

# RDA: Resource Description and Access

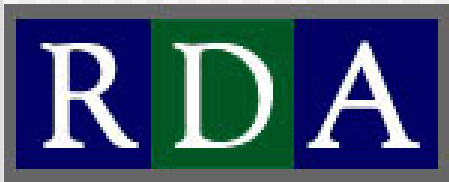
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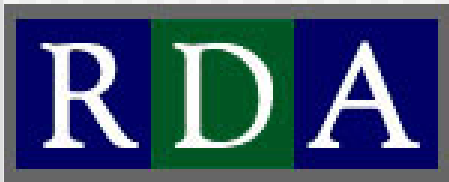
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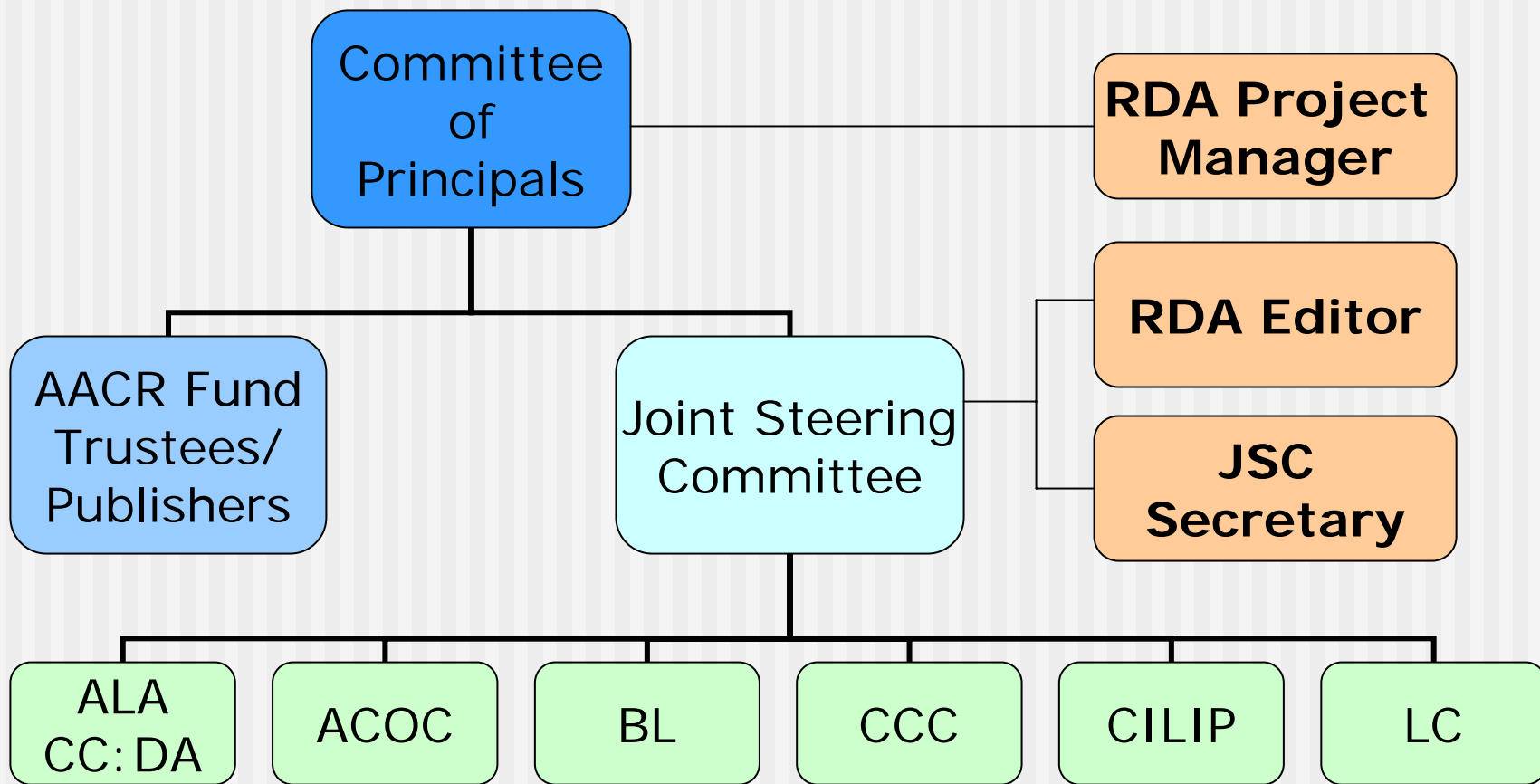


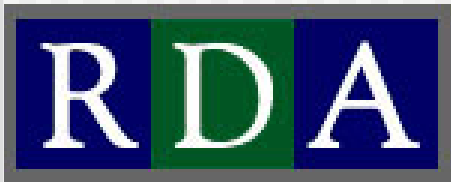
## RDA will be...

