

# *RDA Update*

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<http://www.rdaonline.org/index.html>

## RDA 101: Why Replace AACR?

- AACR<sub>2</sub> (1978) showing its age
- The world has changed
- AACR needs to change in significant ways
- Difficult to keep those old rules running efficiently in today's environment

## RDA 101: RDA Will Be ...

- A new standard for **resource description and access**
- Designed for the **digital** world
  - Optimized for use as an online product
  - Description and access of all resources
    - *All types of content and media*
  - Resulting records usable in the digital environment (Internet, Web OPACs, etc.)

## RDA 101: RDA Will Be ...

- A consistent, flexible, and extensible framework
- Compatible with internationally established principles, models, and standards
- Primarily for use in libraries, but also adaptable across many information communities worldwide

## RDA 101: RDA Will ...

- Provide a rich set of data elements that will . . .
- Support FRBR user tasks
  - Find, identify, select, obtain
- Enable users of resource discovery tools to find and use resources appropriate to their information needs

## RDA 101: Web-based cataloging environment

- Support relational database structures
- Structural elements and vocabularies f
- Separation of standards for recording, encoding, and displaying data
- Data manipulation through standard Internet tools, rather than custom-designed library software

## RDA 101: RDA Online

- Online product design
- Access through tables of contents, keyword searching
- Customized views
- “Workflows”
- Schemas

## RDA 101: Content/Structure

- General introduction
- Elements
- Relationships
  - Appendices
    - *Capitalization, Abbreviations, Initial articles, etc.*
    - *Presentation (ISBD, MARC, etc.)*
    - *Relationship designators*
    - *Etc.*
  - Glossary
  - Index

## RDA 101: Examples

- Completely revised
- Variety of examples
  - different languages,
  - different types of resources
- Full examples as a related resource

## RDA 101: Elements

- “Core”
- Content Types, Media Types, and Carrier Types to replace GMDs
- Other examples of new elements:
  - File characteristics for digital materials
  - Video format characteristics
  - Custodial information for archival resources
  - Braille characteristics

## RDA: Online Prototype



## Testing: Background

- May 1, 2008 Joint Statement from LC, NAL, NLM
  - [http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/RDA\\_Letter\\_050108.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/news/RDA_Letter_050108.pdf)
- Agreed to make joint decision on implementation of RDA based on a test of both the content and the online tool

## Steering Committee

- U.S. National Library RDA Test Steering Committee formed
  - Representatives from LC, NLM, NAL
  - Co-Chairs:
    - Beacher J. Wiggins (LC)
    - Dianne McCutcheon (NLM)
    - Chris Cole (NAL)
- All information is available to the public at <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/>

## Testing Partners

- Over 90 applications received from interested individuals, institutions and/or groups
- 23 selected
  - Diverse group of institutions
    - *Size*
    - *Type of organization*
    - *OPAC and cataloging systems used*
    - *Areas of specialization in cataloging and collection development*
  - System developers

## List of Formal Partners

<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/test-partners.html>

- U.S. National Libraries (3)
  - Library of Congress
  - National Agricultural Library
  - National Library of Medicine

## List of Formal Partners

- **Academic Libraries (10)**

- Brigham Young University
- University of Chicago
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Dakota
- Northeastern University
- Ohio State University
- Stanford University
- George Washington University

## List of Formal Partners

- **Public Libraries (2)**

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
- Douglas County Libraries, Colorado

- **School Library (1)**

- North East Independent School District, San Antonio, Tex.

## List of Formal Partners

- **Special Libraries (4)**
  - Clark Art Institute Library
  - **Minnesota Historical Society**
  - Morgan Library and Museum
  - State Library of Pennsylvania
- **Vendors (3)**
  - Backstage Library Works
  - OCLC Metadata Contract Services
  - Quality Books

## List of Formal Partners

- **Consortia/Groups (3)**
  - College Center for Library Automation (Florida)
  - GSLIS Group
    - Dominican University, University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  - Music Library Association/Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc.

## Cataloging Systems

- Voyager
- OCLC Connexion
- Symphony
- Aleph
- Primo
- Unicorn
- Millennium
- Horizon
- TLC ITS, BiblioFile
- Local systems

## OPACs

- Web Voyage
- Symphony
- Millennium
- Aleph
- Unicorn
- Oxygen
- Endeca
- Aquabrowser
- IBistro
- WorldCat Local
- Blacklight
- TLC ITS for Windows, BiblioFile

## Types of Materials

- Archival/Finding Aids
- Books
- Cartographic Materials
- Electronic Resources
- Integrating Resources
- Kits
- Legal Materials
- Manuscripts
- Microforms
- Moving Images
- Scores
- NonLatin
- Rare Materials
- Serials
- Sound Recordings
- Still Images

## Formats and Rules

- MARC 21
- Dublin Core
- EAD
- MODS
- MADS
- MARCXML
- AACR2
- AMIM
- DACS
- APPM
- CDWA
- DCRM
- GIHC
- CCO
- Local rules

## Testing Methodology

- Assumptions
  - Results will be shared
  - Initial release of RDA Online will be tested
  - Use existing library systems
  - All data produced will be freely available
  - Methodology publicly available for use and sharing of results is encouraged
  - System developers invited to investigate possible future systems
  - Analysis will consider qualitative and quantitative aspects

## Testing Methodology

- Testing will last six months
  - First three months a training period
  - Records created in the second three months
- Core set of 25 resources
  - Will include textual monographs, AV materials, serials, and integrating resources
  - Each institution will create both an RDA record and a record using their current rules
    - Different staff members will create the RDA record and the record using the current rules

## Testing Methodology

- Additional Records
  - Each institution should produce at least an additional 25 RDA records of their choosing
- Feedback
  - For each record, each individual tester will complete an online survey to elicit both quantitative and qualitative feedback
  - Test partners will solicit feedback from internal end-users
- Availability
  - Test partners will make all records created available to the Steering Committee

## Current Timeline

- July 12, 2009
  - ALA Meeting for test partners
- Summer/Fall 2009
  - Steering Committee prepares documentation and training materials
- November 2009?
  - *RDA Online* released

## Current Timeline

- January – March 2010 (1<sup>st</sup> quarter)
  - Preparatory period, preliminary use of *RDA*
- April – June 2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
  - Formal testing
- July – September 2010 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)
  - Formal Assessment
- October 2010
  - Final report shared with U.S. library community

## Additional Information

- Testing  
<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/>
- RDA  
<http://www.rdaonline.org/>
- Joint Steering Committee:  
<http://www.rda-jsc.org/>
- Discussion list: RDA-L
- ALCTS/CCS/Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access  
<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/tas/jca/ccda/>



Questions?

Thank you!