructions
 - 6.17.1 (Preferred access point representing a musical work)
 - 6.17.3 (Preferred access point representing a musical expression)
 - Adaptations vs. arrangements
 - New work vs. new expression?
 - Worked on draft revisions and submitted comments/concerns to CC:DA

LC Music-Related Concerns About Recent Draft Chapters

- Separate proposal to revise many music-related rules in RDA Chapter 6 (5JSC/LC/12, see <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/docs/5lc12.pdf>)
- Issues addressed include
 - AACR2 rules: gaps and unworkable instructions still in RDA
 - Simplification and clarification
 - More logical arrangement
 - Providing medium of performance for all media, using vocabulary supplied by composer

MLA's Response to 5JSC/LC/12

- In process
 - Final comments due to CC:DA by Feb. 29!
- Will be discussed in more depth at Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging's business meeting this afternoon in the Newport room (new location)

Why the Tight Deadline?

- MLA concerns incorporated into ALA response
 - CC:DA must vote on that response, with time to review various members'/liaisons' positions
- Next JSC meeting
 - April 2008
 - Documents/responses needed ca. 1 month before meeting
- RDA publication and implementation schedule!

RDA Implementation TF

- ALA/ALCTS Task Force
 - Chair Dr. Shawne Miksa, University of North Texas
 - Broad representation of groups interested in RDA
- Task Force focus:
 - Training/continuing education activities
 - Coordinating with various groups regarding their plans for RDA implementation
 - In Oct. 2007, the national libraries issued a joint statement describing their intention to work together where possible on implementation matters such as training, documentation and any national application decisions
 - Planning a program for ALA Annual

Implementation scenarios

- Envisioned by RDA editor
- Three high-level views of how to encode, store, and exchange RDA data
- RDA needs to support all three; one is current, one is close-at-hand, one is futuristic
- <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/docs/5editor2.pdf>

Scenario No. 3

- Data stored in current library database structures: bibliographic and authority records
- Flat record structure
- Access points stored in bibliographic record, along with descriptive data
 - Access points for all FRBR entities
- Separate authority records
 - Control the form of access points
 - Include variant names, titles, etc.

Scenario No. 2

- Data stored in current library database structures: bibliographic, authority and holdings records
- Composite bibliographic record
- Descriptive data stored in bibliographic records
 - Bib. records also contain links to authority records for FRBR entities
- Separate authority records
 - Control the form of access points
 - Include variant names, titles, etc.

Scenario No. 1

- Data stored in a relational or object-oriented database structure, mirroring FRBR/FRAD
- Separate descriptive records for each Group 1 entity: work, expression, manifestation, item
- Separate access point control records for each Group 2 entity: persons, families, corporate bodies
- Linked by identifiers to show relationships
- May include access points for the entity
- Authority records still used to control the form of access points?

Remaining JSC Issues

- Review of constituency comments on
 - Old Chapter 3
 - Old Chapters 6-7
 - Final resolution of particular comments on old Chapters 1-2, 4-5
 - New draft sections (from latest release)
- Resolution of how much change to current rules should be made at this time
 - Content or implementation decision?
 - Consider impact on existing data?

Remaining JSC Issues

- Complete appendices and examples
- Review draft general introduction and glossary
- Prepare complete draft for constituency review in July

More Information

- Resources at the JSC website
 - www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html
 - Now includes most JSC documents, including constituency responses
- Resources at the CC:DA website
 - <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/>
- RDA-L list serve
 - Subscribe at the following address
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Questions?
