



Module 7:

RDA Toolkit Features

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RDA: Resource Description & Access

Designed for the digital world and an expanding universe of metadata users, RDA: Resource Description and Access is the new, unified cataloging standard—an evolution of the cataloging principles from AACR2, with rules carried over or adapted to the RDA model. Benefits of RDA include:

- A structure based on the conceptual models of FRBR (functional requirements for bibliographic data) and FRAD (functional requirements for authority data) to help catalog users find the information they need more easily
- A flexible framework for content description of digital resources that also serves the needs of libraries organizing traditional resources
- A better fit with emerging database technologies, enabling institutions to introduce efficiencies in data capture and storage retrievals

The online [RDA Toolkit subscription](#) provides a one-stop resource for evaluating and implementing RDA, and is the most effective way to interact with the new standard.

RDA Toolkit highlights:

- RDA instructions that are searchable and browseable
- AACR2 Rule Number Search of RDA instructions

RDA Toolkit Web Page

The screenshot shows the RDA Toolkit web page. The header is dark blue with the RDA Toolkit logo on the left and a welcome message on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs for RDA, TOOLS, and RESOURCES. The left sidebar contains a detailed table of contents for the RDA section. The main content area has a heading 'GET STARTED WITH THE RDA TOOLKIT!' followed by a sub-heading 'It's as easy as ...'. Below this are three sections: 'Log in to Your Subscription', 'Create a User Profile', and 'Browse or Search', each with explanatory text. At the bottom of the main content area is a 'Need Assistance?' section with a bulleted list of links.

RDA TOOLKIT
RESOURCE DESCRIPTION & ACCESS

Welcome, Barbara B. Tillett

Library of Congress

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2.0 Purpose and Scope

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2.3.1.1 Scope

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2.3.1.7 Titles of Parts, Sections, and Supplements

RDA Quick Search

1 [2] 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

2.3.1.1 Scope

A **title** is a word, character, or group of words and/or characters that names a resource or a work contained in it.

More than one title may appear in the resource itself (e.g., on a title page, title frame; as a caption title, running title; on a cover, spine; on a title bar), on a jacket, sleeve, container, etc., or in material accompanying the resource.

A resource may also have one or more titles associated with it through reference sources, through assignment by a registration agency (e.g., a key title), or by an agency preparing a description of the resource (e.g., a cataloguer's translation of the title).

For purposes of resource description, titles are categorized as follows:

- a) title proper (see [2.3.2 RDA](#))
- b) parallel title proper (see [2.3.3 RDA](#))
- c) other title information (see [2.3.4 RDA](#))
- d) parallel other title information (see [2.3.5 RDA](#))
- e) variant title (see [2.3.6 RDA](#))
- f) earlier title proper (see [2.3.7 RDA](#))
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Abridged as (work)/abridgement of (work) [rd], [J.2.2 RDA](#)

Abridgement of information *See* [Omissions RDA](#)

