Resource, Description and Access (RDA): What you need to know

RDA Training and Implementation

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Outline

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- How to train
- Resources
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What to train

- We are not teaching people how to catalogue—we are teaching people how to catalogue using RDA

- Module 9 of the LC RDA train-the-trainer webcasts highlights top things trainers should concentrate on in terms of key concepts and changes from AACR2
What to train

- user needs/user tasks
  - find, identify, select, obtain; cataloguer’s judgement
- “take what you see”
  - representation principle
- “Work, Expression, Manifestation, Item”
  - aspects of resource being described that cataloguers must be clear about
- “Core” and “Core if …” elements
What to train

- Alternatives, optional omissions, optional additions
- Fewer abbreviations
- Relationships, relationships, relationships!
- Content, Media, and Carrier types
  - doing away with GMD
What to train

- No more “rule of three”—instead, use cataloguer’s judgement
- Sources for information expanded (any source, not just chief source)
- Controlled vocabularies
Prepare yourself for training

- Apply what you learned today!
- Familiarize yourself with the RDA Toolkit. Try cataloguing something using RDA!
- Train-the-trainer modules being developed by CLA-TSIG
- Workshops and webinars from ALCTS [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/cat/040611.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/cat/040611.cfm)
- LC’s documentation for RDA test participants, with accompanying exercises
- Modules from LC’s RDA train-the-trainer website
Prepare yourself for training

- Look at RDA records on LC website [http://catalog.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First](http://catalog.loc.gov/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First)

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How to train

- Start with the background: RDA principles, FRBR concepts and terminology
- Highlight changes from AACR2 to RDA for common cataloguing tasks
- Identify changes in the structure of the tool so that cataloguers can navigate the RDA Toolkit
- Give practical examples and exercises
- Allow time for follow-up sessions
Resources

- JSC presentations site
  - [http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdapresentations.html](http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdapresentations.html)

- LC site
  - [http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/rdatraining.html](http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/RDAtest/rdatraining.html)

- RDA in Canada site
Resources

- Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG) Wiki
  http://rdaincanada.wikispaces.com/presentations

- LC email account for questions about RDA or RDA records
  LChelp4rda@loc.gov
Resources

Publications


Implementation in North America

- **LC plans**
  - revising LCRIs and making decisions on options
    - these will appear in the RDA Toolkit as LC policies
  - testing period of 6 months with partners (completed in December 2010)
  - analyze results and present report in (March 2011)
  - LC decision on implementation (June 2011)

- **LAC plans**
  - familiarization
  - create training documentation for LAC
  - create sample workflows
  - make decisions on options & access points
  - implement in mid to late 2011
Implementation in your library

- Local policies

- Communication with public services staff
  - Rule of three: how many to trace

- Communication with systems staff
  - Icons/visual cues to replace GMD
Questions?

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