RDA Update
RDA in Practice
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RDA since MLA 2008

▸ First … what was out there?

 ▸ Draft of Sections 2-4, 9 (December 2007)

  ▸ Chapter 6 on naming works

  ▸ Generalizing all music rules proved too difficult in short time frame

  ▸ Rules for constructing preferred access points for music largely carried over from AACR2,

  ▸ Major exception: removal of the concept of "Selections"

LC/12

▸ Issued Feb. 6, 2008 (right before MLA)

▸ Not only a response to RDA draft, but proposals to introduce changes to cataloging practice.

▸ MLA response—support for many proposals; reservations about:

  ▸ "Non-distinctive" and "distinctive" titles

  ▸ Recording non-distinctive titles in original language except for a small list of instrumental forms

  ▸ Naming cadenzas with the preferred access point for the "target" work, regardless of who composed then.

  ▸ Using "found terms" to name large ensembles

The May Group

▸ JSC charges the North American constituencies with drafting of music portions of Chapter 6 to the North American constituencies and MLA

▸ Meeting at LC on May 16—participants

▸ Judith Kuhagen (LC)—moderator

▸ Geraldine Ostrove, David Sommerfield (LC)

▸ Mark Scharff, Steve Henry (MLA)

▸ John Attig, Kathy Glennan (ALA; Kathy also MLA)

▸ Daniel Paradis (CCC)

Subsequent teleconference on May 28

Then …

- Summer silence
- Why?
    - Areas of discussion and some proposals from May Group went beyond contents of LC/12
    - Need for a document for non-participatory constituencies to review (BL, CILIP, ACOC)
    - Vacations, IFLA

Finally … LC/12/followup (AKA "Son of LC/12")

- Issued on Halloween 2008
- Resolved some issues
- Left others unresolved
- Created new issues
- MLA response

And ... LC/12/followup/2

- Issued Dec. 4, 2008
- Proposals that had not been discussed by JSC and were not areas of consensus among May Group
- MLA response

And ... LC/12/followup/LC response

- Mostly wordsmithing, but a few substantive points
- Issued Feb. 2, 2009
- No formal MLA response yet

Meanwhile …

- Draft of Full RDA appears
  - Issued Nov. 17, 2008
  - 900+ pages
  - Instructions and Appendices
  - Workflows, Housekeeping documents separate
  - Reorganization of Chapter 6—instruction for choosing and recording preferred titles now precede instructions for constructing preferred access points.
  - Chapter 6 draft otherwise largely that of the earlier draft.
  - Comment deadline was Feb. 2
  - MLA feedback in CC:DA wiki

Full draft—highlights for music

- Data elements for content type, media type, carrier type—information previously found in GMD and elsewhere (Chp. 3, Chp. 6)

- Still some vagueness as to status of containers as sources for title proper of resources. (Chp. 2)

- Recordings contents of a compilation with a collective title removed from realm of transcription—now is expressing a relationship (Chp. 25)

- Relationship designators (Appendix I, J, K)

What's next?

- JSC meeting in Chicago, March 12-20
  - Review feedback on final draft
  - Make a decision on the LC/12 documents
  - As much as possible, finalize text
- June 2009—JSC scheduled to deliver final text to ALA Publishing for entry into the online platform
- 3rd quarter of 2009—RDA published

And then what?

‣ Some constituencies may adopt RDA right away

‣ U.S.—testing period precedes decision on implementation

  ▸ 3 national libraries + ca. 20 other libraries, museums, etc.

  ▸ 3 months of orientation, 3 months of cataloging

  ▸ Free RDA access

  ▸ Core set of resources to be cataloged by all in both AACR2 and RDA—other materials as acquired by participants

  ▸ LC will distribute its records in both AACR2 and RDA

  ▸ Documents and methodology to be on public Web site

  ▸ "Informal testing"

After the test …

- Three-month assessment period
- Criteria
    - Cost-effectiveness
    - Ease of use
    - Compatibility with existing data
- Implementation decision
- Development of implementation scenarios

RDA the Product

- Online only
- 3 "tabs"
  - Instructions
  - Toolkit—schemas, workflows, annotation/bookmarking tools
  - Additional resources—links to external cataloging tools
- Sophisticated tools for navigation, customizing displays of instructions and examples
- Toolkit would allow creation of documents, records, etc. that could be shared
- Demo should be available in late February

RDA Issues

- Lack of a print product
- Pricing structure
- RDA and Cataloger's Desktop