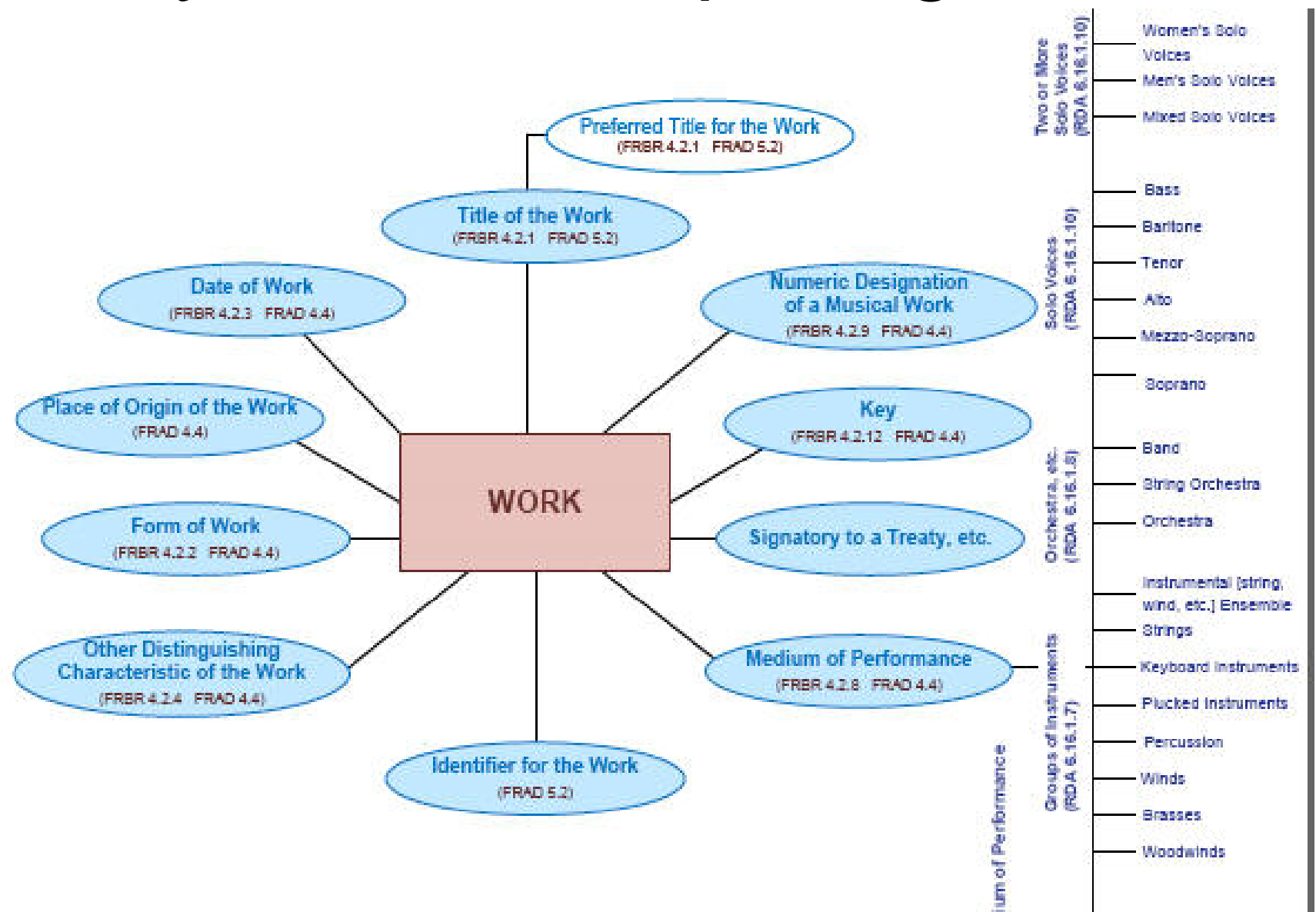
RDA

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- + RDA: Element Set View
- + RDA Mappings
- + Workflows
- + Mappings
- + Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)
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Entity-Relationship Diagrams



- RDA: Element Set View

- + FRBR Entities
- + FRAD Entities
- Other Entities

- RDA Mappings

RDA to MARC Bibliographic Mapping
MARC Bibliographic to RDA Mapping
RDA to MARC Authority Mapping
MARC Authority to RDA Mapping
RDA to MODS Mapping

- **RDA: Element Set View**
 - FRBR Entities
 - Work
 - Attributes
 - Core
 - + RDA Core Element: Date of Work
 - + RDA Core Element: Form of Work
 - + RDA Core Element: Identifier for the Work

- Core

- + RDA Core Element: Date of Work
- + RDA Core Element: Form of Work
- + RDA Core Element: Identifier for the Work
- + RDA Core Element: Key
- + RDA Core Element: Medium of Performance
- + RDA Core Element: Numeric Designation of a Musical Work
- + RDA Core Element: Other Distinguishing Characteristic of the Work
- + RDA Core Element: Place of Origin of the Work
- + RDA Core Element: Signatory to Treaty, Etc.
- + RDA Core Element: Title of the Work

+ Enhanced

+ Specialized

+ Relationships

+ Expression

1 2 3 [4] 5 6 7 8 9 10

RDA CORE ELEMENT

TITLE OF THE WORK

Core Element Note

Preferred title for the work is a core element. Variant titles for the work are optional.

Definition

A word, character, or group of words and/or characters by which a work is known.

Related Instructions

Sources of Information (6.2.1.2 RDA)

Take the title or titles of the work from any source.

For additional guidance on sources of information for the preferred title for the work, see

6.2.2.2 RDA.


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- + AACR2
- + Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPS)
- + Other Resources

Resources



- + AACR2
- + Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPS)
- Other Resources
 - + Element Sets & Encoding Standards
 - Open Archives Initiative
 - Open Metadata Registry
 - Cataloger's Desktop
 - XC Extensible Catalog

RDA TOOLS RESOURCES

RDA Quick Search



1 2 [3] 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- AACR2

- + Front Matter
- Part I: Description
 - + Introduction
 - 1: General Rules for Description
 - + 1.0. General Rules
 - 1.1. Title and Statement of Responsibility Area
 - + 1.1A. Preliminary Rule
 - 1.1B. Title Proper

1.1B1.

1.1B2.

1.1B3.

1.1B4.

1.1B1 RDA Transcribe the title proper exactly as to wording, order, and spelling, but not necessarily as to punctuation and capitalization. Give accentuation and other diacritical marks that are present in the chief source of information (see also **1.0G AACR2**). For inaccuracies in the title proper of a serial or an integrating resource in any area except the series area, see **12.1B1 AACR2**. Capitalize according to appendix **A AACR2**.

