Another advantage of RDA is the discontinuation of the rule of three and the expanded use of the subfield \$e in 100 and 700 fields. As catalog information is maintained online rather than on small cards, there is no justifiable reason to limit the number of contributors to a work (or rather the manifestation of a work to use proper FRBR terminology). At the same time, RDA records can provide much more information about the role a particular contributor played in the production of a book or recording. A good example is OCLC# 692186583, which identifies the book's authors, its contributing photographer, the person responsible for its design as well as a number of sponsors that made the production of the book possible. In theory, a patron would be able to search for all books the production of which was sponsored by a particular institution.

These are only two examples of advantages offered by RDA. It is my hope that the proposed new cataloging standard will be judged by such conceptual or structural innovations rather than by minute eventualities like the use of professional titles of fictitious characters.

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RDA TOOLKIT WEBCAST

Introduction to RDA Toolkit, a webcast originally presented Feb 8-9, 2010, is now available (http://www.ala.org/ala/onlinelearning/collection/classes/publishing/rda_toolkit_intro_wecast.cfm).

RDA WEB COURSES

Understanding FRBR for RDA and Beyond, July 6-7 or August 2-3, (http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid={3C8B5D3B-057A-4881-9442-388ED83F8C72}&RowId=1-L01NQ)

FRBR, FRAD, FRSAD: A New Model for Cataloging, May 17 or September 13, (http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid={DDD1FDFC-617D-4C72-9BF4-B29619BAE12A}&RowId=1-GXPME)

Introducing RDA: 1, Structure, Principles, and Core Elements, May 31 or June 21 or July 19,

(http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7bCD4FE86E-529A-43F6-A1A6-EAF1AF567621%7d&RowId=1-LW2VA)

Introducing RDA: 2, Resource Description, July 5-6 or August 30-31, (http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7b3DEF61AA-2111-4E08-B992-EB0650DB8D13%7d&RowId=1-LW3ZK)

RDA: On the Road to Implementation, May 51 or July 7 or August 4, (http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7b15B77F67-7DEA-4B30-A802-91AC9D20558E%7d&RowId=1-LVK2T)

ATLA CONFERENCE JUNE 2011 TECHNICAL SERVICES

Tuesday (June 7)

7:00 PM-9 PM

Interest Group

Topic: What I Wish I had Known When I Started in Technical Services - TSIG

Wednesday (June 8)

8:30 AM-12 PM

Pre-Conference Workshop – Morning

Tackling the Foreign-Language Backlog: Roman-Script Languages and Introduction to Romanization

1:00 PM-4:30 PM

Pre-Conference Workshop – Afternoon

Tackling the Foreign-Language Backlog: Advanced Romanization

Thursday (June 9)

Conversation Groups 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

Library of Congress Genre/Form Project Update

Name Authority Conversation Group

11:30-1:00 PM

NACO Lunch