National Library of Greece: RDA Initiatives

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The National Library of Greece (NLG)

→ Journey started in 1829

→ Scope:
  • trace,
  • organize,
  • describe and
  • preserve in perpetuity
documents of Greek culture

→ Legal entity of public law supervised by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs
→ Over 2 million items (books, periodicals and rare manuscripts dating from 9th to 20th century)
→ Transitioning into the new era, NLG aims to:
  • redefine its relationship with the public
  • become the center of study, research and education for Greek Civilization, a hub of co creation and
  innovation
→ Operates in three buildings → SNFCC (new premises), Vallianeio and Votanikos
RDA in Greece

→ Few attempts to implement RDA cataloguing rules W not centralized
→ Absence of national policy
→ Use of AACR2 in MARC21 and UNIMARC
→ NLG working on two projects simultaneously:
  • UNI to MARC21
  • MARC21 to LoD (RDA/RDF)
Training in RDA

→ Attempts for training started in early 2021

→ NLG has provided RDA training for all librarians in Greek academic libraries

→ Seminars from March to August 2021 with more than 100 participants from 28 academic libraries

→ Access to the RDA Toolkit for 24 libraries in Greece
RDA/RDF in Wikibase

Vision: To develop the infrastructure for the cooperative cataloguing of the NLG authorities

→ Knowledge base software W Wikibase

→ Upload data to Wikibase and map MARC21 to RDA/RDF to export data

→ Mechanism for automated match entities from other LoD vocabularies

Open Knowledge - Greek Chapter
https://okfn.gr/en
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Vision

→ Fully implementing RDA for cataloguing authorities

→ Development of a cooperative cataloguing system on the NLG Wikibase instance

→ Building a user-friendly interface for browsing and discovery

→ Enriching the content from other LoD vocabularies

→ Mapping MARC21 to RDA/RDF for biblios

→ Assisting other libraries in Greece with the transition

→ Becoming the authoritative source for the identification and LoD representation of all Greek entities and Greek related subjects
Thank you for your attention!

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