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Editorial comment

Catapult is the quarterly newsletter of CatSIG (Cataloguing Special Interest Group). The responsibility for editing Catapult is shared around libraries. Cataloguers from the University of Otago Library have produced this issue.

The University of Otago Library editorial team consists of Paul Barton, Lucy Bradley, Ellie Brown, Veronica Cordes, Louisa Fisher, Beryl Maultby, Rhys Thorn and Pamela Treanor.

The next issue will also be produced by University of Otago Library, and the following two by Upper Hutt City Library.

Catapult online

Archived issues are available on the New Zealand Cataloguers' Wiki: http://nznuc-cataloguing.pbworks.com/

CatSIG news

CatSIG 2010 LIANZA Conference Sponsorship

CatSIG, LIANZA's Cataloguing Special Interest Group, would like to sponsor one person to attend the LIANZA Centennial conference: At the Edge -- Te Matakāheru. This will be held from 28 November - 1 December 2010 in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Sponsorship will cover the registration fee and reimbursement of up to $500 for travel and accommodation costs.

To apply, please write 1-2 paragraphs stating your reasons for applying for sponsorship, the year you last attended a LIANZA conference, your background and work experience, and the insights and learning that you expect to gain from attending. You must also provide written confirmation from your employer that, if successful, you will be given leave to attend. You must be a CatSIG member to apply (or be willing to become one).

Consideration will be given to the following criteria:

- How you and/or your organisation would benefit professionally from attendance

- Evidence of enthusiasm, commitment and passion for cataloguing
- Difficulty of attending the conference without sponsorship

The successful applicant will be required to write a short report that will be included in Catapult - CatSIG's quarterly newsletter.

Please email applications and enquiries to Janess Stewart
Janess.Stewart@natlib.govt.nz

Applications close 17 September 2010.

TMQ Workshops

There are still places available in these workshops, which are taking place until October.

MARC 21 In Your Library (1 day)

An introduction to MARC 21 and how it is meant to work in your library automation system. Useful for new cataloguers; also recommended for acquisitions and serials staff to broaden their understanding of how MARC 21 impacts on them.
Auckland, 13 October 2010, Room WF214, AUT University
Wellington, 20 October 2010, Archives New Zealand Conference Room, Murphy St.

Just for Copy Cats (2 days)

An introduction to finding cataloguing records that you can copy, explaining challenges and issues, with a brief look at essential editing. Recommended for acquisitions staff, copy cataloguers, beginning cataloguers, and experienced but untrained cataloguers.
Auckland, 14-15 October 2010, Room WF204 (14th)/Room 614 (15th), AUT University
Wellington, 21-22 October 2010, Archives New Zealand Conference Room, Murphy St.

Book Blitz III (2 days)

More AACR and MARC, some FRBR, and a touch of RDA. For those who have completed Book Blitz I and II.
Dunedin, 16-17 September 2010, University of Otago

LCSH for Beginners I (2 days)

Introduces the essential principles of subject cataloguing using the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). Covers general methods of subject analysis, assigning LC headings, and how to add subdivisions.
Auckland, 12-13 October, Waitemata Room, Level 3, Central Library, Lorne Street, Auckland
Wellington, 19-20 October, Weir House Conference Room, Gladstone Tce, Kelburn

Dewey Daze I (2 days)

Learn how to find your way around the schedules and tables to create call numbers that work. Topics include history and arrangement of the system, principles of DDC, using the Relative index, using the Manual, number building with notations from the schedules and number building using tables.
Auckland, 14-15 October, Waitemata Room, Level 3, Central Library, Lorne Street, Auckland
Wellington, 21-22 October, Weir House Conference Room, Gladstone Tce, Kelburn

Enrolment details and costs are posted on the NZ-Libs and CatSIG mailing lists.

Articles

RDA @ ALA

Ksenija Obradovic, Cataloguing Manager, University of Auckland Library

RDA (Resource Description and Access) was one of the hottest topics at the ALA's (American Library Association) 2010 Annual conference. It was discussed or mentioned at many sessions. Intended to be the successor to AACR2, this new standard for resource description and access is designed for the print and digital world. However, the discussions around RDA went far beyond cataloguing rules as such, and revolved around the need for a new architecture for library data – a different way of linking data, new cataloguing formats, and new ILSs. Many were of the opinion that RDA is going to work only if we changed everything, but the question was then whether such a change was possible. The opinion also could be heard that RDA was already outdated.
The RDA Toolkit[1] was released a few days before the conference started, and was made free to use till 31 August, which enabled attendees to familiarise themselves with it before the conference.

