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**DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGING NEWS**

**RDA adopted by Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine,  
National Agricultural Library**

Implementation will be *no sooner than* January 1, 2013. The full [Full Report: Report and Recommendations of the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee](#) (192 pages) is now publicly available on the US RDA Test Home Page: <http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/>. Don't have the time or desire to read the full report? Here is a link to the [Executive Summary: Report and Recommendations of the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee](#) (8 pages)

**RDA on ALCTS radar in New Orleans**

RDA dominated discussions during the 2011 ALA annual conference meetings of ALCTS Committee on Cataloging: Description & Access. Following is a selection from the documentation provided on the ALCTS website:

From the *Library of Congress Report* of June 20, 2011, issued by Barbara Tillet:

**RDA Implementation Decision by U.S. National Libraries**

The Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library, and National Library of Medicine announced on June 13, 2011, that they intend to adopt the new cataloging instructions, *Resource Description and Access* (RDA), with certain conditions and that implementation will not occur before January 1, 2013. The intervening period will allow time for work to begin on the following tasks to meet the required conditions for implementation:

- Rewrite the RDA instructions in clear, unambiguous, plain English.
- Define process for updating RDA in the online environment.
- Improve functionality of the *RDA Toolkit*.
- Develop full RDA record examples in MARC and other encoding schemas.
- Announce completion of the Registered RDA Element Sets and Vocabularies. Ensure the registry is well described and in synchronization with RDA rules.
- Demonstrate credible progress towards a replacement for MARC.
- Ensure and facilitate community involvement.
- Lead and coordinate RDA training.

- Solicit demonstrations of prototype input and discovery systems that use the RDA element set (including relationships).

Following is the list of questions addressed in *RDA Transition: Frequently Asked Questions*.

For the answers, see [the FAQ document](#).

1. What is this RDA I keep hearing about?
2. How do I find out more about the RDA Toolkit?

#### *The RDA Implementation Decision*

3. Will the three U.S. national libraries be implementing RDA?
4. Where can I find the report on the U.S. RDA Test?
5. Now that we know when the U.S. national libraries plan to implement RDA, what does that mean for the rest of us?
6. What is the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) doing about RDA?
7. When will the British Library, Library and Archives Canada, and the National Library of Australia implement RDA? We sometimes use their records for copy cataloging and would like to know what to expect.
8. Will non-English speaking countries implement RDA as well? We sometimes use their records for copy cataloging and would like to know what to expect.

#### *The Future of RDA*

9. Will RDA be updated in the future?
10. I hear that RDA isn't finished yet, is that true?
11. How will RDA be governed in the future?
12. I hear a lot about RDA vocabularies, linked data, semantic web, etc. What is happening in that regard?

#### *Training and Documentation*

13. Will RDA training materials be available?
14. What documentation on using RDA will be available beyond RDA itself?
15. What are the Library of Congress Policy Statements, and where can I see them?
16. Will other cataloging agencies issue their own policy decisions on RDA core elements, options, alternatives, etc.?
17. Will the Library of Congress Rule Interpretations continue to be developed and revised?
18. Sometimes I understand RDA better by looking at examples of records—are some available for me to look at?
19. Does *Cataloger's Desktop* include RDA Toolkit? What other RDA-related support does Desktop provide?

#### *Impact on workflow, systems, catalogs*

20. We're primarily interested in understanding how RDA records will impact our copy cataloging workflows—is there any help available?
21. I know there are some instruction changes coming with RDA that may have an impact on existing authority and bibliographic record headings, such as the spelling out of certain abbreviations (Dept., O.T., N.T., etc.)—how will this be handled?
22. I saw some discussions during the test about new RDA forms of names and titles on existing AACR2 authority records that are different—what can you tell me about this?
23. Can we pre-implement some things from RDA in AACR2 records?
24. Will MARC 21 still be used for RDA bibliographic and authority records?

25. How will I know if my local system is ready for RDA records or taking advantage of some beneficial aspects of RDA?

*For the future ...*

26. The U.S. national library implementation of RDA seems like a long time in the future—what’s going to happen in the interim?

