To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Creating instructions for using nominative case for titles (RDA 6.2), names (RDA 8.5), and places (RDA 16.2)

CCC thanks the American Library Association for this welcome proposal. CCC supports this proposal with comments on the wording of the ‘unless’ clause in 6.2.1.11, 8.5.8 and 16.2.1.3.

The ‘unless’ clause reads awkwardly and could be improved. The word “accessed” might not be the best choice since users are ultimately accessing a resource, not the title of the resource. We suggest that identification is the intention of these parts of chapter 6, 8 and 16.

We propose these versions of the ‘unless’ clauses for consideration.

6.2.1.11 Case
When recording a title for a work in a language that has case endings or other inflected forms, record the title in the nominative case, unless the resource title is commonly identified by a title in the title is to be accessed under a different case (e.g., ablative, elative).

8.5.8 Case
When recording a name in a language that has case endings or other inflected forms, record the name in the nominative case, unless the entity name is commonly identified by a name in to be accessed under a different case (e.g., genitive, ablative).

16.2.1.3 General Guidelines on Recording Names of Places
Record the name of a place in the form found in the source from which the name is taken, unless the instructions at 16.2.2.8–16.2.2.13 indicate otherwise.

When recording the name of a place in a language that has case endings or other inflected forms, record the name in the nominative case, unless the place name is commonly identified by a name in to be accessed under a different case (e.g., genitive, locative).