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”
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
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