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RDA Travelogue

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• We survived
• We figured some things out
• Here’s some things we can tell you
• Follow in our tracks—or choose your own adventure
• Your journey will be different

Kent State University & its Libraries

• 40,000 + students
• Over 2.5 million volumes
• OhioLINK
• NACO

Started Training for the Trip in 2009

• Attended national and regional training from 2009 and on
• Attended webinars from 2009 and on
• Terminology
• RDA Sound Bites (2010)
• The National Test (2010)

The Training Continues

• Encouraged individual self-development
• Taught each other our formats (2010-2011)
• Training for copy catalogers
• Training for public services / regionals / circulation
• Intranet resources developed
  http://extra.lirris.kent.edu/page/15168

# of RDA Records Added To KentLINK Each Quarter

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Choose Your Own Adventure

- Automation system issues
- Authority control issues
- Original cataloging policies
- Complex copy, near copy and record upgrade policies
- Copy cataloging policies
- Hybrid record copy cataloging policies
- Legacy data
- Consortial issues

Local Cataloging Policies

- Quality of the record
- RDA Copy Cataloging Checklist for Monographs
- RDA Copy Cataloging Checklist for serials
- Hybrid Record Copy Cataloging Checklist
- Original Cataloging Strategies
- Core or more?

The GMD / 3xx Fields

- Public libraries and the GMD
- GMD as a marketing tool
- Text – Unmediated – Volume
- What about Playaways?
- We need a national solution

Our Next Adventure – Preferred Access Points

- Machine-assisted authority control
- In June loaded 15,091 subject headings and 69,318 name headings – this was a tsunami!
- Overlaid 13,703 subjects and 56,715 names
- A total of 205,954 bib records were changed by the automated process
- We have not done the manual changes (probably 10,000 headings)

Headings in Original Records

- In AACR2 primary purpose of name authorized access points was to differentiate
- In RDA the purpose is to identify
- How much time do you need to spend to build records that can disambiguate?
Selling RDA

• Become an advocate for RDA
• Educate public services and staff
• Remember why we did FRBR:
  − Find, Identify, Select, Obtain
• What is it about the RDA standard that facilitates the use of our bibliographic data?

RDA Attractions

• Emphasis on direct transcription – take what you see
• Abbreviations are gone
• Latin is gone

More Attractions

• RDA is compatible with AACR2
• It’s an incremental change
• RDA is more precisely defined, and yet remains flexible
• Move from a card-based model to a data-based model

Why I like Hybrid Records

• OCLC RDA Policy Statement
• PCC Guidelines for Enhancing & Editing Non-RDA Monographs Records

Hybrid Records in the Catalog

• We already have a mix of standards within the catalog, and within cataloging records
• RDA records are more similar to AACR2 than they are different.
• They serve our users’ needs
• There is only one future
• Legacy data

Last Thoughts From the Road

• Take the time to understand what you are doing
• Remember that we’re doing this for the users—not for our own use
• Enjoy your journey
“Standards are like toothbrushes, a good idea but no one wants to use anyone else’s.”

--Quoted by Anita Golderba during her presentation at the Cataloguing session at IFLA (2008)