- A new standard for resource description and access
- Designed for the digital environment
  - Developed as a web-based product
  - Description and access of all digital resources (and analog)
  - Resulting records usable in the digital environment (Internet, Web OPACs, etc.)



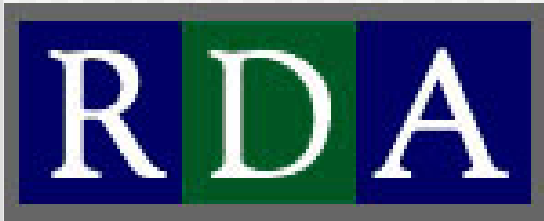
# Who develops and supports RDA?





# JSC, Editor, Project Manager, Secretary

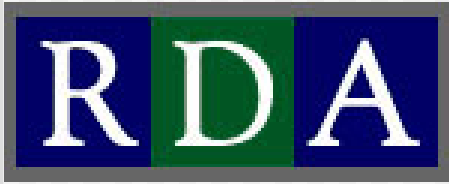




# RDA Content

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Recent  
developments



# RDA structure: A work in progress!

AACR2

RDA

Part I: Description



**Part A - Description**

Part I: Description

Part II: Access

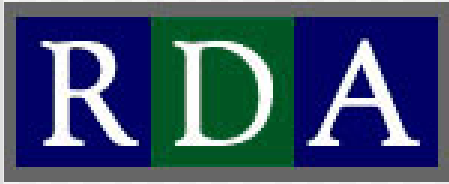


Part II: Relationships



**Part B**

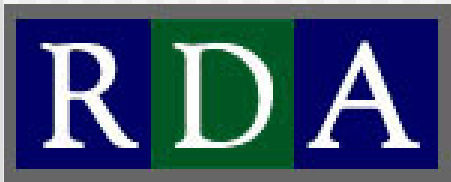
Part III: Access Point Control



# Part A

## Chapters 0-5

0. Introduction
1. General guidelines for resource description
2. **Identification** of the resource
3. Carrier - **FRBR "Select"**
4. Content - **FRBR "Select"**
5. Acquisition and access information - **FRBR "Obtain"**



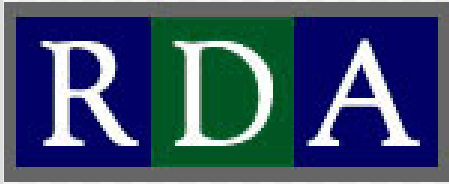
# Part A Ch. 6-7 “Relationships”

## FRBR user task “Find”

- Chapter 6  
Relationships  
between FRBR  
Group 1 and  
Group 2 entities
  - Persons
  - Corporate bodies
  - Families
- Chapter 7  
Relationships  
between FRBR  
Group 1 entities
  - Works
  - Expressions
  - Manifestations
  - Items

Choice of access points

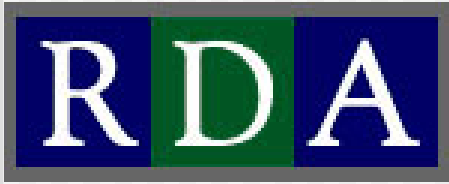
→ Part B



## Access point control

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- Choice of access points
- General guidelines for access point control
- Access points (preferred forms and variants) for:
  - Persons, Families, Corporate bodies, Places
  - Works, Expressions, etc.
- Other information used in access point control (entity identifiers, sources, etc.)



# New terminology

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## AACR2 terms

Heading

Authority control

Authorized heading

Uniform title

Main entry

Added entry

## RDA terms

Access point

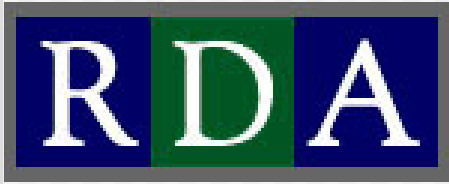
Access point control

Preferred access point

Preferred title

Primary access point

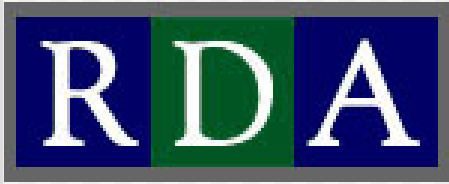
Secondary access point



# Ongoing work

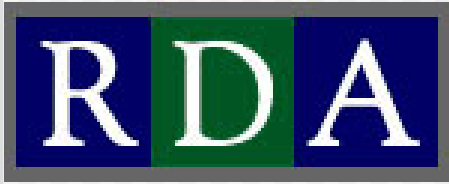
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- Mode of issuance
- Internationalization
- Persistent identifiers and URLs
- Appendices
- Access points for families
- Examples
- Glossary