A cake to celebrate the RDA Toolkit release at the ALA conference (Photo courtesy of D. Fritz)

I attended RDA 101 pre-conference workshop and RDA Update Forum, both organised by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Following are my notes from these sessions.

[1] http://www.rdatoolkit.org/

RDA 101 pre-conference workshop, 25 June 2010

The workshop was designed for practitioners who need to know how to catalogue library materials applying the new rules. As the title indicates, it was a low level, basic introduction to FRBR and RDA.

Barbara Tillett (Chief of the Cataloguing Policy and Support Office, Library of Congress) gave two presentations.

The first was a general overview of RDA. She highlighted the need for new standards and explained FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) and its relationship to RDA.

Her second presentation was on the future of cataloguing and metadata. She pointed out that 2010 was the Year of Cataloguing Research. She expressed her vision of the future – "global, shared resource discovery systems fully utilising data from all stages of creating, distributing, and using resources," and described things that need to happen to get there, including linked data and FRBR-based collocation. She listed various obstacles and finished the presentation by asking who will be the one to start the ball rolling, and how.

Much of what Barbara was talking about can be found as part of the Library of Congress RDA webcasts.[2]

John Espley and Vinod Chachra (VTLS Inc.) presented a FRBR and RDA based ILS which uses separate records for work, expression and manifestation. Their main message is that linked data is the only correct implementation strategy for FRBR and RDA.[3]

Robert Ellett (Catalog Librarian, Joint Forces Staff College) gave an overview of the new standard, its core elements and its practical implications. He also spoke about the transition from AACR2 to RDA, made comparisons between these two standards, and gave us a few hands-on exercises.

Shawne Miksa (Associate Professor, the University of North Texas) compared RDA and AACR2 in MARC21, and focused on the new MARC fields - $336 content type, $337 media type, and $338 carrier type which are used instead of $245 h general Material Designation (GMD). Although her title was "Hands on RDA and New MARC21 Fields: Non-book Resource Examples," we did not get any hands-on exercises. Unfortunately, the handout and examples of RDA records had a number of mistakes (S. Miksa's comment was that her student assistant had created them).

RDA Update Forum, 27 June 2010

Sally McCallum (Library of Congress) provided an update on MARC/MARBI work, and spoke about changes approved through 2008-2010 which relate to the use of

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[2] http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/rdawebcasts.html. The Library of Congress also has Train-the-trainer webcasts at http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/trainthetrainer.html.

[3] The PowerPoint presentation is available at http://www.vtls.com/products/virtua (under *Insights and Processes from VTLS's 8 Years Experience with FRBR and RDA*).

RDA with MARC.[4] She also noted that more changes are expected as a result of forthcoming RDA testing.

One of the changes is that 040 $e has been made repeatable and code "rda" added to the MARC code list. This will help cataloguers identify records created following RDA principles.

Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress) talked about RDA testing in the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine and the National Library of Agriculture and participating libraries[5]:

1. Each library will be given 25 titles to create records following RDA rules, and using new MARC21 fields. Later on, the records will be compared. Records will not be shared till 1 October.
2. A common set of five records will be given to libraries as a test for copy cataloguing.
3. After that, they will start using RDA in the real environment, i.e. on incoming material.
4. In Jan-March 2011, records will be assessed. Hopefully, recommendations for senior managers on whether or not to implement RDA will be submitted by April 2011.
5. Decision announcement – at ALA Annual 2011.

Non-formal participants will also be able to create and submit RDA records (announcement will be posted on the Library of Congress website).

Troy Linker (ALA Publishing) gave an overview of the RDA Toolkit contents, and showed the RDA Toolkit interface including Search, Browse, Bookmarks, Workflows, and Maps, as well as linking from external products to the RDA Toolkit.

He also spoke about the complimentary open access period and RDA Toolkit pricing for the USA libraries. A solo-user license will now be available as well. There will be consortia and group pricing options, but the prices will be similar to those for individual institutions. Site-license subscription rates will stay the same as announced in February, but subscribers will get double the number of concurrent users paid for during the first year. A temporary increase in concurrent users for purposes of training may be arranged at no charge via the RDA Toolkit Helpdesk. The RDA Toolkit and Cataloger's Desktop will require separate subscriptions. Because of the high demand, RDA will be offered in print too. It is expected to run to about 1,000 pages, and to cost around $150.

