

## Technical Services Roundtable Report –14

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- Reviewed Technical Services Roundtable Bylaws
- Sent update from the RDA Implementation Task Force received from ALCTS CRG to Tech Services Roundtable email list

### **Report of Business**

The RDA Implementation Task Force (RITF) met on Sunday, January 25th, to discuss plans for training and outreach as it concerns RDA, and to finalize plans for pre-conference (July 10, 2009) and program (July 12, 2009) at the 2009 annual conference in Chicago, develop the outline of an implementation website, and training materials.

Due to the delay in the release of the final RDA draft—Nov 2008—the task force members were not able to develop as many training materials by the previous Oct. 1 due date discussed at the June 29, 2008 meeting.

#### Review of the RDA Update Forum, held January 25, 2009, 10:30-12:30:

We had good attendance at the forum. Speakers included Nannette Naught, IMT, who conducted a demo of RDA Online, Don Chatham, ALA Publishing, who talked about the RDA product, and Beacher Wiggins, LC, who discussed LC/NLM/NAL plans for testing RDA.

#### RDA Time line

Marjorie Bloss provided an brief overview of the time line. Please note these times are not set and very much subject to change:

Late May/June 2009: Finalized content goes from the JSC to ALA Publishing.

Third quarter, calendar 2009: RDA is released.

Third-fourth quarters, calendar 2009: National libraries test RDA.

First quarter, calendar 2010: National libraries decide whether to implement RDA.

Second-third quarters, calendar 2010: Training.

Fourth quarter, calendar 2010: RDA Implementation.

#### 2009 ALA program planning and other professional associations

S.Miksa met with the Program committee to finalize plans for the pre-conference (July 10, 2009) and the program (July 12, 2009) at the 2009 annual conference in Chicago. Task force members who volunteer to help run the preconference do not have to pay the registration fee for it. The program was moved to July 12 in order to avoid conflicts with CC:DA meetings. It was also approved to be a 4-hour program in order to provide as much information as possible to attendees. Task force members will assist speakers at both events with developing training materials and presentations. These materials will be developed further after the events and form the core of a training/education strategy for implementation activities.

Teri Frick submitted a RDA program proposal to PLA for 2010, and Barbara Schultz-Jones has submitted one to AASL, but so far that effort has been unsuccessful.

#### Discussion on training materials development

Several members submitted preliminary training materials, including possible syllabi for teaching RDA and materials focusing on the role of FRBR and FRAD within RDA. We

discussed the difference between “training” and “education” in terms of what approach we need to take in order to implement RDA. Some members felt we need only train people to use RDA and RDA Online and others felt we need to educate them on both theory and practice of RDA, including a serious push of FRBR and FRAD. This brought into question the charges given to the task force because both training and educating are specified. Concerns centered mainly on the time investment that catalogers would need to make in order to learn the new rules.

#### Task Force Charges

RITF formally asked Mary Woodley, Chair of CCS Executive, to review the charges to the task force and the possibility of creating several task forces to address them in a more efficient manner. As well, with the creation of the RDA/MARC Working Group we felt that the charge to confer with MARBI on changes to MARC was no longer a primary responsibility to RITF.

#### Website

S.Miksa provided a preliminary outline of a RDA Implementation web site that should be housed to be housed on the ALCTS Web site. A volunteer webmaster will have to be determined and structure and content created. This is something we wish to have online by ALA Annual this summer.

#### RDA Testing

The plans by LC/NAL/NLM for testing of RDA were discussed. RITF was invited to participate in this testing. S.Miksa will formally submit application. Discussion on the impact of this testing on implementation plans were discussed. There is not enough information at this time to make any firm decisions on implementation strategies. RITF will proceed with task force charges until told otherwise.

**Shawne D. Miksa, Chair, RITF**

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