RDA: Resource Description and Access

RDA and Project Management

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The vast majority of discussions on RDA have been on its content.

I approach RDA from a different perspective – that of Project Manager.

What does this mean?

Some concepts…
What is a Project?

- A project is a defined activity with a beginning, middle, and end
- It’s a monograph or a perhaps a multi-volume set, not a serial. It is not something that will continue indefinitely
- It does not have limitless resources
- There will be a product of some sort at the end of the project, be it conclusions of research, a finalized activity, or something more tactile
Goal of RDA as a Project

From the project manager’s perspective, the goal of the RDA project is:

- To ensure that the content of RDA is developed within a specified time frame and within a specified budget so that

- RDA as a product will be ready for release in the first quarter of 2009
Role of the RDA Project Manager

- To coordinate the activities of the committees directly involved with the project
- In the case of RDA, this includes:
  - The CoP
  - The JSC
  - The Co-Publishers
  - The Fund Trustees
The RDA Project Manager is also responsible for coordinating communication with groups interested in RDA outcomes – the stakeholders.

The RDA Outreach Group, with members from Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, provides frontline assistance in this regard.
First There’s Content, Then There’s…

- The RDA Product
- RDA Orientation and Training
- RDA Implementation
At the outset, RDA will be an online product.

If you have yet to do so, you can view a prototype of what is envisioned at

www.rdaonline.org
We have heard what you said regarding your concerns about the cost of RDA Online (as of yet to be determined)

There will be different pricing structures

One size will not fit all
Other RDA Products

- We have heard what you have said regarding the need for RDA in additional formats.
- Our intent to develop a suite of products with the online product coming first.
- We need your input as to what the others should be.
- We won’t be able to do everything at once – we need you to help us set priorities.
Future Focus Groups

- We are planning to hold focus groups at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference to help the Co-Publishers identify what you want those formats to look like.
- Will post similar questions online for you to respond to.
Understandably, you have expressed concerns how RDA training will be handled. Difficult to determine at this point because RDA content is still being written but:

- Based on what has already been developed, Part A will most likely require more attention than Part B
- Cataloguers will need to be knowledgeable about FRBR/FRAD terminology and concepts

Plans for mapping AACR2 to RDA to ease the transition
FAQs on Adopting RDA

Recent FAQs discussing the adoption of RDA now available on the JSC website

http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/index.html

(First click on RDA and then on FAQs)
Towards Release of RDA Online

Interim dates

- Revised schedule for content development and review to include review of RDA in its entirety
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Quarter 2007 – Focus groups to discuss RDA suite of products
- August 2008 – RDA web product demonstrated at IFLA Conference in Quebec City
- 4\textsuperscript{th} Quarter 2008 – Beta testing of RDA Online
  - Beginning to look for beta test participants
  - Contact me if interested
Release of RDA Online (Drum Roll, Please)

- 1st Quarter 2009:
  
  Release of RDA Online
RDA Implementation

- All libraries from the national libraries on down will need a period of time after RDA’s release for orientation and training
You’re Not Alone

- We know you look to the national libraries for guidance
- As you’ve heard Beacher say, the national libraries and LC (represented on the CoP and JSC) support RDA and are concerned that RDA remains on track with a minimum of impact on implementation
- Therefore discussions of RDA orientation, training, and implementation will be on the CoP’s and JSC’s agendas during the April 2007 meeting in Ottawa
Communication…

- Cannot be under-estimated
- We will do our best to keep you informed of drafts, working papers, and other documents pertaining to RDA
- We will continue to do so regarding the topics of the RDA product, orientation, training and implementation as information becomes available
...Questions?