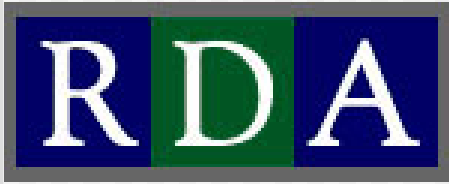
# RDA and other standards

- RDA/ONIX framework for resource categorization
  - New Terms for Content and Carrier
- RDA/MARC 21 mapping
- RDA/Dublin Core mapping
- Dublin Core/IEEE-LOM discussions



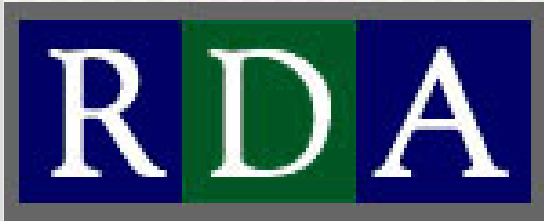
# ALA development issues for RDA

- Adopt a top-down approach
- Do not base RDA on AACR2 alone
- Add review of the entire standard at once
- Additional development support
- Clarify decision-making authority and responsibility



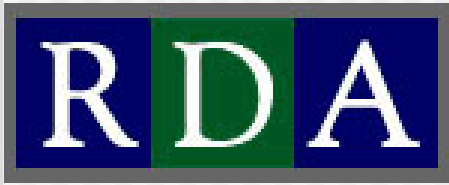
# JSC response to ALA issues

- Scope and structure document
- Clarified role of FRBR, FRAD, IME/ICC
- Added review of the entire standard
- Development support: some tasks will be separately resourced
- Clarified role of Editor, Editorial Team, JSC



# RDA development

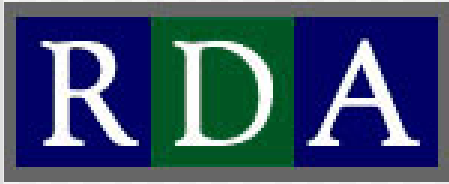
Revised schedule



# RDA draft reviews

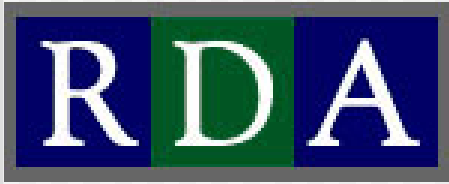
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- March-July 2007 Chapter 3
- June–Sept 2007 Chapters 6-7
- Dec 2007-Mar 2008 Part B Access  
Point Control
- July-Sept 2008 Complete draft
- Early 2009 First release of  
RDA



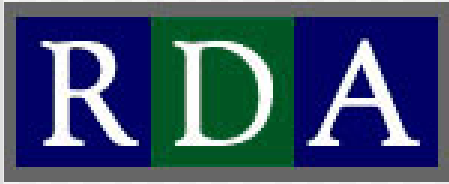
# Next RDA draft review

- Chapter 3 (“Carrier”) - complete
- Chapter 4 (“Content”) addendum
- New elements to replace GMD
  - Media type, Carrier type (Chapter 3)
  - Content type (Chapter 4)
- Incorporates constituency comments
- Draft available March 2007



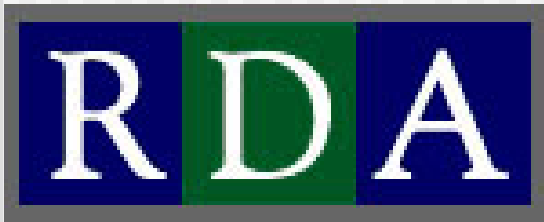
# Changes to Chapters 3 and 4

- FRBR alignment
  - Chapter 3: Manifestation
  - Chapter 4: Work/Expression
- Structured representation of elements vs. notes
- No abbreviations (except English language units of measurement)



# Commenting on RDA drafts

- RDA drafts available at:  
[www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/jsc/rda.html)
- Informal discussion: subscribe to RDA-L (link on page above)
- Formal comments: within the U.S., use web form via ALCTS website ([www.ala.org/ALCTS](http://www.ala.org/ALCTS))



Questions?

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