

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 2.12.8 and 2.12.16, regarding recording ISSNs

Background and Rationale

The following revision was proposed to ALA by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Standing Committee on Standards. It arose out of the work undertaken by the PCC Task Group on RDA and the BIBCO Standard Record (BSR) for Textual Monographs.

When the task group reviewed the ISSN instructions in RDA (ISSN of Series, RDA 2.12.8 and ISSN of Subseries, RDA 2.12.16), they were concerned that these instructions provide only for recording ISSNs that appear on the resource itself and not from external sources. It should be noted that the sources of information for the ISSN itself (RDA 2.15.1.2, Identifier for the Manifestation) are “any source.” The proposed changes below address that situation.

1. RDA 2.12.8

Proposed revisions:

2.12.8.2 Sources of Information

Take the ISSN of a series from any source ~~within the resource~~.

2.12.8.3 Recording the ISSN of a series

If Record the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a series as it appears on the source ~~within the resource~~, record it as it appears.

[example and optional omission omitted; no change]

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2.12.8.2 Sources of Information

Take the ISSN of a series from any source.

2.12.8.3 Recording the ISSN of a series

Record the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a series as it appears on the source.

[example and optional omission omitted; no change]

2. RDA 2.12.16

Proposed revisions:

2.12.16.2 Sources of Information

Take the ISSN of a subseries from any source ~~within the resource~~.

2.12.16.3 Recording the ISSN of a Subseries

If Record the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a subseries as it appears on the source ~~in the resource~~, record it as it appears.

[examples and optional omission omitted; no change]

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2.12.16.2 Sources of Information

Take the ISSN of a subseries from any source.

2.12.16.3 Recording the ISSN of a Subseries

Record the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) of a subseries as it appears on the source.

[examples and optional omission omitted; no change]