Glenn Patton (OCLC), talked about the work that OCLC was doing in support of the testing project:[6]

- OCLC has implemented most of the MARC 21 format changes
- OCLC is committed to supporting OCLC members who wish to implement RDA in their libraries after April 2011, but will not require that all libraries adopt RDA

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[4] MARC 21 Updates 9, 10, and 11 are available at http://www.loc.gov/marc/RDAinMARC29.html

[5] Listed at http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/test-partners.html

[6] The OCLC statement is available at http://www.oclc.org/us/en/rda/policy.htm.

- Testing libraries that are OCLC members will be adding RDA-based records to WorldCat. Other OCLC cataloguing members are also encouraged to try RDA cataloguing during this time.

OCLC will be testing use of RDA in all OCLC interfaces as well as in batch-loading, and will prepare webinars and instructions for Connexion users. They will participate in testing (using existing functionality during testing period). OCLC is also talking to Troy Linker to make links from Connexion to RDA Toolkit.

Glenn Patton pointed out that once testing period is over, cataloguers will have to follow these rules:

- An AACR2 record should not be changed to RDA, except when updating a minimal record or updating information in a continuing resources record
- An RDA record should not be changed to AACR2 (instead, download record to local catalogue and change it there)
- No duplicate cataloguing on OCLC - if either an RDA or AACR2 record exists in OCLC, the record according to other code should not be created.

The RDA update forum was well attended and the audience had many questions for each panellist.

Dealing with Indexing Series at the University of Otago Library
Paul Barton, Assistant Bibliographic Access Librarian, University of Otago Library

On 1st June 2006, the Library of Congress announced that it would no longer trace series in bibliographic records or continue to create new series authorities. The decision raised an issue for libraries who index by series. This article describes how the University of Otago Library deals with the change.
A monthly report is run to identify newly added bibliographic records with untraced series. Untraced series are found in the 490 field of the bibliographic record with a zero in the first indicator. A cataloguer checks each record by searching the form of the series entered in the 490 field. If a series heading is located with a “t” in the “a” subfield of the 645 field, this indicates that the series should be traced (i.e. indexed). The cataloguer then updates the record by changing the first indicator in the 490 field to 1, and adding an 8XX series field, which corresponds to the authorised form of the series. If the series authority record has an “n” in the 645 field, it indicates that the series should not be traced. In these cases the record is not amended unless Otago has made the decision to index the series locally.

