

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative to the JSC
Subject: Missing instruction in RDA 6.30.1.4

Adam Schiff, former chair of one of the RDA Examples Groups, has identified a discrepancy between the instructions for formulating authorized access points for liturgical works (6.30.1.5–6.30.1.7) and the instructions for theological creeds, confessions of faith, etc. (6.30.1.4).

In the general instructions on liturgical works, there is an instruction on making additions to the access point:

6.30.1.5.5 Additions to the Access Point

Make additions to the access point, if considered to be important for identification, applying the instructions given under 6.27.1.9, as applicable.

The same instruction for making additions to the access point appears in the instructions for Liturgical Works of the Orthodox Eastern Church (6.30.1.6) and for Jewish Liturgical Works (6.30.1.7).

This instruction for making additions to the access point is needed in the instruction for formulating authorized access points for theological creeds, confessions of faith, etc. (6.30.1.4), because an addition may be needed to break a conflict with other works having the same title. An example of such an addition is in the LC/NACO Authority File: Ani ma'amin (Jewish creed).

PROPOSAL

Add a paragraph to 6.30.1.4 for making additions to the access point that uses the same wording found in 6.30.1.5.5, 6.30.1.6, and 6.30.1.7.

CURRENT TEXT

6.30.1.4 General Instructions on Theological Creeds, Confessions of Faith, Etc.

For a theological creed, confession of faith, etc., construct the authorized access point representing the work using the preferred title for the work, formulated according to the instructions given under 6.23.2.

[Examples omitted]

PROPOSED REVISION (addition highlighted)

6.30.1.4 General Instructions on Theological Creeds, Confessions of Faith, Etc.

For a theological creed, confession of faith, etc., construct the authorized access point representing the work using the preferred title for the work, formulated according to the instructions given under 6.23.2.

[Examples omitted]

Make additions to the access point, if considered to be important for identification, applying the instructions given under 6.27.1.9, as applicable.

Ani ma'amin (Jewish creed)

Authorized access point representing the work for: Kuntres Ani ma'amin : amirat Ani ma'amin 'im ma'amarim qedoshim le-ħizuk ha-emunah ve-hashgahah para'it