

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Dave Reser, LC Representative  
**Subject:** Revision of 0.6 Core Elements

LC thanks the British Library for reviewing the list of core elements at 0.6. We agree to the suggestion to remove the list of elements at 0.6 and maintaining them in a separate, authoritative list. We wondered if the JSC sees the value of retaining the core elements lists within RDA's sections, or if they should also be removed? We were ambivalent about this, but we think that if they are to be retained, 0.6 should refer to them. We also suggest that 0.6 should explain the presence of the CORE ELEMENT labels found throughout RDA, as well as the "core if" statements that may appear with them.

We suggest the following amendments to BL's proposal:

- 1) Add a period to the end of the first sentence in 0.6.1
- 2) Retain the current footnote numbers in RDA in 0.6.1.
- 3) Add language to 0.6.2 about the lists of core elements in the sections and an explanation of the core elements labels at the elements themselves.
- 4) For the first sentence of new 0.6.3 (Cardinality), we prefer to retain the existing language about cardinality currently found in 0.6.1, 4th paragraph, 2nd and 3rd sentences (Only one instance of a core element is required. Subsequent instances are optional.), instead of accepting BL's proposed changes
- 5) Indent the "or" in the 4th paragraph of 0.6.4 in accordance with RDA's editorial style.

**Proposed addition to BL's 0.6.2 (following "link to authoritative source" and retaining BL's editorial mark-up):**

**0.6.2 General<sup>2014/04</sup> Core Elements**

Certain elements in RDA are identified as core elements.

[2nd and 3rd paragraphs omitted]

The elements identified in RDA as core elements are listed at [0.6.2 RDA](#)–[0.6.9 RDA](#).  
<[link to authoritative source](#)>.

A list of core elements appears in the initial chapter of each section where applicable.

Within the chapters, certain elements have the label CORE ELEMENT. This label may appear by itself or with a cardinality and conformance statement. These labels indicate that an element, element sub-type, or sub-element is identified as

a core. The cardinality and conformance statements explain how many instances, under what conditions, for what types of resources, etc., an element is core.