

# Using RDA as a content-level agreement for DCMI

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# One Simple Question and a Follow-up

- Does the DCMI community want to influence the development of RDA, the successor to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd Edition (AACR2)?
- If yes, how can we arrange for effective consultation between the DCMI community and the RDA development group?

# What is RDA?

- RDA is short for *Resource Description and Access*
- RDA is a new content standard for resource description and access designed for use in a digital environment
- RDA is being built on foundations established by the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR)*

# RDA and Other Content-level Agreements

- RDA is a library domain content-level agreement
- Describing Archives: a Content Standard (DACS) is an archives domain content-level agreement
- Cataloguing Cultural Objects (CCO) is an art museum domain content-level agreement

# RDA: A New Approach

- Alignment of RDA with the conceptual models for bibliographic and authority data developed by IFLA: FRBR and FRAR
- Clear distinction between recording data and presenting data
- Designed for ease of use and wide application

# But Compatible with Heritage Data

- New approach must meet requirement to integrate data produced using RDA with existing files produced using AACR.
- Need for backward compatibility creates tension with new approaches

# RDA's General Outline

- General Introduction
- Part 1: Resource Description
- Part 2: Relationships
- Part 3: Access Point Control
- Appendices: 8 (Capitalization ... presentation ...)
- Glossary
- Index

# JSC and the Editor





# RDA Timeline (Proposed)

- July 2005: Prospectus
- Oct. 2005-April 2006: Completion of draft of Part I, and constituency review
- May-Sept. 2006: Completion of draft of Part II, and constituency review
- Oct. 2006-Apr. 2007: Completion of draft of Part III, and constituency review
- May-Sept. 2007: Completion of General Introduction, Appendices, and Glossary and constituency review
- 2008: Publication

# Back to the Simple Question

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# And back to the Follow-up

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# Thank you!

- And the American Library Association has requested that DCMI have a representative or liaison on ALA's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA)
- Would DCMI like to be represented on CC:DA?