

ICAT Interim Recommendations for Managing RDA Data in I-Share

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Introduction

RDA testers have been creating RDA catalog records in OCLC since October 2010. The RDA cataloging copy will be the only cataloging data available in OCLC for the corresponding items. I-Share libraries that acquire these items will need to use the RDA catalog record and import it into their local catalog according to their usual copy cataloging workflow, and the record will also populate the I-Share catalog.

The senior management of the Library of Congress, National Agriculture Library, and National Library of Medicine released a report in June 2011 that recommends implementation of RDA no sooner than January 2013 contingent on the satisfactory completion of nine tasks. The report, including details of the required tasks, is available at <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/rda-execsummary-public-13june11.pdf>. Upon the successful implementation of RDA by the U.S. national libraries, ICAT plans to subsequently provide RDA training to I-Share libraries and to coordinate the eventual transition of I-Share libraries from AACR2 cataloging to RDA cataloging. We offer the following recommendations for using RDA catalog records in copy cataloging workflows in the interim period prior to the transition, while we are still using AACR2 cataloging standards.

Recommendation #1: Supply the General Material Designator [GMD] in the title field (245 \$h) as appropriate

Explanation: RDA catalog records omit the GMD from the 245, preferring the new 3XX fields for this data. However, the various I-Share online public catalog interfaces all use the GMD. Classic WebVoyage 6 and WebVoyage 7 (Tomcat) both display the GMD. VuFind utilizes the GMD to create the format facet option for electronic resources and microform. Therefore we recommend continuing the use of the GMD for the time being.

Recommendation #2: Supply the part headings for the New Testament and Old Testament for Bible headings (\$p N.T. and \$p O.T.)

Explanation: These subfields are omitted in RDA records. ICAT expects to facilitate batch changing of these headings when we transition to RDA. In the meantime, we recommend retaining the former convention to keep public search access uniform for all affected titles and to maintain the order of title browse displays in Classic WebVoyage 6 and WebVoyage 7 (Tomcat).

Recommendation #3: Retain the new 3XX fields in RDA records.

Explanation: Several new MARC bibliographic 3XX fields have been introduced to accommodate RDA data (see <http://www.loc.gov/marc/RDAinMARC29.html>). These fields currently do not display in the various I-Share online public catalog interfaces, therefore we recommend leaving them in the records.

Recommendation #4: Libraries are encouraged to retain name access points that are authorized according to RDA. This may result in adverse consequences on workflow and/or patron access, so ICAT recommends that a member library assess the local impact of these consequences and leaves the decision to retain or adapt RDA name headings to the discretion of the individual library.

Explanation: RDA records are cataloged correctly if they provide name access points that are authorized by an RDA authority record (i.e. the form of the name appears as the 1XX in an RDA authority record). They are also correct if they match the 7XX field in an AACR2 authority record. The following is an example of an AACR name authority record with a 7XX field:

ARN 7019371

010 ‡a n 2006061373

035 ‡a (OCoLC)oca07019371

035 ‡a (DLC)n 2006061373

046 ‡f 1969

040 ‡a DLC ‡b eng ‡c DLC ‡d NjBlaOCU ‡d DLC

100 1_ ‡a Dalton, Jacob Paul

670 ‡a Tibetan Tantric manuscripts from Dunhuang, 2006: ‡b CIP t.p. (Jacob Dalton) Data Sheet (Dalton, Jacob P.) book t.p. (Jacob Dalton)

670 ‡a Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, WWW site, 2006-08-10 ‡b (Jacob P. Dalton, Ph.D., Univ. of Michigan, 2002)

670 ‡a OCLC, Aug. 30, 2006 ‡b (hdg.: Dalton, Jacob Paul; usage: Jacob Paul Dalton)

670 ‡a Dalton, J. Taming of the Demons, 2011 : ‡b CIP title page (Jacob P. Dalton) data view (birth date: 3/26/1969)

700 14 ‡a Dalton, Jacob Paul, ‡d 1969-

In this example, a bibliographic record cataloged correctly according to AACR2 would include the authorized form of the name as “Dalton, Jacob Paul.” In a bibliographic record cataloged correctly according to RDA, the name would appear as “Dalton, Jacob Paul, \$d 1969-”.

Correct RDA headings will not validate in OCLC or in Voyager. If the library chooses to accept these RDA headings, copy catalogers will need to manually check to see if headings that don't validate are correct RDA headings (versus incorrect AACR headings that need correction). This workflow is similar to checking the many name heading that don't validate due to the absence of an authority record.

If both forms of headings are accepted, then titles will not collocate to a single name entry in catalogs where RDA bibliographic records coexist with AACR2 records. We expect this to be a temporary situation that will be remedied during the I-Share transition to RDA cataloging, and we note that

problems with name entry collocation are not confined to RDA records. However we recognize that some libraries may have clean-up efforts that would be impeded by accepting RDA-authorized headings.

Therefore, during this interim phase ICAT recommends that a member library assess the impact of accepting RDA headings into its local catalog. If the consequences are too great, libraries should feel free to adapt RDA name headings in bibliographic records to AACR2 authorized forms.

Recommendation #5: Accept RDA-style descriptive cataloging; do not revise RDA records to conform to AACR2 standards for description.

Explanation: Bibliographic records cataloged according to the RDA guidelines do not use abbreviations for descriptive cataloging. For example, "edition" is used instead of "ed." in the 250 field, and "pages" is used instead of "p." in the 300 field. Another instance where RDA description differs from AACR2 is the use of the copyright symbol © instead of "c" in the 260 \$c. We recommend accepting RDA-style description as is and not revising the record to conform to AACR2 rules for description.