

RDA Steering Committee – Recent RDA developments

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A quick primer on key RDA concepts in the new Toolkit ...

The bibliographic Work entity

Definition and scope:

A distinct intellectual or artistic creation, that is, the intellectual or artistic content.

The bibliographic Work entity

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- an *integrating work*
- a *metadata work*
- a *serial work*
- a *single work*
- a *static work*
- a *successive work*

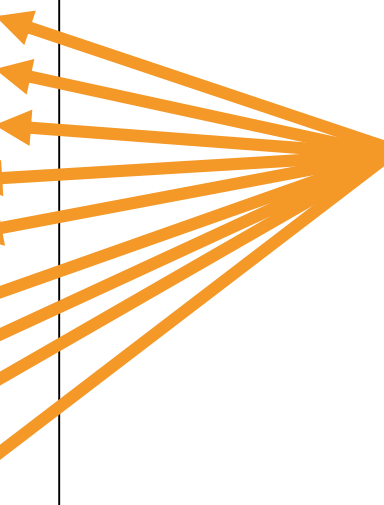
A work that is categorized by its intended content or context may be referred to as:

- a *cartographic work*
- a *choreographic work*
- a *legal work*
- a *moving image work*
- a *musical work*
- an *object work*
- an *official communication*
- a *photographic work*
- a *religious work*
- a *still image work*
- a *textual work*
- a *vocal work*

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The work as a
“plan”

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The work as a
“metadata
statement” or a
“metadata
description set”

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Proposal for Realignment of Expression to Expression Relationship Elements

Comparing

- RDA – Expression: [based on expression](#)

and

- LRM R24 – “is derivation expression of” – a relationship between two expressions of the same work

WORK

EXPRESSION

Language=Greek

EXPRESSION

Language=Arabic

EXPRESSION

Language=Latin

All expressions of the same work are equal – the exact source expression of any one expression may not be known.

WORK

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RDA Expression:
translation of /
translated as