Figure 1: Bibliographic record with untraced series in the 490 field

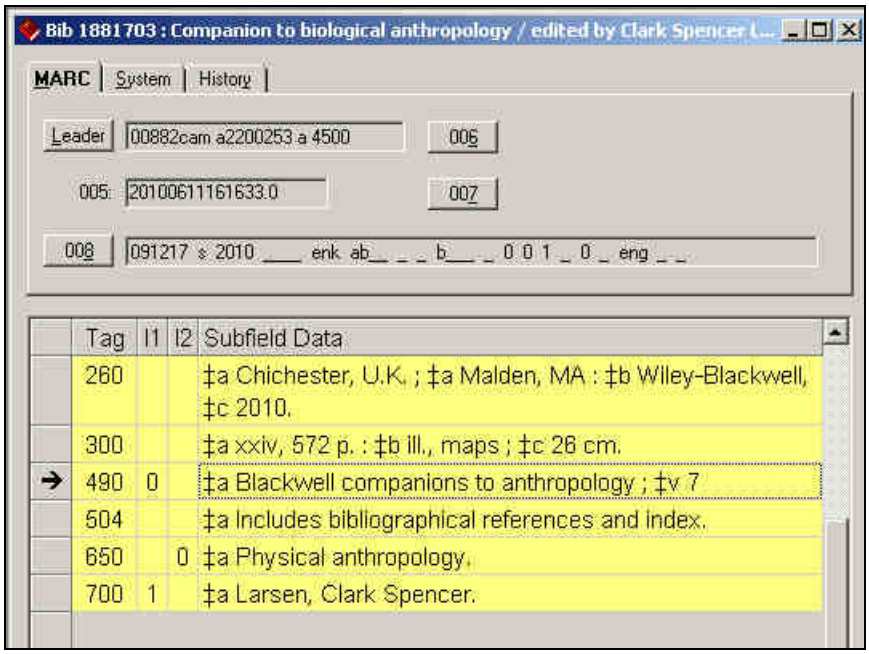


Figure 2: Series heading which indicates that the series should be traced

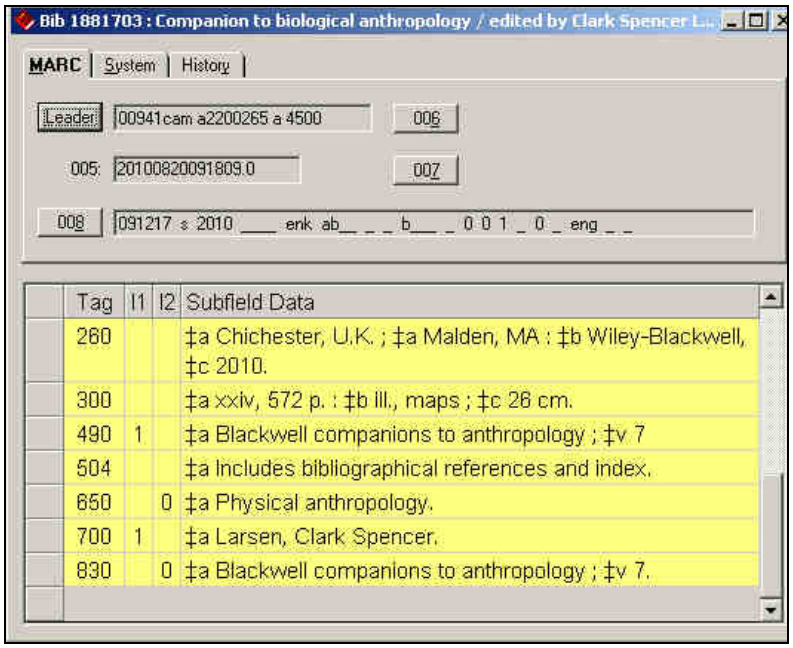
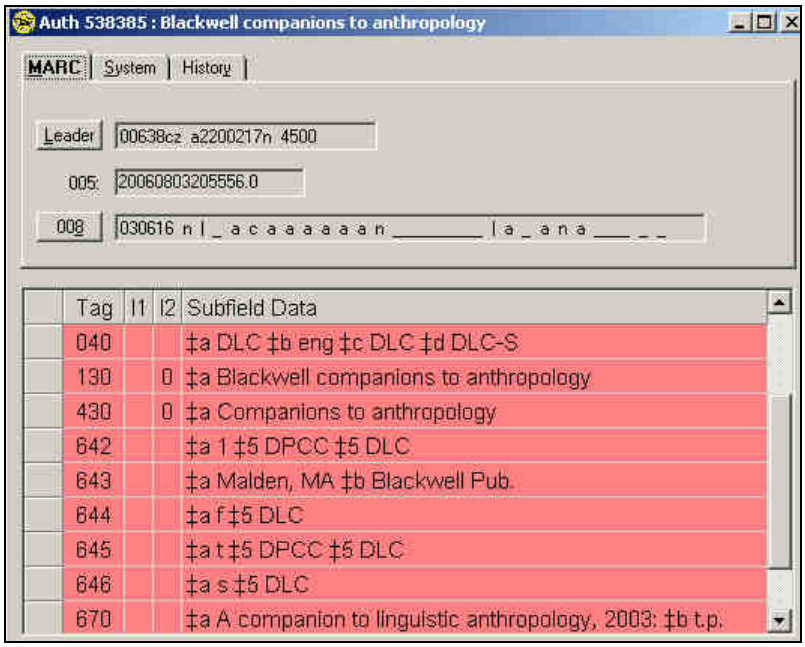


Figure 3: Correct form of authority record with traced series in the 830 field



The cataloguer then performs a ‘builder’ search, using the series title to locate and correct any other records in the catalogue where the series has been recorded in a non-authorised form. This step is necessary because the Otago catalogue currently includes records added during the automated retrospective conversion of the card catalogue. These records may contain incorrectly formulated headings; series added in pre-AACR2 form; or in some cases, no series heading at all.

For many post-2006 bibliographic records, there is no series authority record available. A small number of series authorities have been created by OCLC participant libraries, but few of them have been loaded onto Te Puna. This necessitates the creation of local series authorities in the Otago catalogue.