Speedball technique charts

Les misérables
(Diacritic supplied)

The materials of architecture

Supplement to The conquest of Peru and Mexico

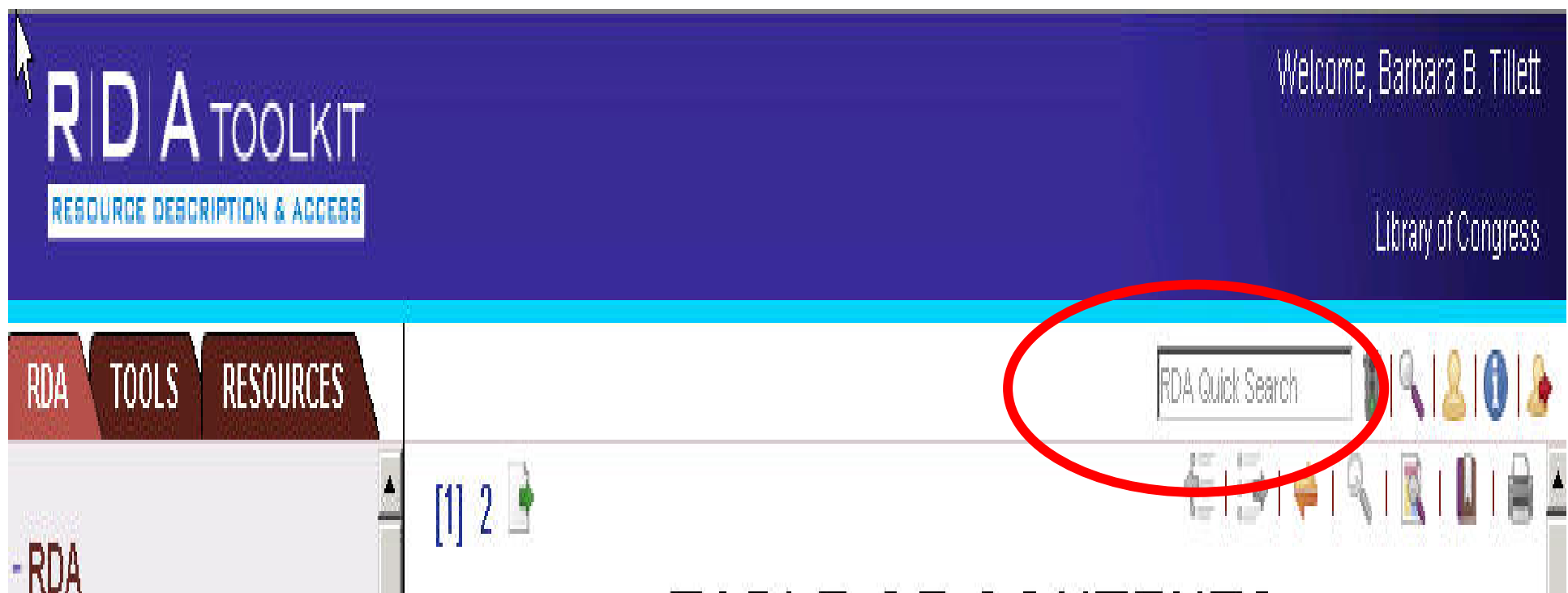
The 1919/20 Breasted Expedition to the Near East

Searching RDA

- Quick search
 - Keyword
- Advanced search
 - Boolean
 - Filters
 - Save searches

Quick Search

- Enter keywords



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- + Section 10: Recording Relationships

 Results 1 - 25 of 62 for **Carrier** in **RDA** by Relevance
[Click here for results in RDA Glossary and Index](#)
RDA: 3.1.4.2 Recording Carrier Type, Extent, and Other Characteristics of Each Carrier Core

If a detailed description of each **carrier** is desired, record in addition to **carrier** type (see 3.3) and extent (see 3.4), other characteristics as applicable to...

RDA: 3.1.4.1 Recording Only Carrier Type and Extent of Each Carrier Core

If a detailed description of the characteristics of the carriers is not considered necessary, record only

RDA: 3.3 Carrier Type Core
RDA: 3.21 Item-Specific Carrier Characteristic
RDA: 3.3.1 Basic Instructions on Recording Carrier Type Core
RDA: 3.22.6 Note on Changes in Carrier Characteristics
RDA: 3.1.4 Resources Consisting of More Than One Carrier Type Core

When preparing a comprehensive description for a resource consisting of more than one **carrier** type, apply whichever of the methods described under 3.1.4.1 (recording...