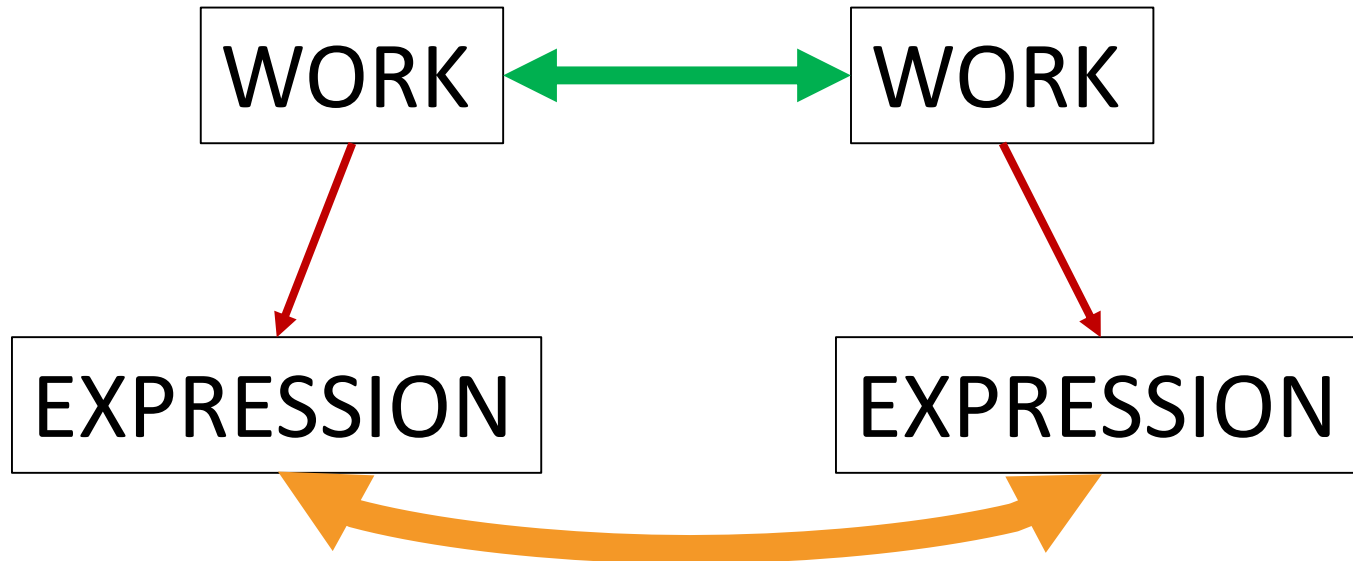
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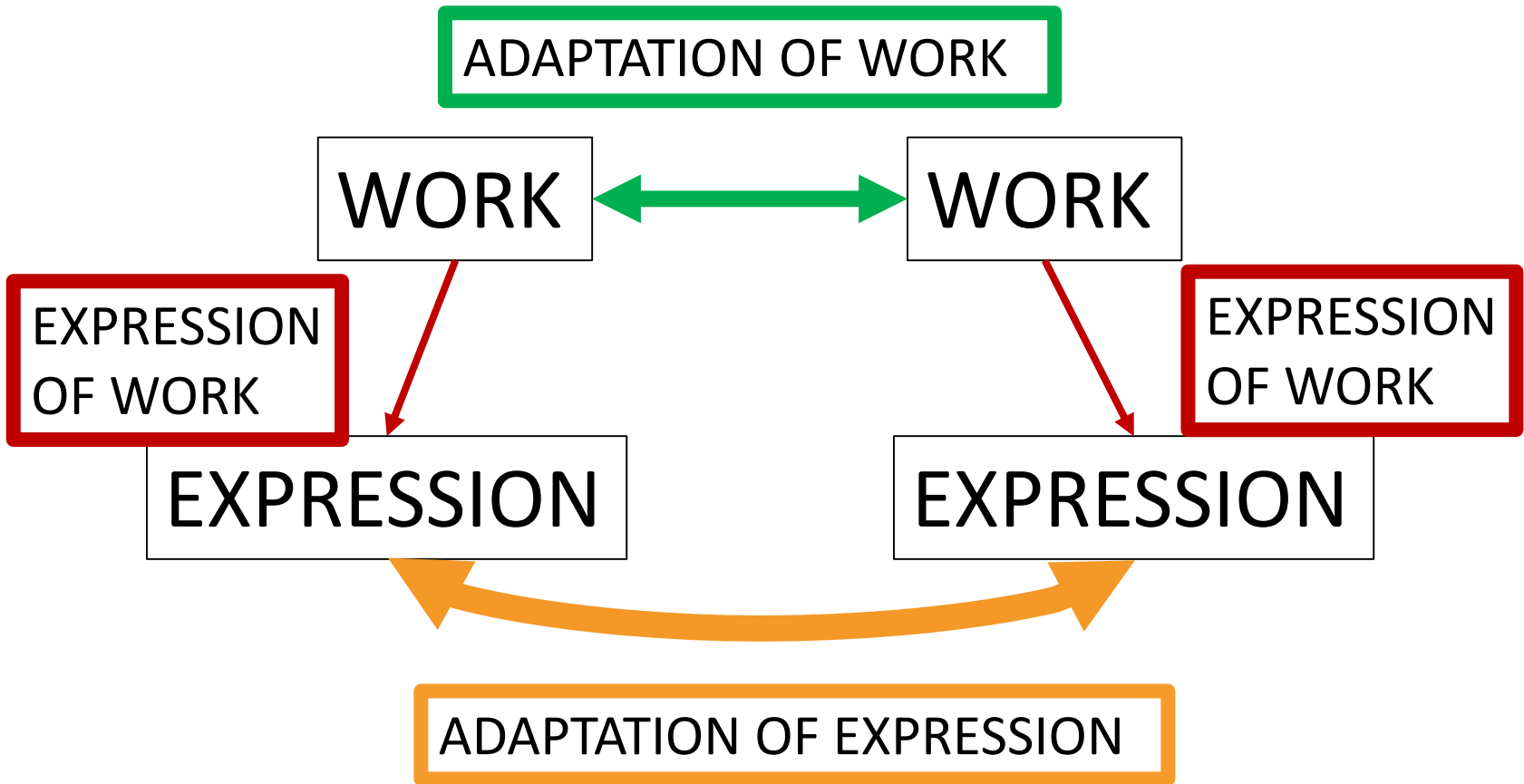
But... RDA had some elements for expressions that were derived from expressions of different but related works

