To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Punctuation guidance for see also references used with relationship designators

ALA is generally supportive of the changes proposed by the Library of Congress.

We agree with the recommendation to add “Families” to the caption and instructions at RDA E.1.3.3.

We agree with the proposed punctuation guidelines for use with relationship designators.

In the interests of simplification, we wonder whether the first paragraph E.1.3.3 needs to say any more than:

  Present a see also reference from an authorized access point as illustrated below.

We note that the new example illustrates the new second paragraph, while the other examples illustrate the first paragraph. We support the CCC reorganizing of the instructions and examples to make it more clear what instructions the examples are illustrating.