RDA and Community Resources

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A trip down memory lane...
Original RDA Toolkit

- Appendices
  + A: Capitalization
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  + C: Initial Articles
  + D: Record Syntaxes for Descriptive Data
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Original RDA Toolkit: Capitalization, Abbreviations, and Symbols ...

... English language conventions dominate
Followed by other languages ...
New RDA Toolkit – under the RESOURCES tab
Resources > Community resources

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Landing page for Community vocabularies

These vocabularies contain controlled terms for use as values of specific RDA elements.

The vocabularies are not maintained as part of RDA, but are pertinent to RDA toolkit user communities.

Some vocabularies may have incomplete coverage, or lack definitions or notations.

Some are legacy vocabularies that contain terms that may have been used in RDA metadata statements in the past.

- General abbreviations
- Abbreviations for units
- Terms in specific languages
## General abbreviations

Use the following abbreviations in normalized transcription or when constructing an access point or other *structured description*.

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For abbreviations of units of measurement and time, see [Abbreviations for units](#).
It’s all about “strings”...

Terms in specific languages

Apply the following guidance when recording a transcription for an *unstructured description* in a specific language or constructing an access point or other *structured description* by applying a *string encoding scheme* to words and phrases in the language.

**Unstructured** – in context of transcription guidelines

**Structured** – in context of *string encoding schemes*
Terms in specific languages

- Terms in Afrikaans
- Terms in Albanian
- Terms in Arabic
- Terms in Baluchi
- Terms in Basque
- Terms in Bosnian
- Terms in Brahui
- Terms in Breton
- Terms in Bulgarian
- Terms in Burmese
- Terms in Catalan
- Terms in Chinese
- Terms in Croatian
- Terms in Czech
- Terms in Danish
- Terms in Dutch
- Terms in English
- Terms in Esperanto
- Terms in Fijian
- Terms in Finnish
- Terms in French
- Terms in Galician
- Terms in German
- Terms in Greek
  - Terms in Ancient Greek
  - Terms in Modern Greek
- Terms in Hawaiian
- Terms in Hebrew
- Terms in Hungarian
- Terms in Iban
- Terms in Icelandic
- Terms in Indonesian
- Terms in Irish
- Terms in Italian
- Terms in Malagasy
- Terms in Malay
- Terms in Maltese
- Terms in Maori
- Terms in Neapolitan
- Terms in Niuean
- Terms in Norwegian
- Terms in Occitan
- Terms in Old Provençal
- Terms in Panjabi
- Terms in Persian
- Terms in Polish
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- Terms in Tokelau
- Terms in Tongan
- Terms in Turkish
- Terms in Ukrainian
- Terms in Urdu
- Terms in Walloon
- Terms in Welsh
- Terms in Western Frisian
- Terms in Western Panjabi
- Terms in Yiddish
The process of organizing the community vocabularies for the new RDA Toolkit...

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Terms in English – organized by RDA entity, and then by element
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Names of RDA entities

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of RDA Entity: name of RDA entity or element subtype.

Initial articles of names of RDA entities in English

Treat the following words and prefixes as initial articles.

- a
- an
- d'
- de
- the
- ye
Terms in English

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Community vocabularies for *preferred titles of works*

Preferred titles of works

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of Work: preferred title of work or *element subtype*.

Terms for collective titles in English

Use the terms from Terms for collective titles in English.

Preferred titles of books of the Bible in English

Use the terms from Terms for Books of the Bible in English.
Terms for collective titles in English

These conventional collective titles are intended for use as values of Work: preferred title of work.

OPTION

Record an appropriate term from the following list:

- correspondence
- essays
- librettos
- lyrics
- novels
- plays
- poems
- prose works
- short stories
- speeches
From AACR2 to the new RDA Toolkit

AACR2 – Appendix A for Capitalization [English language context]

A.28 SOIL NAMES

A.28A. Capitalize the name of a soil classification.

Alpine Meadow
Chernozem
Half Bog
Prairie

New RDA Toolkit – Capitalization of manifestation statements in English [language: English; entity: Manifestation]

Capitalize a name of a soil classification.
Terms in French, organized by entities:

- RDA Entity
- Resource entities (WEMI)
- Agent entities
- Place
- Timespan
Terms in French

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Names of RDA entities

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of RDA Entity: name of RDA entity or element subtype.

Initial articles of names of RDA entities in French

Treat the following words and prefixes as initial articles.

- l'
- la
- le
- les
- un*
- une*

An asterisk (*) indicates that the same form may be used in other contexts so that care should be taken to determine the meaning before treating the word as an initial article.
Example: Icelandic names in access points

Yrsa Sigurðardóttir
F.4 Icelandic Names

F.4.1 Additional Instructions on Icelandic Names

For Icelandic names, record names in this order:

a) the first given name
b) other given names (if present)
c) the patronymic
d) the family name, in direct order.

If a phrase naming a place follows the given name(s), patronymic, or family name, treat it as an integral part of the name.

EXAMPLE

Svava Jakobsdóttir
Given name: Svava
Patronymic: Jakobsdóttir

Elín Hirst
Given name: Elín
Family name: Hirst

Bjarni Benediktsson frá Hofteigi
Given name: Bjarni
Patronymic: Benediktsson
Words denoting place: frá Hofteigi

Jóhannes úr Köllum
Given name: Jóhannes
Words denoting place: úr Köllum

Variant names. Record as variant names both a form using the patronymic as the first element and a form using the family name as the first element (see 9.2.3.10 RDA).
Access points for persons

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of Person: access point for person.

Record names in this order:

1. the first given name
2. other given names (if present)
3. the patronymic
4. the family name, in direct order.

**CONDITION**

A phrase naming a place follows the given name(s), patronymic, or family name.

**OPTION**

Treat the phrase as an integral part of the name.

Record variant access points that include:

- a form using the patronymic as the first element and
- a form using the family name as the first element

(see Person: variant access point for person.)
Where we stand today with community resources...

For the Anglo-American catalog(u)ing community

... by the Anglo-American catalog(u)ing community
Community Resources – Further Refinements and Vocabularies

- Normalizing data found in manifestations (capitalization, etc.)
- Access point construction (string encoding schemes)
- Community vocabularies (e.g., Gender)
- Extensions to carrier and content type (see the “how-to” guidance)
- Subtypes of RDA entities and elements (including new “shortcut” relationship elements)
- Community application profiles
- Suggested friendly labels for elements
Thank you!

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