

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Canadian Committee on Cataloguing
Subject: **Accessible formats used by visually impaired people**

CCC has reviewed the proposed changes to RDA chapter 3 regarding accessible formats used by visually impaired people and supports the intent of the revisions. Following are our specific comments:

General comments:

Capitalization of the term Braille or braille should be consistent in the instructions. Not all instances have been pointed out in our comments.

Specific comments:

3.6.1.3: To reduce unnecessary repetition, we suggest that the parenthetical expressions with the examples be deleted and have them stand just as examples. We note that this happens throughout the instructions at 3.6. Following is a suggested rewording of 3.6.1.3:

If the resource is in a format specially designed for persons with visual impairments, give an indication of the format.

large print
braille
tactile

For resources in large print or giant print, include the font size and the text and background colours where these are not standard black text on white background.

large print, 18 point
large print, 20 point, blue text on yellow background
giant print, 36 point

[*etc.*]

3.6.2.7: We do not support the specificity of the reference to MARC 21 as this is not in keeping with the rest of RDA. A consideration could be to include the terms provided in the MARC 21 Bibliographic Format field 007, position 06-08, for tactile materials.

3.6.3.3: See comment at 3.6.1.3.

3.6.3.4: See comment at 3.6.1.3.

3.6.13.4: “3D media” should read: three-dimensional media (cf. 3.5.5).