

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 3.21.2.9 Note on Extent of Manifestation, Early Printed Resources

Related documents: RSC/RareWG/3; RSC/RareWG/3/LC response

Thanks to the Rare Working Group for their efforts to simplify the RDA instructions; we offer the following comments on the proposed changes:

Change #1

We defer to the RDA Examples Editor on the placement and content of examples.

Change #2

We defer to the RDA Examples Editor on the placement and content of examples.

Change #3

We agree to the proposed combination of 3.21.2.11 and 3.21.2.9. Although we recognize that the proposed parenthetical addition to the instruction at 3.21.2.11 comes directly from 3.31.2.9, we question whether the phrase “the layout of sheets” should be considered as “Other Details of Extent” or is already covered as “Details of Layout” at 3.11.1.4. If the working group considers that the “layout of sheets” is different than “Details of Layout,” perhaps they could propose alternative wording of the phrase that avoids this possible confusion.

Change #4

Agree. We note that the clean-copy version of this change refers to 3.21.2.9 as “Rare Printed Resources” but it should be “Early Printed Resources.” Also, there should be a period before the closing bracket.

Other changes in RDA

The proposal notes that there are references to 3.21.2.9 that must be revised to 3.21.2.11. However, we believe it is a bit more complicated than that. Below is a list of instructions that refer to 3.21.2.9 with an explanation of the issues.

3.4.5.2, Exceptions: The first exception for *Early printed resources* contains a reference to 3.21.2.9. RSC/RareWG/3 proposes to delete this instruction and add a new instruction for *Early printed resources and rare printed resources* in the 2nd Exception area within that instruction. Their mark-up shows a reference to 3.21.2.9. If both proposals are approved as submitted, that reference should be changed to 3.21.2.11. Otherwise, both proposals will need to be reviewed for the appropriate change. In RSC/RareWG/3/LC response, we suggest deleting the Exception for *Early printed resources* in 3.4.5.2.

3.4.5.3.2, Exception: RSC/RareWG/3 proposes to delete the last paragraph referring to 3.21.2.9. If both proposals are approved as submitted, there is no need to add a reference to 3.21.2.11 in 3.4.5.3.2, Exception. In RSC/RareWG/3/LC response, we suggest deleting 3.4.5.3.2.

3.4.5.14, Exception: The last paragraph current says this: “Provide details of the sheet's layout (including the numbering of the panels) in a note if considered important for identification or selection (see 3.21.2.9).” We believe it would be more appropriate to change the reference to 3.11.1.4 (Details of Layout) rather than 3.21.2.11 (Other Details of Extent).