Getting Practical with RDA Authorities and Implementation

Northern Ohio Technical Services
Librarians (NOTSL)
Spring 2013 Meeting

April 5, 2013

Overview

• RDA and Authorities – That’s why you are here
  • Practical!
• RDA Implementation: March 31, 2013
  – PCC Day One for RDA Authority Records
  • Lessons learned
  • Realities faced
• RDA Implementation: April 1, 2013

Assumptions

• You are “familiar” with authority records – both RDA and AACR2
• You might not be a PCC NACO member (but I wish you were)
• You use authority records in your day-to-day work
• You like exercises (and you hate being told what to do)
RDA and Authorities

- Purpose of authority data – FRAD
- Identify entities
- The perfect world of newness
- Identification, identification, identification
- Text string = bad
- Attributes + Linked data = good

Name of Persons

- Preferred name (RDA 9.2.2) [CORE]
- Birth and/or Death Date associated with the person (RDA 9.3.2, RDA 9.3.3) [CORE]
- Title of the person (RDA 9.4) [CORE]
- Other designation associated with the person (RDA 9.6) [CORE]
- Fuller form of name for the person (RDA 9.5) [CORE if…]

Name of Persons

- Period of activity of the person (RDA 9.3.4) [CORE if…]
- Profession or Occupation (RDA 9.16) [CORE if…]
- Gender (RDA 9.7)
- Place of birth (RDA 9.8)
- Place of death (RDA 9.9)
- Country associated with the person (RDA 9.10)
Name of Persons

- Place of residence ([RDA 9.11]
- Address ([RDA 9.12]
- Affiliation ([RDA 9.13]
- Language ([RDA 9.14]
- Field of activity ([RDA 9.15]
- Biographical information ([RDA 9.17]

Name of Families

- Name of the family ([RDA 10.2] [CORE]
- Type of family ([RDA 10.3] [CORE]
- Date associated with the family ([RDA 10.4] [CORE]

Name of Families

- Place associated with the family ([RDA 10.5] [CORE if...]
- Prominent member of the family ([RDA 10.6] [CORE if...]
- Hereditary title ([RDA 10.7]
- Family history ([RDA 10.8]
Name of Corporate Bodies

- Preferred name ([RDA 11.2.2] [CORE])
- Location of conference, etc. ([RDA 11.3.2] [CORE])
- Number of a conference, etc. ([RDA 11.6] [CORE])
- Other designation ([RDA 11.7] [CORE if...])
- Associated institution ([RDA 11.5] [CORE if...])

Name of Corporate Bodies

- Date associated with the body ([RDA 11.4] [CORE if...])
- Language ([RDA 11.8])
- Address ([RDA 11.9])
- Field of activity ([RDA 11.10])
- Corporate history ([RDA 11.11])

Name of a Place

- Name of the place ([RDA 16.2] [CORE])
- Identifier for the place ([RDA 16.3] [CORE])

But remember that Place Names as Jurisdictions follow RDA Chapter 11 Corporate Body instructions!
Authorities Perfect World 1: NOTSL

About NOTSL
NOTSL Board - Officers and Committees Members
Membership - Joining NOTSL
History of NOTSL
Chart of Board Members 2000-present

Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians (NOTSL) provides opportunities for technical services librarians to share information, ideas and experiences in technical services.

NOTSL sponsors programs in response to the concerns of our local Technical Services community, publishes our own newsletter NOTSL News semi-annually, and sponsors continuing education scholarships for technical services personnel.

Authorities Perfect World 1: NOTSL

History of NOTSL
Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians began meeting in 1977. The first meeting was held at the University of Akron, where several members represented the University of Akron, Cleveland State University, Amon Carter Library, Cleveland Public Library, and other institutions.

For example, there was a program in the 1980s on using the automation system to aggregate book sales. (Remember books and

Although the Northern Ohio Librarians didn’t recognize the importance of the automation system for the NOTSL Thursday afternoon meeting.

On May 2, 1990, at the NOTSL meeting of the Northern Ohio Librarians, the name of the organization was changed to Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians.

Authorities Perfect World 2: NOTSL Spring Meeting

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NOTSL Spring 2013 Cleveland
Friday, April 5, 2013
The deadline for registration was Friday, March 29, 2013.
Cleveland State University, Student Center

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RDA Implementation: March 31, 2013 – PCC Day One for RDA Authority Records

- Idealism
- Turning point
- Perfection

Lessons Learned

- Practicality
- Flexibility

Realities Faced

- Practicality
- Flexibility
RDA Implementation:
April 1, 2013

- Practicality
- Flexibility

It is Not a Perfect (NACO) World

- We tend to concentrate on creating NEW authority records
- But you will not always be creating new authority records
- And you will not always find the perfect existing authority record

Not-So-Perfect World

- The repercussions of PCC Day One for RDA Authority Records
  - AACR2 records
  - Earlier rules records
  - RDA “acceptable” AACR2 headings
  - RDA authorized access points based on earlier RDA instructions or PCC guidelines
- Bad training
Why Update an Existing Authority Record?

- To **enhance** it by adding new attributes or new variant access points that assist the catalog user
- To change an existing variant access point to avoid a conflict
- To change an existing **authorized** access point to avoid a conflict
- To change an authorized access point to close an open birth date, or to add a birth date to an authorized access point containing only a death date

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Why Update an Existing Authority Record?

- To **consolidate** information when a duplicate record needs to be deleted
- To evaluate and re-code an existing AACR2, AACR2-compatible, or earlier rules authority record that is not RDA-acceptable
- To evaluate and re-code an existing RDA-acceptable authority record to RDA
- To correct an RDA authorized access point “error of fact”

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To Enhance by...

- Changing or updating attributes, for example:
  - Dates (046 field)
  - Locations (370 field)
  - Address (371 field)
  - Field of Activity (372 field)
  - Profession/Occupation (374 field)
  - etc.
Changing or Updating Attributes

Adding Variant Access Point(s)

Adding Variant Access Point(s)
Showing New Relationship(s) Between Entities in 5XX fields

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To Change an Existing Variant Access Point to Avoid a NACO Conflict

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To Change an Authorized Access Point to Close an Open Birth Date

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To Consolidate Information in an Existing NAR when a Duplicate NAR Will be Reported for Deletion
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To Evaluate and Re-code an Existing AACR2, AACR2-Compatible, or Earlier Rules NAR to RDA when the 1XX is not RDA-Acceptable

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To Correct an RDA Authorized Access Point “Error of Fact”

What About Linking References?

Make a see reference for the old valid form of 1XX, with $w$ nnea, unless the reference itself is a valid RDA variant access point, in which case use $w$ nne. In case of doubt, use $w$ nnea.
Closing: Authorities
- Scope of RDA
- PCC RDA policies
- PCC “best” practices

Closing: Implementation
- AACR2 authority records – the uninvited guests?
- Changing work force and focus
- Impact of BIB Framework

Thank You!
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