

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Using the mark of omission when recording titles (RDA 6.2)

CCC thanks the American Library Association for their proposal concerning handling portions of preferred titles that vary from part to part of multi-part monographs or from issue to issue of serials.

CCC realizes that agencies will have already decided whether to catalogue parts or issues separately as monographs, or not, before they get to this instruction. That is to say, the decision as to whether to create comprehensive or analytical descriptions will already have been taken. However, we have suggested some additional wording for clarity.

CCC is also concerned whether the phrase ‘varying words’ will be understood by users without a definition having been provided. CCC also is not comfortable with the wording of the ‘and’ clause in 6.2.1.10.

There was some unease with transferring practices for manifestation titles in chapter 2 to preferred titles in chapter 6. We gave some consideration to suggesting the word ‘created’ to replace the word ‘issued’ since only manifestations are issued, not works or expressions. We settled on ‘manifested.’ With these points in mind, CCC offers these small adjustments to the ALA proposal.

CCC prefers that the proposed exception be labelled as an alternative. This should be a policy decision for agencies and co-operative programs.

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6.2.1.10 Varying Words in Title of a Work Manifested ~~Issued~~ as a Multipart Monograph or as a Serial

If:

the work is manifested as a multipart monograph and described as a multipart monograph or the work is manifested as a serial and described as a serial

and

the title of the work on the source of information contains ~~includes a date, name, or number,~~ etc., that will vary in other issues or parts ~~varies from issue to issue or part to part~~

then

omit the date, name, number, etc., when recording the title of the work. Use a mark of omission (...) to indicate such an omission.

[examples as proposed]

Alternative Exception

[wording as proposed]

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6.2.1.10 Varying Words in Title of a Work Manifested as a Multipart Monograph or as a Serial

If:

the work is manifested as a multipart monograph and described as a multipart monograph or
the work is manifested as a serial and described as a serial

and

the title of the work on the source of information contains dates, names, or numbers, etc., that
will vary in other issues or parts

then

omit the date, name, number, etc., when recording the title of the work. Use a mark of
omission (...) to indicate such an omission.

[examples as proposed]

Alternative

[wording as proposed]