Examples:

- Abridgement of expression
- Adaptation of expression
- Expanded version of expression
- Free translation of expression
- Imitation of expression
- Paraphrase of expression
- Remake of expression
- Variations based on expression

Shortcuts to the rescue...





Expression: adaptation of expression

Prerecording

This element is a *shortcut* for the following chain of relationships:

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Shortcut around describing
or naming related works

Expression (Domain)	Element	Work	Element	Work	Element	Expression (Range)
Expression being described	Expression: work expressed	Derivative work that is realized by the expression being described	Work: adaptation of work	Work that is used as the source of the derivative work	Work: expression of work	Expression that realizes the source of the derivative work

ADAPTATION OF EXPRESSION

Final result – renaming top elements for new definitions with shortcuts

Expressions derived from expressions of different but related works:

Expression: [expression of source work](#)

An expression of a work that is modified to create an expression of a derivative work

Reciprocal:

Expression: [expression of derivative work](#)

An expression of a work that is a modification of a source expression of a different work

Final result – new elements for LRM alignment

Expressions derived from an expression of the same work:

Expression: source expression

An expression that is modified to create a new expression of the same work.

Reciprocal:

Expression: derivative expression

An expression that is a modification of another expression of the same work.

arrangement of ; revision of ; translation of

Final result – labels for consistency elsewhere

Work: source work

[Alt label – “**based on work**”]

A work that is modified to create a new work.

Reciprocal:

Work: derivative work

A work that is a modification of another work.

Leftovers...

Expression: abstract of expression

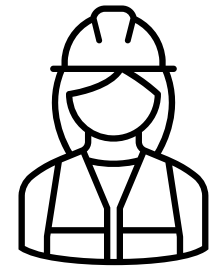
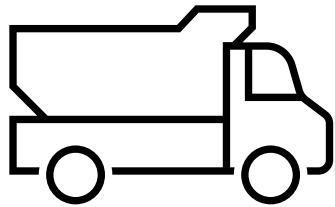
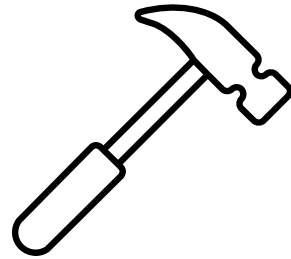
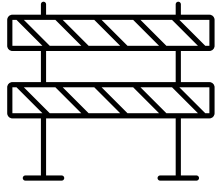
Expression: abstracts for expression

Expression: indexing for expression

Expression: summary of expression

... for further evaluation in a future proposal for collection-level description in RDA

