



Module 8: Preparing for RDA ...

Implementing RDA?

- If “yes” to that question, need to get ready
- If “no” to that question, still need to get ready
 - RDA bibliographic and authority records in shared databases & local catalogs
 - RDA access points in non-RDA records
- If you don’t know the answer, still need to get ready

Who needs to get ready?

- You
- Your library colleagues
- Your library's ILS
- Your library's users

How to prepare yourself

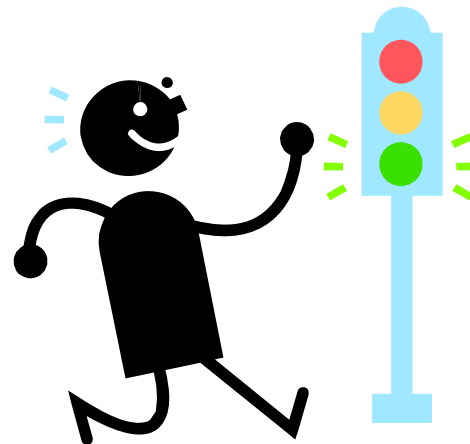
1. Become familiar with FRBR and FRAD: entities, terminology, user tasks
2. Review available training materials and documentation <http://loc.gov/aba/rda/>
3. Explore RDA Toolkit or printed version of RDA if have access (30-day free access as part of this seminar)

How to prepare yourself

4. View webcasts/webinars and attend briefings, workshops, etc.
5. Read books and articles about RDA
6. Talk with cataloging colleagues in your library: share what you know with each other

How to prepare yourself

7. Talk with cataloging colleagues in other libraries
8. Create RDA practice records
9. Create more RDA practice records !!



How to prepare your colleagues

- Staff in all parts of your library
- Tell them what you've learned about FRBR, FRAD, RDA, MARC
 - In appropriate levels of detail
 - Telling someone else ensures you really do understand

Prepare your library: If implementing RDA

- Make policy decisions with colleagues from various areas:
 - Elements beyond RDA core elements you will include in own records and accept in copy records (consult with vendor and consortium as needed)
 - Decisions on options and alternatives or always apply cataloger judgment
 - Changes in existing records (e.g., form of access points, GMD vs. 336-338 fields)

Prepare your library: If not implementing RDA

- Make policy decisions with colleagues from various areas:
 - Add RDA records from vendors or other libraries to your catalog for resources in your collection?
 - If adding RDA records, accept with no changes? If make some changes, what changes?

Library system impact if RDA records in your catalog

- Talk with IT staff and/or vendor to ensure *MARC 21* RDA changes were implemented (have been issued as regular MARC updates)
- Make decisions on display and indexing of new fields in your OPAC

Training and implementation

- If implementing RDA:
 - Develop training materials
 - Give demonstrations of the RDA Toolkit
 - Review mappings
 - Create templates, macros, workflows
 - Practice, practice, practice !!!
 - Discuss practice/real records
 - Foster **cataloger judgment** (includes “stamping out tweaking” of others’ records)

Training and implementation

- If not implementing RDA:
 - Explain changes from AACR2 so staff can understand records in Worldcat, etc. (and especially if RDA records will be added to your catalog)
 - Explain changes in MARC 21 formats

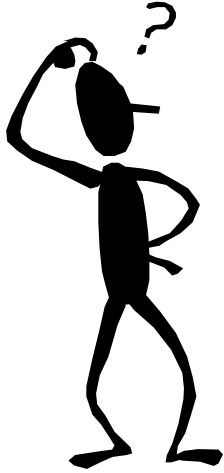
Inform your library's users

- Explain changes in display and indexing
- If your policy is not to change authorized access points to the same form in all records, give guidance where forms are different

Down the road ...



- Stay informed/investigate:
 - Controlled vocabularies on the Web
 - Linked data
 - Encoding schema successor to MARC 21
- Talk with colleagues in other information communities (e.g., archives, museums)
- Enjoy exciting challenges and opportunities!



Questions?

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