

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Ebe Kartus, ACOC Representative
Subject: Colour Content in RDA

ACOC thanks CILIP for this proposal to clarify the RDA instructions on Colour Content and Details of Colour Content.

We strongly support the intention behind this proposal, but note some areas where further clarification or amendment is required.

1. We note that in revising 7.17.1.3 CILIP have changed the instruction to allow recording colour content of the resource itself as well as colour content of the content of the resource. However, the statement added in 7.17.1.3 that "Colour content does not include matter outside the actual content of the resource" introduces a contradiction. We believe that a clear distinction between a resource and its content cannot be maintained and that it would be better not to include the proposed third paragraph in 7.17.1.1, and to amend the first and second paragraphs accordingly. The Glossary definition of Colour Content would also need to be revised.
2. We also note that the reference to 3.18.3 under 7.17.1.1 in the current RDA text appears to be mistaken as 3.18.3 relates to broadcast standard and does not refer to colour. We propose to correct this through a Fast Track proposal.
3. We consider that the proposed glossary definitions of monochrome and polychrome need some further refinement. We suggest:

Monochrome

Colour content consisting of either white plus black or one other colour, or black plus white or one other colour.

Polychrome

Colour content consisting of two or more colours, excluding black and white, or black and white and one or more other colours.

The examples may need to be reviewed in light of any change to the glossary definitions.