Planning for implementation of official RDA Toolkit

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• 1 of 6 UK and Irish legal deposit libraries

London St. Pancras

Boston Spa, West Yorkshire

Cataloguers based at both sites

…but also at home
Boston Spa Renewed

Our Boston Spa site is undergoing a major redevelopment 2021-2025

- Main cataloguing/metadata areas are to be demolished or refurbished starting in early 2022
- Currently planning moves to alternative on site accommodation
- Loss of large training rooms
- Hybrid work patterns are essential as not all staff can be accommodated on site during the redevelopment
Implementation project

We are currently using the “original” RDA Toolkit, implemented in 2013.

The implementation of the official Toolkit was originally expected to take place this year.

Implementation won’t start earlier than July 2022.
Implementation project

Currently inducting/training Documentation & Training WG members

Meeting with stakeholders to discuss CIP, Outsourcing, Legal Deposit

Priority to transfer existing RDA users to Official Toolkit

Further work to revise training for new cataloguers

Extend application of RDA to time based media
“Light touch” implementation means:

Minimise impact on cataloguers and other stakeholders

Legal deposit Libraries

Cataloguing in Publication Agent (BDS) and other suppliers

“Light touch” DOES NOT apply to cataloguing managers, trainers or other colleagues working on documentation for the Official Toolkit
“Light touch” implementation means:

We do not anticipate any disruption to services arising from implementation of the official Toolkit.

We will continue to catalogue in MARC 21

- We will review impact of any MARC developments on productivity
- URIs and identifiers in our bibliographic data
  - ISNI in subfield $1 name headings – [soon]
    - in e-book records received from publishers and aggregators
    - in CIP records received from CIP Agent BDS
  - as a result of legacy matching
- RDA relationship identifiers in $4 – [2022]
Implementation project

Internal Steering Group – overseeing and directing the project
Policy Working Group – In progress since 2019
Configuration Working Group
Documentation and Training Working Group
Legal Deposit Libraries’ Metadata Sub-group on RDA 3R Implementation

Cataloguing Projects Coordinator – appointed and will take up post shortly
Products

Products are mainly documentation:

• Application profiles (MARC 21)
• Policies
  • Batch loading tool essential
  • Amendments
• Revised guidelines and workflows
• Training materials

Most training will need to be delivered remotely to staff
• We have a new “Learning Hub” which enables us to deliver courses to internal and external audiences.

Collaboration with Library of Congress and PCC on documentation
Master list of elements and options

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**CONDITION**
A specific date of expression is not found.

**OPTION**
Record a date of the earliest known manifestation that embodies an expression.

Reconciled with BL policy statements
### MARC 21 based

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### Linked to RDA Toolkit

- Vocabulary Encoding Scheme(s)
- Recording method(s)

### Application Profile

- **Monographs**
- **MARC 21 based**
- Linked to **RDA Toolkit**
- **Vocabulary Encoding Scheme(s)**
- **Recording method(s)**
Collaboration: Library of Congress and Program for Cooperative Cataloguing

LC leading a project to update PCC metadata documentation to align with RDA Official Toolkit

British Library is among the PCC members contributing to the work

Current institutional guidelines are being aggregated using a standard template for specific elements.

Terminology is being standardized and examples are being provided to support MARC and BIBFRAME users.
Community Resources

Internationalization of RDA

- Support for different cataloguing traditions
- Anglo-American legacy practices relocated to Community resources
- Maintained/developed by communities NOT RSC
- Work in progress…
Learning Hub

Will support learning for staff and external audiences

- wide range of content types
- different learning methods
- internal and external audiences
Learning Hub

Will support learning for staff and external audiences

- Mix of internally and externally produced content
- RDA content for training the trainers
- Has been used to deliver external training
Closing remarks

RDA will be of long term benefit in realising metadata strategy goals to eliminate silos, improve discovery and converge workflows.

- In the short term, we are minimising the impact by changing as little as possible
- The primary outputs from our light touch implementation will be documentation and training materials.
- These will be shared through the Toolkit where appropriate and through our website and Learning Hub
Images

Slide 2:
Aerial shot of the British Library at St Pancras. Photo credit: Tony Antoniou
British Library Boston Spa aerial shot (c) British Library

Slide 4 Annual (MARC 21) record production. Audit of British Library Catalogue 2019/20

Slide 6
View of new automated warehouse and new entrance to refurbished Urquhart building, across new landscaped square (Building 2 demolished), credit Slab / Carmody Groarke
Thank you