on the other hand is the description of relationships between the components of bibliographic data with qualifiers such as translation, adaptation, analysis, parody, etc. for titles of works or such as author, translator, illustrator, etc. for persons associated with a work, expression or manifestation. A representative image for such a dynamic web of relationships is the online environment in which most catalogers now practice their craft and to which the majority of patrons turn for information.

The final test of RDA will be its usability in a software environment that can make full use FRBR structures and so far no major ILS vendor has offered this capability, but it is reasonable to assume that the development of such systems would follow shortly after a decision is made by the national libraries regarding the implementation of RDA. Furthermore, the structure and logic of RDA with its increased emphasis on relationships and greater use of metadata components promises to provide greater adaptability for future technological developments, even beyond the MARC environment.

Next issue: MY EXPERIENCE WITH RDA: PART TWO: EXAMPLES

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RDA WORKSHOP

Technical Services at Westminster Theological Seminary Library plans to prepare for implementation of RDA in the following manner: May 9-10, 2011, in conjunction with Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association (SEPTLA), Westminster Theological Seminary will host a two-day educational workshop with guest lecturer, Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging, Pitts Theological Seminary, Emory University, an official RDA test site.

May 9, 2011
SEPTLA meeting at Westminster Theological Seminary
Morning session (75 min.): <u>Cataloging with RDA</u>

RDA is more than an updated set of cataloging rules. Based on the principles of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records), RDA presents a new way of thinking about organizing information. This presentation will explore the changes that catalogers can expect in their daily work as a result of the implementation of RDA. Special emphasis will be given to issues concerning catalogers in theological libraries.

Afternoon session (90 min.): <u>RDA – Not Just for Catalogers</u>
RDA (Resource Description and Access) is a new descriptive standard for cataloging. Based on new ways of organizing information, this innovation in bibliographic description relates not only to the world of technical services. This presentation will explore the impact of RDA on libraries, librarians and library users.

May 10, 2011
RDA training workshop at Westminster Theological Seminary
Two half-day sessions of official RDA training accompanied by insights from experience
during the RDA test period. Training will include hands-on examples and exercises based on
materials relevant to catalogers in theological libraries. Limited to 30 participants, registration
will be open exclusively to SEPTLA members initially. Later, if any slots are available,
registration will be advertised to non-SEPTLA libraries.

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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_we
cast.cfm.

RDA Web Courses

Understanding FRBR for RDA and Beyond, March 9-10,
(http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid={3C8B5D3B-057A-4881-9442-
388ED83F8C72}&RowId=1-L01NQ)

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

Introducing RDA: 1, Structure, Principles, and Core Elements, March 30,
(http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7bCD4FE86E-529A-43F6-A1A6-
EAF1AF567621%7d&RowId=1-LW2VA)

Introducing RDA: 2, Resource Description, March 22-23,
(http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7b3DEF61AA-2111-4E08-B992-
EB0650DB8D13%7d&RowId=1-LW3ZK)

RDA: On the Road to Implementation, April 5,
(http://www.lyrasis.org/?sc_itemid=%7b15B77F67-7DEA-4B30-A802-
91AC9D20558E%7d&RowId=1-LVK2T)

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