What is RDA?

• Cataloging code to replace AACR2
• Implemented by national libraries on March 31, 2013
Resource Description and Access Overview:  
Making RDA Work

RDA is designed...
...with the user in mind.
...to describe all types of resources.
...to make library data work better with other data on the Web.

RDA is based on FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records).

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Why RDA?

It’s not the 1970s anymore...

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Our catalogs have changed.

The things we catalog have changed.

And they will continue to change.

The information universe has changed.

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Poll

What is different now?

Changes to the public interfaces of library catalogs

Fewer Abbreviations

AACR2:
520 p.: col. ill.; 28 cm.

RDA:
520 pages: color illustrations; 28 cm
Fewer Abbreviations

Source: Third revised edition
RDA: 250 Third revised edition

Source: 2nd enlarged ed., revised
RDA: 250 2nd enlarged ed., revised

Rule of Three is Gone

Source: by Susan Brown, Melanie Carlson, Stephen Lindell, Kevin Ott, and Janet Wilson.
AACR2: by Susan Brown ... [et al.]
RDA allows: by Susan Brown [and four others].

Latin Terms are Gone

AACR2: [S.l. : s.n.], 2008.
RDA: [Place of publication not identified] : [Publisher not identified], 2008.

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GMD is Gone

GMD (General Material Designation) = bracketed information in the title that conveys the type of material

[electronic resource]
[sound recording]
[videorecording]

GMD is replaced by:

– Content type (text, performed music, spoken word, etc.)
– Media type (audio, microform, video, etc.)
– Carrier type (audio disc, online resource, videodisc, etc.)

Terminology comes from lists in the RDA guidelines.

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**AACR2 or RDA?**

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What is different now?

Changes to the creation of catalog records

Structure of RDA - General structure

Table of contents
General introduction
Identifying elements (entities and attributes)
  • Ch. 1-7: work, expression, manifestation, item
  • Ch. 8-11: person, family, corporate body
  • Ch. 12-16: concept, object, event, place
Relationships: Ch. 17-22, 24-32
Appendices
Glossary
Index

Structure of RDA – General structure

Unlike AACR2, not organized by class of materials
Instead, arranged around user tasks to help users identify and relate resources
Each section begins with a chapter of general guidelines.
Subsequent chapters include instructions that support one of the user tasks
E.g. in Section 1:
  • Chapter 1: General guidelines
  • Chapter 2: FRBR task = Identify
  • Chapter 3: FRBR task = Select

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Structure of RDA – “Core-ness”

Based on attributes mandatory for a national level record

Defined at the element level
- Always
- “Core if” – situation described

Transcription

“Take what you see”

- Statement of responsibility
- Edition statement
- Publication information

Changes to Authority Headings

- Families can be creators or contributors in bib records
- Persons include fictitious entities and non-human entities
No more abbreviations in authority headings

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Access Points for Sacred Texts

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New fields for MARC authority records

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### RDA Quiz

**Information from title page:**
- Montgomery County
- An illustrated history
- Carroll Swanson
- Donna Hallquist
- Denise Anderson
- Ann Peterson
- Red Oak – Montgomery County Historical Society
- Des Moines – Iowa Historical Society
- 2010

**Which is the correct title and statement of responsibility, according to RDA?**

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- Third Edition
- John A. Van de Walle
- Sandra Folk
- Karen S. Karp
- Jennifer M. Bay-Williams
- Pearson Canada
- Toronto

**Which is the correct physical description, according to RDA?**

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What could be different in the future?

“FRBR-ized” Catalog Interfaces

- Scherzo: [http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/scherzo/](http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/scherzo/)

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New Search Options

Open Library as an Example
http://www.openlibrary.org

Richer Authority Records

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Linked Data/BIBFRAME

This technical site for the Bibliographic Framework Initiative (BIBFRAME) serves as the official repository for the vocabulary. This site also offers a suite of tools for supporting BIBFRAME, such as the Library of Congress. The efforts represent the beginning of a transition from the MARC 21 format to a new RDF-based data model, ensuring united data practices for purposes of sharing and publishing metadata.

http://bibframe.org

RDA in Your Library

Things you will notice

• Split authority files

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  Doyle, Arthur Conan, 1859-1930.

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Convert AACR2 records to RDA?
- Backstage Library Works http://www.bslw.com/faq/rdarda/
- MarcEdit http://marcedit.reeset.net/features

Questions

Thank you!

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