

SECTION THREE: NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLA TECHNICAL SERVICES SECTION

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BIBFRAME Model

“The Library of Congress is pleased to announce the publication of <http://bibframe.org/> - a new website for detailed information about the in-development, draft BIBFRAME vocabulary. It also includes demonstrations of the BIBFRAME model from MARC bibliographic records from all of the experimenters' collections, including the Library of Congress. These are displayed in a human-friendly manner with Exhibit 3, a light-weight publishing framework for data. The source MARC/XML data, resulting BIBFRAME resources, and Exhibit JSON are available for download. “We encourage and want constructive feedback on the vocabulary and data transformations. All are invited to join the conversation. . . . The vocabulary is designed to get us started, but, as a community effort, your valuable feedback is essential (and has been already - thank you.”

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PCC ALA Midwinter 2013 Presentations

<http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/>

OCLC RDA Policy Statements (effective March 31, 2013)

<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/rda/new-policy.htm>

Hybrid Records

When editing and replacing master records in WorldCat, catalogers may choose to add some RDA elements to existing non-RDA records without re-cataloging the entire record according to RDA. Candidates for such editing include, but are not limited to:

- Adding relator terms to access points
- Spelling out non-transcribed abbreviations
- Adding complete statements of responsibility in 245 (in place of "[et al.]")
- Adding 336/337/338 fields

General Material Designators (GMDs)

As recommended in the PCC Guidelines on Hybrid Bibliographic Records, OCLC will retain the 245 h GMD for a period of 3 years in WorldCat records where it currently exists. Catalogers editing existing non-RDA records are asked to leave formerly valid GMDs present in records through 31 March 2016. However, do remove the GMD when re-cataloging (and re-coding) a record as RDA.

Machine Manipulation of Existing WorldCat Records

OCLC will begin changing existing WorldCat legacy records after 31 March 2013 to incorporate various useful RDA practices. Legacy records (non-RDA records) need to be made as functional as possible in the future RDA environment to benefit catalogers, systems, and catalog end users. As a post-MARC future becomes a reality in years to come, greater consistency of practice present in existing WorldCat records will allow easier migration to another metadata format.