RDA: 3.21.2 Item-Specific Carrier Characteristic of Early Printed Resource
RDA: 3.21.1 Basic Instructions on Recording Item-Specific Carrier Characteristics
RDA: 3.22.6.3 Change in Carrier Characteristics

Make notes on changes in **carrier** characteristics as instructed under 3.22.6.3.1 (multipart monographs and serials) or 3.22.6.3.2 (integrating resources), as applicable...

3.3 Carrier Type

CORE ELEMENT

3.3.1 Basic Instructions on Recording Carrier Type

3.3.1.1 Scope

Carrier type▼ is a categorization reflecting the format of the storage medium and housing of a **carrier** in combination with the type of intermediation device required to view, play, run, etc., the content of a resource.

3.3.1.2 Sources of Information

Use evidence presented by the resource itself (or on any accompanying material or container) as the basis for recording **carrier** type. If desired, take additional evidence from any source.

3.3.1.3 Recording Carrier Type

Record the type of **carrier** used to convey the content of the resource using one or more of the terms listed below. Record as many terms as are applicable to the resource being described.

Alternative

3.3.1.3 Recording Carrier Type

Record the type of carrier used to convey the content of the resource using one or more of the terms listed below. Record as many terms as are applicable to the resource being described.

Alternative

If the resource being described consists of more than one carrier type, record only

- a) the carrier type that applies to the predominant part of the resource (if there is a predominant part)

or

- b) the carrier types that apply to the most substantial parts of the resource (including the predominant part, if there is one)

using one or more of the terms listed below, as appropriate.

Audio carriers

audio cartridge

audio cylinder

Optional Omission **LCPS**

If the number of units cannot be readily ascertained or approximated, omit the number.

EXAMPLE

sheet

various pieces

Predominant carrier type and extent recorded using a general term, omitting the number of pieces

Optional Addition

If the carriers are in a container, name the container and record its dimensions (see **3.5.1.5 RDA**).

EXAMPLE

Advanced Search

Advanced Search

RDA Quick Search

Enter Phrase or String to Search ...

Carrier

Select Document(s) to Search ...

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+ ☐ RDA: Element Set View

+ ☐ RDA Mappings

+ ☐ Workflows

+ ☐ Mappings

+ ☐ Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)

+ ☐ AACR2

+ ☐ Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPS)

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Save Search as ...

Select Metadata to Limit Search By ...

☐ Exclude Examples

AACR2 Rule Number (RDA Only)

Tip: Enter Operators between Numbers as needed

RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers

All Description Types

All Content Types

All Media Types

All Issuance Types

All Work Types

Search box



Enter Phrase or String to Search ...

The image shows a search box with a light gray header bar containing the text "Enter Phrase or String to Search ...". Below the header is a large white rectangular area for text input. A mouse cursor is positioned at the start of the header text.

Sources to Search

Select Document(s) to Search ...

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- + ☐ RDA: Element Set View
- + ☐ RDA Mappings
- + ☐ Workflows
- + ☐ Mappings
- + ☐ Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)
- + ☐ AACR2
- + ☐ Library of Congress Policy Statements (LCPS)

Search Limits

Select Meta Data to Limit Search By ...

☐ Exclude Examples

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Tip: Enter Operators between Numbers as needed

RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers



All Description Types



All Content Types



All Media Types



All Issuance Types



All Work Types



RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers

All Description Types

All Content Types

All Media

All Issues

All Words

All Content Types

Cartographic Only

Movement Only

Moving Images Only

Music Only

Still Images Only

Tactile Only

Text Only

Three-dimensional Images Only

RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers

All Description Types

All Content Types

All Media Types

All Issuance Types

All Work Types

All Media Types

Audio Only

Computer Only

Microform Only

Projected Only

Stereographic Only

Unmediated Only

Video Only

RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers

All Description Types

All Content Types

All Media Types

All Issuance Types

All Work Types

All Issuance Types
Integrating Resources Only
Multipart Monographs Only
Serials Only
Single Units Only

RDA Instruction Types (RDA Only)

All Instruction Numbers



All Description Types



All Content Types



All Media Types



All Issuance Types



All Work Types



All Work Types

Legal Only

Musical Only

Official Communications Only

Religious Only

WELCOME TO THE SUPPORT CENTER

In order to streamline support requests and better serve you, we utilize a support ticket system. Every support request is assigned a unique ticket number which you can use to track the progress and response online. For your reference we provide complete archives and history of all your support requests. A valid email address is required.



Open A New Ticket

Please provide as much detail as possible so we can best assist you. To update a previously submitted ticket, please use the form to the right.

Open New Ticket



Check Ticket Status

We provide archives and history of all your support requests complete with responses.

Email:

Ticket#:

Help with RDA instructions

LChelp4rda@loc.gov