RDA for the Non-Cataloger
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Cataloging Rules—a brief history

In order to make catalog information more consistent, sharable, and useable, the information is recorded according to a set of rules.

Since 1978, the set of rules commonly used in the U.S. has been AACR2, the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2\textsuperscript{nd} edition.
Cataloging Rules—a brief history

These rules are maintained and updated by the Joint Steering Committee (JSC). The last major revision to AACR2 was in 2002, and the last updates were in 2005.

Both library catalogs and library resources have changed radically over the last 35 years and substantially over the past 10 years.
The initial plan was to write a third edition of AACR and move to AACR3. However, the JSC decided that a greater change and more international rules were required.

RDA, which stands for Resource Description and Access, was written to succeed AACR2 as the new cataloging standard.
The road to RDA has been a long journey. It was originally intended for release in 2009. It was met with skepticism and a national test was implemented in 2010, before the adoption date for this year was set.
Cataloging Rules—a brief history

On March 31, 2013 the Library of Congress (among others) fully implemented RDA. All new records created by LC will conform to RDA standards. Other major libraries have also begun cataloging exclusively with RDA.
RDA & the catalog display

How will RDA affect the catalog?

- Not that much!
- Fewer abbreviations
- Some changes made to the MARC record to accommodate RDA will affect catalog display.
- Some subject headings will change
With RDA records, dates will not show up in the display, as seen below.

1. **Alexis and the perfect recipe**  
*Simon, Coco.*  
©2011.  
Call number: J FIC SIMON  
19 of 22 copies available at Evergreen Indiana.  
2 of 2 copies available at Zionsville Public Library.  
2 of 2 copies available at Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Branch.

2. **Alexis cool as a cupcake**  
*Simon, Coco.*  
Call number: J FIC SIMON  
14 of 14 copies available at Evergreen Indiana.  
1 of 1 copy available at Zionsville Public Library.  
1 of 1 copy available at Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Branch.
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Publisher information will also be missing.

**AACR2**

**Record details**

- **ISBN**: 9781442429017
- **ISBN**: 1442429011
- **ISBN**: 9781607449164 (lib. binding)
- **Physical Description**: 137 p. : ill. ; 20 cm.
- **Edition**: 1st ed.
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- **ISBN**: 9781442450806 (paperback)
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These minor problems will be corrected in the next Evergreen upgrade.
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Here you can see examples of the lack of abbreviation.
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RDA records will not have General Material Designations in the subfield h. That means RDA records for formats such as video recordings and electronic resources will not list the formats in the title field. This is not a big change in Evergreen since these only display when you open the record.
RDA & the catalog display

AACR2

The dark crystal [videorecording] / the Jim Henson Company presents a Jim Henson film ; directed by Jim Henson and Frank Oz ; produced by Jim Henson and Gary Kurtz ; screenplay by David Odell ; story by Jim Henson.


Available copies

- 2 copies at Evergreen Indiana.

Current holds

0 current holds with 2 total copies.
RDA & the catalog display

RDA

The impossible / Summit Entertainment and Mediaset España present; an Apaches Entertainment and Telecinco Cinema production in association with Canal +; produced by Belén Atienza [and three others]; directed by J.A. Bayona; story by María Belón; written by Sergio G. Sánchez.


Available copies

• 3 copies at Evergreen Indiana

Current holds

30 current holds with 53 total copies.
RDA & the catalog display

Will all the records be changed to RDA?

- No, RDA records and AACR2 records are expected to co-exist in the catalog.
- The old records will stay AACR2, and AACR2 records will continue to be imported into the catalog, since not all records imported are for new materials.
Why RDA?

So if the changes are so small, why the change?

- Most cataloging is done by copy cataloging—importing records created by catalogers at other institutions.
- If we did not use the RDA records created by other libraries, we would waste a lot of time changing them into AACR2.
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- RDA is a step toward bigger cataloging changes in the future.
- RDA is intended to be more adaptable to describing new formats
- RDA is intended to be used with MARC now, but also to be used with a new type of bibliographic data in the future.
More changes?

The Library of Congress is currently in the process of establishing an entirely new, modern, linked data format for bibliographic data, that would take advantage of the technological advances since MARC was created.