The correct form of the series is input into the 8XX field in the bibliographic record and this is then used as the basis of the uniform title to be recorded in a 1XX field in a new local series authority record. In the 040 field of the authority, the cataloguer indicates that the source of the record comes from the University of Otago Library by adding “DU” in the “a” and ‘c” sub fields. A “t” is added in the 645 field to indicate that the series should be traced (i.e. indexed). In the 430 fields, variant forms of the series are added so that they can be searched as ‘see references’. Frequently a corporate author title heading is added to link the series to the issuing body. Local series headings are also created if necessary to indicate when a series should not be traced e.g. basic publisher series. The local series authority is regarded as a placeholder and can be overlaid by an authorized record from Te Puna when available.

Figure 4: Local series authority record

	040		‡a DU ‡c DU
	130	0	‡a Special publication (National Council for Geographic Education)
→	430	0	‡a National Council for Geographic Education. ‡t Special publication
	642		‡a no. 5 ‡5 DU
	643		‡a Norman, Okla. ‡b National Council for Geographic Education
	644		‡a f ‡5 DU
	645		‡a t ‡5 DU
	646		‡a s ‡5 DU
	670		‡a The literature of regional geography, 1960?: ‡b series t.p. (National Council for Geographic Education. Special publication)

In addition the cataloguer checks that existing bibliographic records are related to the correct series. There is potential for considerable confusion when series issued by different publishers have the same uniform title. Series authorities can be amended to remedy this. A new series with the same name is differentiated from the old series by an added qualifier, following the practice as laid out in Library of Congress rule interpretations. In the case of two series sharing a generic title such as “papers” or “monographs”, the corporate issuing or publishing body is added to the qualifier for the new series. When two series share a unique title, a qualifier is added to the new series for the place of publication. If by chance both series are published in the same place, a further element such as the date is added to qualify the new series.

Ironically, the decision of the Library of Congress not to trace series in its new bibliographic records has had a beneficial effect on the Otago catalogue. Many older records which formerly lacked adequate series headings have now been identified and upgraded so that they can be retrieved by series. The current treatment of series results in increased bibliographic control and improves the likelihood that users will find resources.

ALIA news

ACOC Seminar

Cataloguing is changing as never before. RDA is moving cataloguing guidelines into the web services world; a world where standards are used to link software, databases and library tools. Discovery layers are becoming the normal front end to the library's resources whether digital or physical. These developments provide opportunities to gain additional value from our investment in metadata but also require us to consider whether current metadata and metadata production processes are up to the task.

The seminar will highlight cataloguing changes and will demonstrate why it is such an exciting time to be a cataloguer. We are fortunate that Daniel Lindahl, Co-Executive Director of the eXtensible Catalog project, will be the seminar’s keynote speaker. The eXtensible Catalog (http://www.extensiblecatalog.org) is open source, user-centred, next generation software for libraries. It comprises four software components that can be used independently or combined to provide an end-to-end discovery system.

Other speakers include: Karen Stone and Monika Szunjeko who will look at the value of cataloguing in the discovery layer and in the web services world, and Kent Fitch who will challenge us to re-evaluate resource description.

The seminar will also include a session devoted to lightning talks where cataloguers will describe exciting developments in their own local environments.

The preliminary draft programme for the 2010 ACOC seminar is on the website http://www.nla.gov.au/lis/stndrds/grps/acoc/acocseminar2010.html.
The seminar will be held on 21 October 2010, the day after the Libraries Australia Forum, at the National Library of Australia.
Registrations will open soon.

[Source: Catlibs mailing list, Catlibs@qut.edu.au]

Items in brief

At the Edge -- Te Matakāheru

LIANZA Centennial Conference, 28 Nov – 1 Dec 2010, Dunedin, New Zealand
Conference website http://www.conference.co.nz/index.cfm/Lianza10/

Keynote speakers:
David Shumaker is a Clinical Associate Professor at the School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America, where his teaching interests include the role and future of librarians in society, the management of libraries and information services, marketing, information systems, and library public services.
Carol Tenopir is a professor at the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the Director of Research for the College of Communication and Information, and Director of the Center for Information and Communication Studies. Her areas of teaching and research include: information access and retrieval, electronic publishing, the information industry, online resources, and the impact of technology on reference librarians and scientists.
Louise Schaper, M.S.W. and M.L.S., consultant, writer and executive director of the Fayetteville Public Library (Arkansas) where she led the transformation of a small, underperforming library to a vital, heavily used community center for learning housed in an 88,000 square foot U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver certified facility.
Stephen Abram, MLS, is Past-President 2008 of SLA and the past-President of the Canadian Library Association. Previously Vice President Innovation for SirsiDynix and Chief Strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute Stephen moved to Gale Cengage in January 2010 as Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets.
Dr Jesus Lau is Director of the Unit for Library and Information Services (USBI) in Veracruz and coordinator of the Virtual Library and Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico. Dr Lau has developed and co-ordinates distance education Information/ knowledge papers undertaken by 29 tertiary institutions situated throughout the Spanish-speaking world in Central, South America and the Caribbean.