Under construction

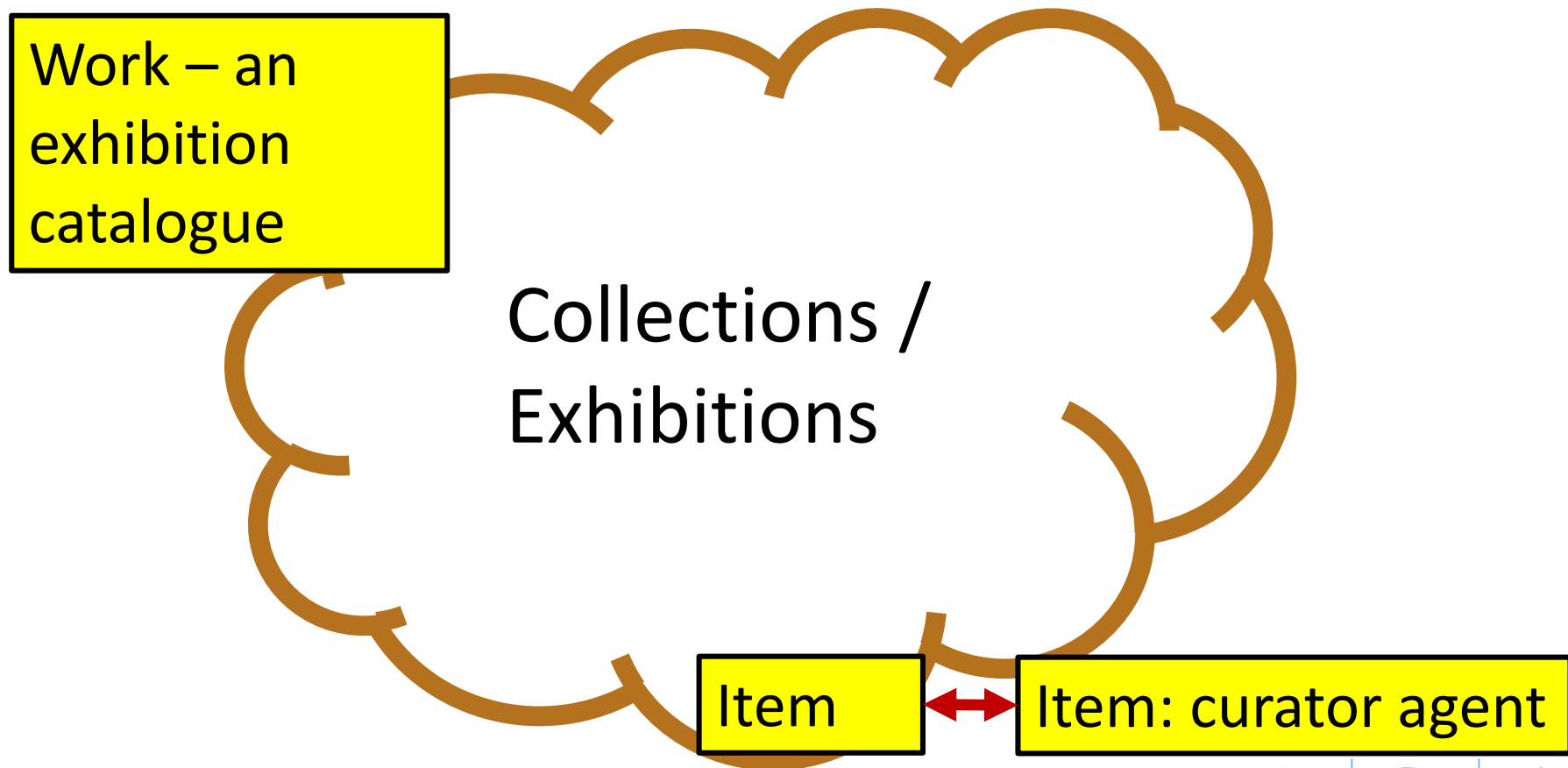


What does a catalog describe?

