

**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
**From:** Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative  
**Subject:** Revision of RDA 2.12.9.2 and 2.12.17.2: Source of numbering within series and subseries

## Abstract

Modify RDA 2.12.9.2 and 2.12.17.2 to permit taking numbering within series and subseries from any source.

## Justification

According to RDA 2.2.4, *Other Sources of Information*, catalogers may take information about numbering within series and numbering within subseries from any available source, not just from the resource itself. However, the specific instructions at 2.12.9.2 (Numbering within Series, Sources of Information) and 2.12.17.2 (Numbering within Subseries, Sources of Information) state that the numbering must come from a source within the resource. AACR2 allowed catalogers to supply information from outside the resource for both series and subseries numbering (see 1.6A2).

To resolve this conflict, ALA proposes revising RDA 2.12.9.2 and 2.12.17.2 to permit taking numbering within series and subseries from any source. The proposed order of preference of sources follows the model in 2.12.2.2 (Title Proper of Series, Sources of Information).

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### 2.12.9 Numbering within Series

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#### 2.12.9.2 Sources of Information

Take the numbering within a series from ~~any source within the resource.~~ the following sources (in order of preference):

- a) the series title page
- b) another source within the resource itself (see 2.2.2)
- c) one of the other sources of information specified at 2.2.4.

## 2.12.17 Numbering within Subseries

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