WorldCat Record Use Policy

The new WorldCat record use policy has been approved by the OCLC Board of Trustees. WorldCat Rights and Responsibilities for the OCLC Cooperative will be effective August 1, 2010.
http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/recorduse/policy/default.htm

[Source: Autocat, 22 June 2010]

Cataloguing-Related Facebook Group

RDA Cafe is a group for library and information science students and professional catalogue librarians. It's a place to discuss Resource Description and Access, share resources, and get the latest news. This is an unofficial group, and it is not owned by JSC for Development of RDA.
http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=133281713372685&ref=ts
Note: All content is public and you do not have to be a facebook member to view the site.

[Source: Autocat, 16 July 2010]

RDA Toolkit has gone Live

RDA Toolkit went live on Wednesday, June 23 – www.rdatoolkit.org

RDA Toolkit highlights to try:

- RDA instructions that are searchable and browseable
- AACR2 Rule Number Search of RDA instructions
- Full text of AACR2
- Two views of RDA content-by table of contents and by element set

[Source: Autocat, 24 June 2010]

RDA Toolkit available via Cataloguer's Desktop

Subscribers to Cataloger's Desktop are now able to access the new RDA Toolkit, a separate subscription service, via Cataloger's Desktop.
Once users subscribe to both Desktop and RDA Toolkit, they can access RDA through Desktop's search and discovery interface. Hits (including hits in context) display in Desktop's search-results pane. When subscribers click on a hit in RDA, they are taken immediately to the content in the RDA Toolkit.
The Cataloger's Desktop FAQs have been updated to provide information about accessing RDA via Cataloger's Desktop. These FAQs include information about recording your RDA login in your Desktop preferences, as well as technical information about logging into RDA Toolkit.

[Source: Autocat, 25 June 2010]

RDA Cataloguing Examples

JSC have posted on their site updated RDA record samples.
Complete Examples/Cover sheet
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_Cover_sheet.pdf
Complete Examples (Bibliographic)
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_(Bibliographic).pdf
Complete Examples (Bibliographic)/Revised
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_(Bibliographic)_revised.pdf
Complete Examples (Authority)
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_(Authority).pdf
Complete Examples (Authority)/Revised
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_(Authority)_Revised.pdf
Complete Examples/ALA Rep addendum
http://www.rda-jsc.org/docs/6JSC_RDA_Complete_Examples_ALA_Rep_addendum.pdf

[Source: Autocat, 20 July 2010]

Podcast on FRBR and RDA

A podcast discussing FRBR and RDA has been posted by James Weinheimer, Director of Library and Information Services at the American University of Rome. Listen to it at:
http://catalogingmatters.blogspot.com/2010/08/cataloging-matters-podcast-1.html

[Source: Autocat, 4 August 2010]

Abbreviation of "Dept."

The Library of Congress proposes to adopt the AACR2 provision (which is also incorporated into RDA: Resource Description and Access) of not abbreviating "department" in headings unless it is abbreviated by the body on the resource from which the name has been taken. OCLC has agreed to change the approximately 48,000 1XX fields in name authority records, and the Library of Congress would change its approximately 200,000 bibliographic records and re-distribute them, beginning no earlier than March 2, 2011. The former 1XX heading would be retained as a 4XX field in the authority record (with $w nne), and existing references would be adjusted as necessary (e.g., for higher bodies with "Dept." in their names). Fields 110, 130, 151, 410, 430, 451, 510, 530, 551 along with 781, all except 4xx where $w is present are all candidates for change. A very small number of changes may be erroneous because the resource actually used an abbreviated form. Such conversion errors may be corrected by NACO participants as encountered after the

batch process has been run. The Library of Congress is seeking comments on this proposal by Oct. 1, 2010. Comments should be sent to policy@loc.gov

[Source: Autocat, 21 August 2010]