Work – an
exhibition
catalogue

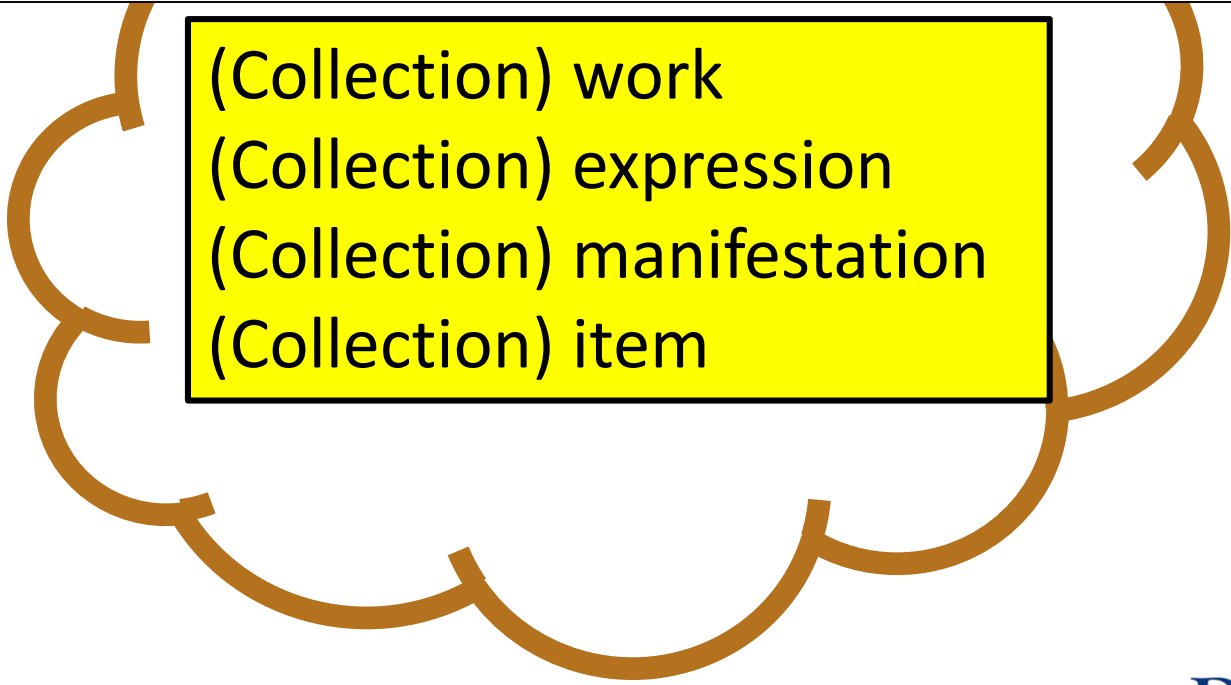
Collections /
Exhibitions

The role of a curator of a collection



The collections model proposal

The collection work is a plan for selecting items to be gathered together for some purpose



(Collection) work
(Collection) expression
(Collection) manifestation
(Collection) item

