



RDA for Everyone Else

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Resource Description and Access



What is it?

- # Resource Description and Access
- # Successor to AACR2 – NOT AACR3
- # New cataloguing rules/guidelines

Why do we need it?

- # AACR2 has lasted very well but ...
- # Based on card catalogues
- # Blends requirements for description and display
- # Multiple versions or formats are hard to distinguish
- # E-resources are difficult

What's different about RDA?

- # Covers content only
 - Not coding of content (ISBD, MARC)
 - Not display of content (Library system)
 - # Based on FRBR and FRAD
 - Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records
 - Functional Requirements for Authority Data
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More differences

- # Clearly distinguishes content and carriers of content
 - # Designed as an online tool
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RDA Goals

- # RDA as a standard
 - Cover all types of resources *and* all types of content
 - Be usable outside the library community

- # RDA data
 - Support user tasks (Find Identify Select Obtain)
 - Be compatible with existing library catalogues
 - Independent of encoding formats

When will we get it?

What's happened so far

- 1997 – conference on cataloguing principles
 - 2004 – AACR3 draft
 - 2005 – change name to RDA – draft
 - 2006 – more drafts
 - 2007 – new structure for RDA and 1 more draft
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What's happening next

- # October 2008 – release of final draft as online prototype
 - # Jan 2009 end of review period for final draft
 - # Later in 2009? publication
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What difference will it make?

- # Better displays
 - # Clearer data
 - # More choices for encoding data
 - # Greater flexibility in moving forward
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Current view

- Mister Pip / Lloyd Jones Rearsby : W.F. Howes, 2008
- Mister Pip / Lloyd Jones Auckland, N.Z. : Penguin Books, 2006
- Mister Pip / Lloyd Jones Toronto : AA Knopf Canada, [2007]
- Mister Pip / Lloyd Jones New York, N.Y. : Dial Press, 2007
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Future view?



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What can I do?

- # Ask your system vendor what they're planning re RDA
- # Watch the RDA website for information about releases
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