**To:**      Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

**From:**    Dave Reser, LC Representative

**Subject:** Colour Content (RDA 7.17)


LC thanks ALA for compiling the "colour" instructions into a single set.  We agree with this approach, and have a slight preference for Option 1 (we think it may be easier for catalogers to locate the specific instruction needed if they each have separate captions, but we do not feel strongly).


**Specific comments (Option 1)**


**7.17.1.2:** We would prefer not to introduce the new phrase "If desired …", but to use an existing phrase such as "If considered important for identification or selection, …"


**7.17.1.3:**  We are not sure we understand the distinction intended by the a) and b) paragraphs, particularly the phrase "resource itself" (does this conflict with the scope sentence "Colour content does not include matter outside the actual content of the resource (e.g., the border of a map))?"  Would it suffice to instruct the cataloger to apply 7.17.1.3.1-7.17.1.3.5, as applicable?  Also, the format for an "or" situation in a terms list does not include brackets (see 6.15.1.6)  The phrase "colour *or* [color]" should be listed as

colour *or* color


**7.17.1.3.2:**  We understand the reluctance to treat sepia as merely a type of toning (e.g., black and white (toned)), but wonder if this use of sepia might be labeled as an exception to the instruction?


**7.17.1.3.5:** An editorial question--should this instruction follow the if-and-then pattern?


**Glossary:** For the term "sepia," if we follow the logic that sepia is a type of toning, should the glossary definition use the word "toning?"