Currently the timetable for this is unknown.

http://www.loc.gov/bibframe/
Along with RDA two more acronyms you may have been hearing are FRBR and WEMI.

FRBR stands for Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

WEMI stands for Work, Expression, Manifestation and Item.
FRBR? WEMI? What?

FRBR stands for Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records.

FRBR is a conceptual model of thinking about how library catalogs may be used that was developed by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions.

It was very influential in the writing of RDA. It emphasizes the relationships between entities related to a work. It divides these entities into three groups.

[Logo: Evergreen Indiana Open Source Integrated Library System]
FRBR? WEMI? What?

WEMI is an acronym for the first group.

- Works
- Expressions
- Manifestations
- Items

These are the products of intellectual or artistic endeavor—the things libraries collect.
FRBR? WEMI? What?

Group 2 are the
- persons,
- corporate bodies
- and families

responsible for the contents of Group 1
Group 3 are the subjects of those endeavors. They may include

- concepts
- objects
- events
- places
FRBR? WEMI? What?

So what’s the deal with these acronyms anyway?

- RDA asks catalogers to think about cataloging in a somewhat different way than AACR2 did.
- It places more emphasis on relationships.
- This isn’t very obvious from a user perspective right now.
- In theory, it lays the groundwork for future benefits with Bibframe.
So what’s in it for us?

Right now, not a lot.

- A lot of the benefits from the changes are related to Authority Work
- Currently Evergreen Indiana doesn’t have an authority file
- Adding one in the future will contribute to a more consistent, usable catalog.
So what’s in it for us?

- Authority records are records for particular entities related to a work, such as persons or subjects.
- Using them means that they are listed consistently in all catalog records, which makes those easier to find and makes it possible to establish links between related works.
So what’s in it for us?

Current benefits

- Eliminating a lot of the abbreviations is intended to make the catalog information more understandable for users
- New rules eliminate restrictions on data entry and allow catalogers to provide more access to records
  - “Rule of three” gone
Be kind to your Catalogers

008 10 1 The impossible / [c Summit Entertainment and Mediaset España present; an Apaches Entertainment and Telerent Cinemas production in association with Canal+; produced by Belén Atienza [and three others]; directed by J.A. Bayona; story by María Belón; written by Sergio G. Sánchez.

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264 4 ©2012.
300 1 videodisc (114 min.): [b sound, color; [c 4 3/4 in.
337 1 videodisc [2 rdamedia
338 1 videodisc [2 rdcarrier
538 1 DVD; NTSC, region 1; widescreen presentation; 5.1 DTS-HD MA.
546 1 In English or Spanish with optional English or Spanish subtitles. Closed captioned.
511 0 Cast: Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts, Tom Holland, Samuel Joslin, Oaklee Pendergast, Marta Etura.

500 0 Originally released as a motion picture in 2012.

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These changes should seem very small from the OPAC side of things, but there are a lot more changes from the cataloger’s perspective.

Things we have done the same way for years (In some cases, 35 years) we are suddenly doing differently.

It’s an adjustment.

There is a lot to learn.

It can be frustrating, especially right now while there’s not a much immediate gain from it.

Have patience with us.
Be kind to your Catalogers

If your cataloger hasn’t had any RDA training yet, make sure they have the opportunity to take at least one class.

The cataloging committee recommends RDA in Action: Basics for Copy Catalogers from Lyrasis.

It is a webinar and you can get a code to take it for free from the State Library.

http://www.in.gov/library/lyrasis.htm
Be kind to your Catalogers

Make sure they have the resources they need.
If you can afford the subscription, the RDA Toolkit is the easiest to use.
http://www.rdatoolkit.org/
You can also purchase a print version. There should be a new version in the next couple months, so it may be better to wait until then to purchase print.
http://www.rdatoolkit.org/rdaprint
THANK YOU!

Thanks for attending this session!

I hope it gave you a better idea of what’s going on with RDA.
Questions?

If you have any questions over this presentation, please contact me at sarahc@zionsville.lib.in.us

If you have general questions about RDA and Evergreen, please ask them via listserv or contact the Evergreen Cataloging Committee.