



# NOTSL NEWS

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## A Message from Rosanna M. O'Neil NOTSL Chair



With the publication of the online version of RDA expected in June, 2010, there's no time like the present to start thinking about what this new approach to description will mean to your library. Once RDA is available (<http://rdaonline.org/index.html>), U.S. library testing will begin and will run from July to December under the direction of the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and the National Agriculture Library (<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/>); and while we await the verdict, there are many ways that libraries can be preparing to implement this new standard.

There is limitless information on the Internet and through local workshops, including recordings and presentations from across the globe, making self-study of FRBR- and RDA-specific challenges easier than previous rule transitions. The Library of Congress is making their testing methodologies available if libraries want to test RDA themselves (<http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future/rda/testing.html>), and as is always the case in this supportive profession we have the pleasure to be a part of, we will be sharing our training materials once the standard is in place. In light of this, NOTSL/TEDSIG decided to take a different tack this spring and provide libraries with a workshop which focuses on thinking strategically about how best to adopt a new set of cataloging rules. For this great day of networking and learning, we invited two well-known speakers and library and information science professors to share their ideas for implementing both FRBR and RDA in our libraries. For this great day of networking and learning, we invited two well-known speakers and library and information science professors to share their ideas for implementing both FRBR and RDA in our libraries.



Technical, Electronic, and Digital Services Interest Group

## *Getting Ready for RDA: Preparing for the Transition*

NOTSL/ALAO-TEDSIG  
Joint Spring Meeting

May 14, 2010

Registration and Light Refreshments: 9:00  
Program: 9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Shisler Convention Center  
The Ohio State University, Wooster Campus  
1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster OH 44691

Register by May 1, 2010

[Directions](#)

Registration form at: [NOTSL website](#)



## Presenters for the Joint Spring Meeting

### Dr. Athena Salaba

Dr. Athena Salaba is an Assistant Professor at the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University. She received her M.L.S. from Kent State University and her Ph.D. from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research interests include organization of information, knowledge organization systems, and information-seeking behavior. She teaches courses in Organization of Information, Cataloging & Classification, Metadata, and Digital Libraries. Dr. Salaba has a number of publications and presentations on FRISAD, FRBR, subject access to information, and knowledge organization systems (controlled vocabularies).

She recently co-authored with Dr. Yin Zhang, "Implementing FRBR in Libraries: Key Issues and Future Directions" (Neal-Schuman, 2009) as a result of a three-year IMLS Research Grant for FRBR Research and Development, with additional funding from Kent State. She is serving as the Co-chair and Secretary of the IFLA Working Group on the Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Records (FRSAR). She will be participating in the upcoming RDA testing as an LIS educator.

### Rich Block

Rick Block is Head, Special Collections Metadata and Cataloging at Columbia University. He is also an adjunct faculty member at the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at Long Island University and visiting associate professor at the Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science. Rick won the 2008 Library Journal Teaching Award. He also won the first annual Adjunct Faculty Recognition Award at Long Island University in 2007.

Rick edits a column for *The Serials Librarian* titled "Voices of the Future". This column publishes papers submitted as part of library school courses that professors recommend for publication. Rick is a past chair of the ALA/ALCTS Commercial Technical Services Committee and the Cataloging and Classification Section Committee on Education, Training and Recruitment for Cataloging. Rick has recently spoken on New Horizons for the Middle Manager, RDA, and Recruiting for the Next Generation of Librarians.



## NOTSL Scholarship Winners for 2010

### Beth J. Thompson

Kent SLIS student: focusing on cataloging and audiovisual archiving  
NOTSL/Jane Myers Memorial Cataloging Scholarship: \$500.00  
Educational activity: Offset tuition costs in the KSU-MLIS program

### Sarah Nolan

Kent SLIS student: focusing on academic libraries, cataloging, and technical services  
NOTSL/Jane Myers Memorial Cataloging Scholarship: \$500.00  
Educational activity: Offset tuition costs in the KSU-MLIS program

### Joy L. Glasser

Kent SLIS student: interested in conservation of library materials  
NOTSL Scholarship: \$250.00  
Educational activity: Attend an 8 week workshop on basic book binding skills

### Kathleen F. Lamantia

Technical Services Librarian, Stark County District Library  
NOTSL Scholarship: \$250.00  
Educational activity: Innovative User Group (IUG) 2010 conference in Chicago