RDA Changes in 2017

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RDA Toolkit Releases / Updates in 2017

- **February 2017 (Release)**
  - Rewording
  - Fast track

- **April 2017 (Update)**
  - Approved formal proposals from 2016
  - Rewording
  - Fast track

- **After April**
  - RDA Toolkit content *FROZEN* until April 2018
    - Allows for work on the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (3R Project)
January 2017 - Rewording

- Deleted articles within element names
  - For element names within instructions, replaced definite articles with indefinite articles
- Replaced “resource” with the more specific WEMI term when the context was clear
  - Did not rephrase “integrating resource” at this time
- Replaced “person, family, or corporate body” with “agent”
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- Deleted “(in this order)” in instructions for access points
  - Still an implied order, so no change in application
- Replaced “and/or” with “or” as appropriate
Updates to *Sources of Information* (2.2.2.2., 2.2.2.3, 2.2.2.4)
- Added paragraph referring to 2.17.2.3 (*Title Source*) to clarify when to make a note on the title source

Changed tables in 3.2.1.3 (*Recording Media Type*) and 6.9.1.3 (*Recording Content Type*) to lists
- Definitions still in Glossary

Expanded scope of variant titles (Chapters 5-6) and variant names (Chapters 8-11) to reflect current practice
- Record a variant title or variant name if considered important for identification or access
- Preferred form can be part of a variant access point

For recording *Illustrative Content* (7.15.1.3), included previously removed terms (*chart, music*) as examples of another concise term
February 2017 – 43 Fast Track Changes

- Clarified 23.4.1.2.1 *(Identifier for Subject)*
  - Name the agency assigning the identifier if readily ascertainable

- Alphabetized lists of Ancient & Modern Greek articles (C.2)

- Clarified Glossary entries
  - Addenda / Addenda to *(W, E)*
  - Appendix / Appendix to *(W, E)*
  - Container
    - Includes information from inserts visible through the housing
  - Free translation of / Freely translated as *(W, E)*
  - Changed “Teacher” to “Instructor”
  - Distinguished between “Kinetography Laban” and “Labanotation”
April 2017 – Changes Based on RSC Proposals

- Revised 1.10.3 *(Quotations)* to reflect the current practice
  - Use quotes, or use some other means to identify quoted data
  - Record source of quote
    - Optional omission: If quote is from preferred source, don’t cite that source
- Added vocabulary for *Regional Encoding* to 3.19.6 & Glossary
  - Also expanded scope to apply to video games
- Clarified instructions in 5.4 and in various parts of Chapters 6 & 7 for *Language and Script*
  - No change in PCC practice
- Added instructions to 6.21 for *Jurisdiction Governed*; moved *Protocols, Etc.* into separate instruction (now 6.21.1.5)
- Clarified 6.29.1.3 *(Laws Governing More Than One Jurisdiction)*
  - Added related punctuation guidance to Appendix E
April 2017 – Changes Based on RSC Proposals

- Provided explicit guidance for access points in 6.27.1.6 (Commentary, Etc. Added to a Previously Existing Work) – three different choices:
  - Identify the commentary and existing work as a compilation
  - Identify only the existing work
  - Identify only the commentary

- Related changes
  - Added Alternative to 6.27.1.4 (Compilations of Works by Different Agents) to address commentaries, etc.
  - Added reference to 25.1 (Related Work) from 6.27.1.6: to record the relationship between the compilation and its individual works

- Modified 7.11 (now renamed Capture Information); added a specific instruction for Note on Capture
April 2017 – Changes Based on RSC Proposals

- Revised 24.1.3 (*Related Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item*) and 29.1.3 (*Related Person, Family, and Corporate Body*)
  - Now includes superclass (related entity / related agent)
  - Simplified definitions

- Created
  - M.2.6 (*Person as Subject of a Work*)
  - M.2.7 (*Family as Subject of a Work*)
  - M.2.8 (*Corporate Body as Subject of a Work*)
  - and added relationship designators
    - Described in (P, F, C) / Description of (P, F, C)
April 2017 – Changes Based on RSC Proposals: Music

- Clarified 2.15.3 (*Plate Number for Notated Music*)
  - Character string identifying a publisher may precede or follow the number

- Complete replacement of 6.15 (*Medium of Performance*) – impacts PCC practice
  - Rely on external vocabulary source for terms
  - Provide fewer explicit (Anglo-centric) instructions
  - Parts of earlier instructions now in Tools Tab

- Revised 6.28.1.9 (*Additional Elements in Authorized Access Points Representing Musical Works*) – impacts PCC practice
  - Changes allowed removal of specific instructions
    - 6.28.1.9.2 – 6.28.1.9.4
    - 6.28.1.10
April 2017 – Changes Based on RSC Proposals: Rare Materials

- Revised 1.8.1 (*Numbers Expressed as Numerals or as Words*)
  - Made the previous Alternative an Exception instead
  - Optional Addition to also record numerals in another form
- Added instruction (1.12) and Glossary definition for *early printed resource*
  - Cataloging agencies may apply these instructions to any resources as they see fit
- Renamed 3.12 from *Book Format* to *Bibliographic Format*
  - Reworded scope
  - Added more vocabulary terms
- Removed 3.21.2.9 (*Early Printed Resources*)
- Generalized and expanded 3.21.2.11 (*Other Details of Extent*)
April 2017 – Rewording, Etc.

Vocabulary lists throughout RDA now alphabetized
Affects lists in Chapters 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 – for example

7.20.1.3 – was
... from the following list:
  score
  condensed score
  study score
  piano conductor part
  violin conductor part
  vocal score
  piano score
  chorus score
  part
  choir book
  table book

7.20.1.3 – now
... from the following list:
  choir book
  chorus score
  condensed score
  part
  piano conductor part
  piano score
  score
  study score
  table book
  violin conductor part
  vocal score
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- Removed redundancy from
  - 3.15.1.5.1.3 (*Recording Reduction Ratio Designation*)
  - 7.19.1.4.1.3 (*Recording Aspect Ratio Designation*)
  - 7.25.6.3 (*Recording Scale Designation*)
  - 8.10.1.3 (*Recording Status of Identification*)

- Removed family from the list of creator entities for a variant access point for a legal work (6.29.3.4)
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- Updated A.40 (*French capitalization guidelines*)
  - Added paragraph in A.40.1 (*Proper Names and Their Derivatives*); deleted previous final paragraph
  - New guidelines for *Names of Buildings and Geographic Features, Regions, Etc.* (now A.40.2)
  - New paragraph added to renumbered A.40.3 (*Names of Corporate Bodies*)
  - New guidelines for *Names of Holidays* (now A.40.8)
  - In renumbered A.40.9 (*Miscellaneous*)
    - Removed 1st paragraph
    - Revised what is now 2nd paragraph
    - Added 3rd paragraph
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- Added new (standard) paragraph to M.1 (General Guidelines on Using Relationship Designators)
  - Use relationship designators at the level of specificity needed by the cataloging agency
- New Glossary entries
  - Descendant family of
  - Sponsor of
- Revised Glossary entry
  - Mixed aspect ratio
For More About the 3R Project

- 3R Project: Update from 2016 Frankfurt Meeting  
  (http://www.rda-rsc.org/3Rprojectupdate)

- My report to CC:DA at ALA Midwinter 2017  
  *RDA Developments of Note* (slides 16-24)  

- 3R Project Status Report #1  
  (http://www.rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject/SR1)
Questions?