YouTube article on FRBR

The YouTube clip is entitled: An alternate model of functionality. The author, tongue in cheek, advocates a model of functionality that utilises the card catalogue.
http://www.youtube.com/wvatch?v=MFDG6OBYONo

[Source: Cataloguing Futures 5 June2010]

Web resources for Church libraries

This is a website which lists a very comprehensive range of web based resources for managing theological and church based libraries. This would be of use to both professional librarians and others.
http://www.churchlibraries.org/links.htm#LSAE
It includes blogs of two church librarians groups at:
http://members.shaw.ca/scbrouwer/home.htm
http://www.librarything.com/groups/churchlibraries#forums

[Source: Autocat 14 August 2010]

ISBNs for electronic publications

Eric Hellman discusses the question “Do different formats of an electronic or digital publication (e.g., .pdf, .html) need separate ISBNs?”and concludes that they do, but the comments are not all in agreement. For more, see:
http://go-to-hellman.blogspot.com/2010/07/what-is-ebook-anyway.html

[Source: FRBR Blog, 24 July 2010]

Electronic versions of print books

Andy Powell examines the problems librarians encounter when finding out if a particular e-book title is available. He helpfully supplies a link to an e-book Finder he has devised.
http://efoundations.typepad.com/efoundations/2010/07/finding-ebooks.html

[Source: FRBR Blog, 24 July 2010]

Anti-Trust action against OCLC

Karen Coyle reports on the Anti-Trust action initiated by the new ILS SkyRiver in federal court in San Francisco. There are three separate sections:

The original blog about the anti-trust action.
http://kcoyle.blogspot.com/2010/07/skyriver-sues-oclc-over-antitrust.html

Follow-up comments and more detail.
http://kcoyle.blogspot.com/2010/07/skyriver-v-oclc-lawsuit.html

The saga continues.
http://kcoyle.blogspot.com/2010/07/skyriveriii-v-oclc-part-ii.html

[Source: Coyle's Information, July 30-31 2010]

The full document is available at:
http://www.librarytechnology.org/ltg--displaytext.pl?=RC14917

[Source: Autocat, 30 July 2010]

This is OCLC's response to the antitrust situation.
http://bit.ly/9JnAi

[Source: Autocat, 6 August 2010]

And further information from Karen Coyle on the Anti-trust action.

http://kcoyle.blogspot.com/2010/08/oclc-skyriver-and-slow-arm-of-the-law.html

[Source: Coyle's Information, August 18 2010]

Cataloguing on the NUC: Questions and Answers

Data Review is developing a useful site for answers to cataloguing questions. If you want to get an answer to that tricky question, you can go to this site and see if Data Review has already commented on it.
http://nznuc-cataloguing.pbworks.com/Cataloging-on-the-NUC%3A-Questions-and-Answers

Moving Image Genre-Form Headings

List of terms updated through July 21, 2010 (list 29). Compiled by Scott M. Dutkiewicz, Special Formats Cataloger, Clemson University Libraries

http://olacinc.org/drupal/capc_files/GenreFormHeadingsList.pdf

[Source: OLAC 3 Aug 2010]

OLAC – Online Audiovisual Catalogers June 2010 Newsletter

This issue includes: OLAC cataloguers judgement: questions and answers; Guide to Cataloging SlotMusic update.

http://olacinc.org/drupal/newsletters/2010June.pdf

[Source: OLAC, 7 July 2010]

Ngā Ūpoko Tukutuku / Māori Subject Headings – Updated July 2010

The National Library has created an up-to-date file of all National Library catalogue records which use Maori Subject Headings.

This file is available on the index page of the MSH thesaurus. It can be used to update existing records.

http://mshupoko.natlib.govt.nz/mshupoko/index.htm

[Source: MSH Website July 2010]

Genre / Form headings for Cartographic materials

The Policy and Standards Division (PSD) of the Library of Congress will implement genre/form headings for cartographic resources on 1 September 2010.

http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/cartographic4.pdf

[Source: Catalogablog 22 July 2010]

Cataloguing Slot Music

The Slot Music Cataloguing Joint Taskforce, with members for both the Cataloging Policy Committee of Online Audiovisual Cataloguers and the Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging from the Music Library Association, has released a guide to cataloguing slot music. The guide is based on chapters 6 and 9 of AACR2 and is available at the following address:

http://www.olacinc.org/drupal/capc_files/SlotMusic.pdf

[Source: Catalogablog]

