

TO: Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Bible Uniform Titles

BL Comments

The British Library accepts the proposed revisions. We recommend that the revisions be accepted or rejected as a package. Acceptance of the revisions implies retrospective alignment of authority data and headings in bibliographic records. The national libraries should agree an implementation plan. Ideally the implementation plan will be part of the announcement on the outcome of LC8, but if schedules don't allow this, the commitment to deliver an implementation plan should be stated publicly.

1. The Old and New Testaments will be referred to by their spelled out forms, not the existing AACR2 abbreviations "O.T." and "N.T."
2. Access points for individual books of the Bible will use the name of the book immediately following "Bible" rather than interposing the name of the appropriate Testament.
3. Access points in the form "Bible. Old Testament", "Bible. New Testament", and "Bible. Apocrypha" will be used to identify those parts of the Bible as aggregate works.