Subcollections

(Collection) manifestation

subcollection

(Collection) manifestation

Holdings

(Collection) manifestation

holding

Item

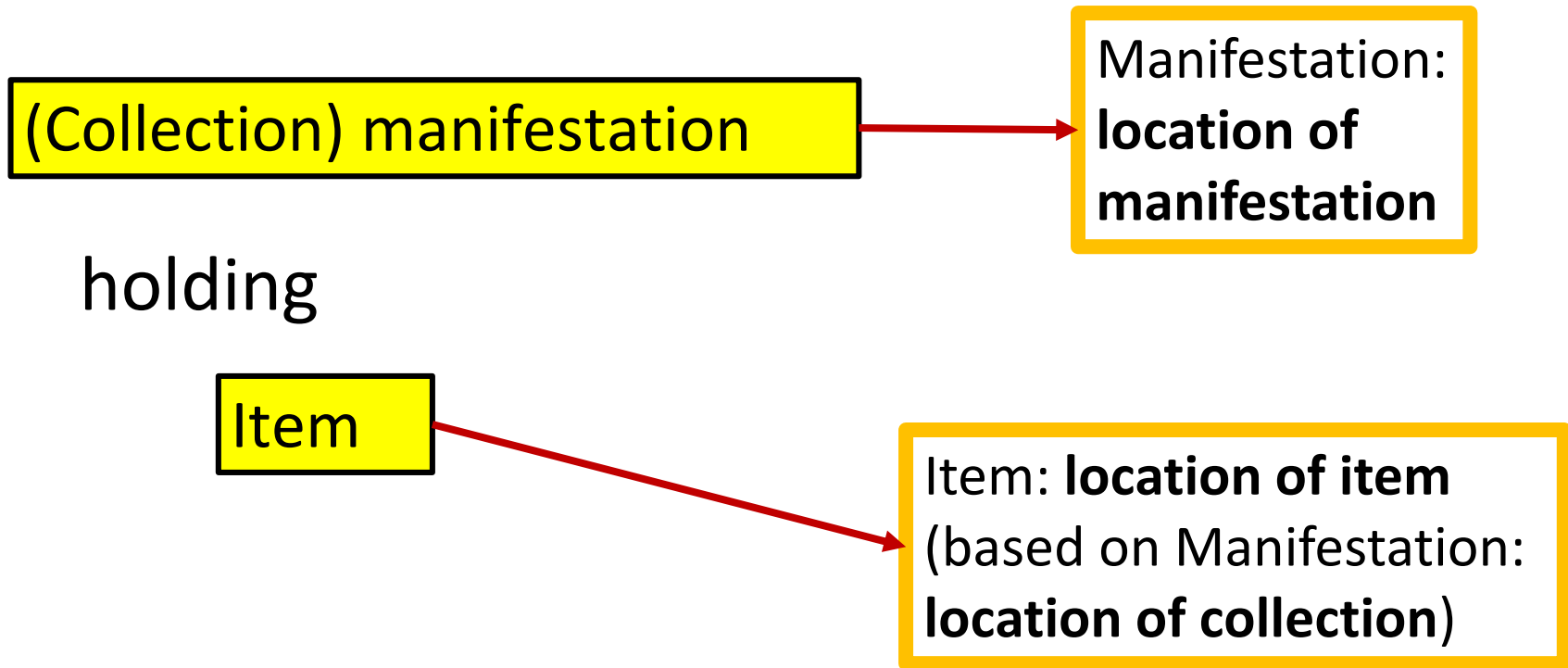
subcollection

(Collection) manifestation

holding

Item

Locations of collections and items



Collection manifestations can cover many cases for connected items

(Collection) manifestation

holding

Item

Item: **bound with**

Item: **on manifestation with** (items reproduced as components of manifestations – covers “Item: **filmed with item**”, “**on disc with item**”)

Item: **held with** (replaces Item: **accompanied by item** – now held together in a collection manifestation)

R | D | A

Resource Description & Access

How to describe a collection?

(Collection) manifestation

Manifestation: **subject manifestation of** [Work]

- Manifestation: **manifestation described by metadata by** [(metadata) Work]
 - Manifestation: **finding aid** [(metadata) Work]
 - Manifestation: **catalogue** [(metadata) Work]
 - Manifestation: **hierarchic finding aid** [(metadata) Work]

So there are two works here...

The catalogue of the collection

- Work: **metadata description of** [collection manifestation]
 - Work: **catalogue of** [collection manifestation]

The collection work

- Work: **manifestation of work** [collection manifestation]

Agents responsible for the works

Work = Collection work

Work: **collector agent**

An agent who is responsible for creating a collection work by selecting and arranging items that exemplify the embodiment of other works.

Replaces current *collector agent* and *curator agent*, which were item relationship elements.

Agents responsible for the works

Work = Metadata description set

Work: **compiler agent**

An agent who is responsible for creating a metadata description set.

A metadata description set includes a bibliography of works, expressions, or manifestations, a directory of agents and places, and an analytic finding aid.

➤ Work: **collection registrar agent**

An agent who is responsible for creating an analytic finding aid.

*Alternate label: **cataloguer agent***

Thank you!

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