Cataloguing Reproductions

The Library of Congress has produced a discussion paper outlining a compatible AACR2/RDA friendly way to treat the cataloguing of reproductions. This aims to simplify the current confusion.
Read the full paper at the following address:

http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/reproductions.pdf

[Source: Catalogablog]

MODS v3.4

The MODS/MADS editorial committee and the Library of Congress have released a new incremental version of the MODS schema 3.4. This includes features to support RDA elements and descriptive practice. Read more about the changes at the address below:

http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/changes-3-4.html

The MODS Schema v3.4 is available at the following address:

http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/v3/mods-3-4.xsd

[Source: Catalogablog]

Google buys Metaweb

Google has purchased Metaweb, who are behind the entity graph site http://www.freebase.com/.

Read more at the two addresses below:

http://techcrunch.com/2010/07/16/google-acquires-metaweb-to-make-search-smarter/
http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2010/07/deeper-understanding-with-metaweb.html

[Source: Catalogablog]

Dewey of interest

Rare and endangered Water lilies
Post discusses treatment of water lilies as well as rare and endangered plants.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/06/rare-and-endangered-water-lily.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, June 3]

Tuberculosis, Malaria and Drug resistance
Post discusses diseases, medical microbiology, drug therapy, and therapeutics treatments within the Dewey sequence 616.9…
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/06/tuberculosis-malaria-and-drug-resistance.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, June 8]

Historical periods of Islam: Hadith
Draft for Comment by August 1, 2010 (now extended to 29 August, 2010)
297.09 History, geographic treatment, biography
297.125 Hadith (Traditions) [formerly 297.124]
Work has been done on expansions and revisions to 297 for Islam. Most of the changes will not be ready in time to affect DDC 23 (scheduled to be published in mid-2011); instead, most will be exposed in connection with the separate publication of the 200 Religion Class and in WebDewey.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/06/historical-periods-of-islam-hadith.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, June 24]

EPC Meeting June 16-18, 2010
Meeting 133 of the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) was held June 16-18. The committee discussed updates to several tables and schedules. There was also some discussion of a sneak preview of WebDewey 2.0 which is "slated to be introduced in a few months".
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/06/epc-meeting-june-1618-2010.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, July 1]

Salads
A note about Dewey classifications for salads, and different types of salad – main dish salads, salads with specific ingredients, etc.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/07/salads.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, July 8]

Public debt
Contains the interdisciplinary number for Public debt, and also Public Debt in relation to Budget deficits.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/07/public-debt-1.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, July 16]

Extreme weather (and more!)
This is a very topical area given some of the weather events unfolding at present i.e. Pakistan and China.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/08/extreme-weather-and-more.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, Aug 2]

Ukuleles
Ukulele music, sound recordings and musical scores.
http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2010/08/ukuleles.html
[Source: Dewey Blog, Aug 11]

Visualization of the Metadata Universe

Jenn Riley (Metadata Librarian at Indiana University, Bloomington) has developed a new resource to aid the selection and implementation of metadata standards. The two-part resource includes “a poster-sized visualization plotting standards based on their applicability in a variety of contexts, and a glossary of metadata standards in either poster or pamphlet form”.

http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/~jenlrile/metadatamap/

[Source: Autocat, 22 June 2010]

Cataloging Calculator

A free resource that provides responses to queries submitted about MARC, AACR2 abbreviations and LC cutters.

http://calculate.alptown.com/

[Source: Autocat, 9 July 2010]

RDA testing

Two Update Forum PowerPoint presentations are now available on RDA testing: National RDA Test Update presentation, by Tina Shrader; and Preparing for RDA Testing at the University of Chicago, by Renette Davis

Ala.org website
http://bit.ly/bd17nP

or:

ALA Connect
http://connect.ala.org/node/107772

[Source: Autocat, 14 July 2010]

New LCSH Terminology Suggester

The Library of Congress Authorities & Vocabularies service http://id.loc.gov/ now includes a "Terminology suggestion" tab on each term in LCSH. “You can click on the tab and suggest modification(s) of an existing term or request the addition of a new term”.

[Source: Autocat, 15 July 2010]

Cataloguing Humour

Murder Past Due (Cat in the Stacks Mystery) by Miranda James has recently been published and has already received some positive reviews on Amazon. The main character is a cataloguer, accompanied by a cat called Diesel.

http://www.amazon.com/Murder-Past-Due-Stacks-Mystery/dp/042523603X

[Source: Autocat, 31 July 2010]