

While there have been ongoing revisions to RDA since its initial release in 2010, a major restructuring and redesign of RDA (3R) is planned for April 2018. To this end, there will be a freeze to any changes and revisions of RDA beginning in April 2017 until the completion of the 3R project. It is still undecided what the new product will be called (not RDA 2.0, rather a new Expression of RDA), but it is clear that the 3R project will entail more than a major revision of content and will be comprehensive with the primary goals of clarification and streamlining. The changes will be largely conceptual in nature, affecting the theoretical framework of RDA and the navigability of the toolkit, but are not expected to have a major impact on rules or on the day-to-day operations of cataloging.

1. Adoption of IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM)
 - intended to be the new conceptual framework for RDA, taking the place of FRBR/FRAD
 - greater emphasis on relationships
 - more appropriate model for BIBFRAME/Linked Data
2. Synchronization of the Open Metadata Registry (OMR) and RDA
 - currently both are maintained separately and kept in sync manually
 - going forward, changes will be made only in the OMR and imported into RDA
3. Creation of a North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)
 - address issues that are of specific relevance to U.S. and Canadian libraries
 - serve as a conduit between regional RDA users and RSC regarding RDA development
 - members will represent ALA, CCC, and LC
4. Changes to Relationship Designators
 - scope notes, examples, and restrictions
 - secondary definitions will be removed or moved to the level of a primary definition
 - “... a halogen (chlorine, bromine, iodine, or fluorine)...” -> “... chlorine, bromine, iodine, or fluorine...”
5. Clarifying language
 - in definitions and instructions “resource” will be replaced with the specific entity term
 - “person, family, or corporate body” will be replaced with “agent”
 - omit definite and indefinite articles from the preferred label of new RDA elements
6. Toolkit structure and accessibility
 - responsive design (emphasis on tablets)
 - data conversion to DITA format (allow for creation of unique “views” of RDA content)
 - 3 views of RDA content
 - Workflow view
 - Elements view
 - Policy Statement view
 - improved user-created content tools (ability to personalize display)
 - integrates display of RDA instructions with related documents (examples, policy statements, etc.)

For more information see:

- 3R: <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/blog/3RProject>
- LRM: http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/frbr-lrm/frbr-lrm_20160225.pdf
- OMR: <http://metadataregistry.org/>

Submitted by
Armin Siedlecki, Head of Cataloging
Pitts Theology Library, Emory University

ATLA SACO FUNNEL UPDATE

The Professional Development Committee is working with Gillian Harrison Cain, Director of Member Programs, to prepare a webinar this spring to update everyone on the ATLA funnel projects, providing especially an update on the SACO program at ATLA. This webinar will pick up and continue the discussion of creating an ATLA SACO funnel, the basic idea of which

was presented at the last annual conference. Anyone who is interested in proposing new subject headings (including new genre/form terms in religion) as well as new LC classification numbers is invited to participate in this webinar. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, at 2:00 pm EST. Consult the [February ATLA Newsletter for more information](#).

Submitted by
Richard Lammert, Technical Services and Systems Librarian
Kroemer Library, Concordia Theological Seminary

SELECTED ARTICLES FROM CURRENT LIBRARY JOURNALS

- Avery, Joshua M. "Implementing an Open Source Integrated Library System (ILS) in a Special Focus Institution." *Digital Library Perspectives* 32, no. 4 (October 2016): 287-298.
- Clair, Kevin. "Technical Debt as an Indicator of Library Metadata Quality." *D-Lib Magazine* 22, no. 11/12 (November 2016): 1, doi: 10.1045/november2016-clair. <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/november16/clair/11clair.html>
- Fallow, Colleen, et al. "Overly Honest Data Repository Development." *Code4lib Journal* no. 34 (October 2016): 1. <http://journal.code4lib.org/articles/11980>
- Godby, Carol Jean and Karen Smith-Yoshimura. "From Records to Things: Managing the Transition from Legacy Library Metadata to Linked Data." *Bulletin of The Association For Information Science & Technology* 43, no. 2 (December 2016): 18-23.
- Kelley, Steve. "The Smaller Library Staff's Perspective on BIBFRAME." *Technicalities* 36, no. 6 (November 2016): 8-11.
- Long, Chris Evin. "Disambiguating the Departed." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 60, no. 4 (October 2016): 236-247.
- McGettigan, Katie. "Catalogs as Big Data for Nineteenth-Century Publishers' Series." *Past is Present: The American Antiquarian Society Blog*. November 1, 2016. <http://pastispresent.org/2016/digital-humanities-2/catalogs-as-big-data-for-nineteenth-century-publishers-series/>
- Perez-Lizano, Elena. "Implementing Resource, Description, and Access in a Time of Change in the Small Academic Library." *Technical Services Quarterly* 33, no. 4 (October 2016): 353-370.
- Qiang, Jin, Jim Hahn, and Gretchen Croll. "BIBFRAME Transformation for Enhanced Discovery." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 60, no. 4 (October 2016): 223-235.
- Sandberg, Jane and Qiang Jin. "How Should Catalogers Provide Authority Control for Journal Article Authors? Name Identifiers in the Linked Data World." *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 54, no. 8 (November 2016): 537-552.
- Sjökvist, Peter. "Transcription in Rare Books Cataloging." *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 54, no. 5/6 (July 2016): 377-383.
- Stewart, Morag and Cheryl Aine Morrison. "Notes on Operations Breaking Ground: Consortial Migration to a Next-Generation ILS and Its Impact on Acquisitions Workflows." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 60, no. 4 (October 2016): 259-269.
- Wallheim, Henrik. "From Complex Reality to Formal Description: Bibliographic Relationships and Problems of Operationalization in RDA." *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* 54, no. 7 (October 2016): 483-503.
- Welsh, Anne. "MarcEdit for Mac and the Rare Books Researcher." *Catalogue & Index* no. 184 (September 2016): 2-13.

Submitted by
Anna Appleman, Cataloger
John Bulow Campbell Library, Columbia Theological Seminary