27. Will the U.S. RDA Test documentation site still be available?

28. Can I still send questions about RDA to LChelp4rda@loc.gov or was that just for the U.S. RDA test?

**SUBJECT CATALOGING NEWS**

**Selected LC subject heading additions & changes from the [Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly Lists](#) 12 (March 23, 2011)- 20(May 18, 2011)**

KEY            UF = Used for  
                  BT = Broader term  
                  RT = Related term  
                  SA = See also  
                  \* = lines or paragraphs that are CHANGES

*“Changes to existing headings are indicated by an asterisk. (A) indicates proposals that were approved before the editorial meeting. (C) indicates proposals submitted by cooperating libraries. Diacritics and most special characters are not displayed.”*

N.B. You may wish to confirm the current state of the authority record by consulting [LC's authority file](#) or the OCLC authority file—editor.

150 Absolution [sh 85000240]

\* 550 RT Forgiveness

(A) 150 Childlessness—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sh2011000981]

(C) 150 Church work with parents [May Subd Geog] [sh2011001703]

550 BT Parents

(C) 150 Disabilities—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sh2011001063]

(A) 150 Ethiopia in the Bible [sh2011001239]

150 Family planning—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sh2011001091]

(A) 150 Honor—Religious aspects—Baptists, [Catholic Church, etc.] [sh2011001473]

(A) 150 Masculinity—Religious aspects—Baptists, [Catholic Church, etc.] [sh2011001475]

- (C) 150 Nuns in mass media [Not Subd Geog] [sh2011000974]
- (C) 150 Office of readings (Divine office) [May Subd Geog] [sh2011000961]
- 450 UF Officium lectionis (Divine office)
- 550 BT Divine office
- 150 Prejudices—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sh2011001222]
- (C) 150 Priests in mass media [Not Subd Geog] [sh2011000973]
- (A) 150 Space—Religious aspects—Buddhism, [Christianity, etc.] [sh2011001598]

**Selected additions & changes to LC classification from [LC Classification Weekly Lists 11 \(March 16, 2011\)-20 \(May 18, 2011\)](#)**

- Men, women, and children of the Bible | Individual Old Testament characters, A-Z |  
**Abimelech** **BS580.A26**  
**Mattathias (Jewish priest)** **BS580.M38**
- Works about the New Testament | **Prejudices** **BS2545.P685**
- Special parts of the New Testament | Gospels | Syriac versions | East Syriac. Nestorian **CANCEL**  
**East Syriac. Church of the East. Assyrian Church of the East** **BS2550.5**
- Missions | Work among special classes. By religion | Nestorians **CANCEL**  
**Nestorians. Church of the East. Assyrian Church of the East** **[BV2628.N4-.N5]**
- Missions** in individual countries | East Indies (General) | **Biography** | **Baagø, Kaj** **BV3269.B25**
- Christian denominations | Eastern churches | Individual church divisions |  
**Assyrian Church of the East** **TABLE BX31** **BX150-159**  
Sometimes referred to as the Nestorian Church **CANCEL**
- Hymn collections** | Christian | **Published in Canada** | By denomination | **Catholic** **M2132.3**
- Sacred vocal music | Liturgy and ritual | Orthodox churches | Printed music. By denomination, ethnic group, or language | Chaldean (i. e. Nestorian) **CANCEL**  
**Chaldean** **M2160.3**
- Orthodox Churches | Printed music. By denomination, ethnic group, or language |  
Orthodox churches in communion with Rome (Uniat) | Other Eastern rites |  
Chaldean. Nestorian **CANCEL**  
**Chaldean** **M2160.82**  
Nestorian see M2160.82 **CANCEL**

Oriental philology and literature | Syriac | Literature | Collections | By subject |  
Theology | Nestorians CANCEL

**Nestorians. Church of the East. Assyrian Church of the East**

**PJ5635**

Subject bibliography | Theology and religion | Sects, churches, movements, heresies (Christian),  
A-Z | Nestorians CANCEL

**Nestorians. Church of the East. Assyrian Church of the East**

**Z7845.N4**

### Selected LCC to Dewey classification correlations

N.B. DDC numbers may prescribe extensions from tables. Please consult the Dewey schedule as needed. These correlations may not be exact, please compare with the DDC latest schedule.

TOPIC	LCC	DDC
Nestorians	BV2628.N4	266.009567

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