

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Dave Reser, LC Representative
Subject: Note on manifestation and Item

Thanks to the (former!) ALA Rep for addressing this question.

Changes to the RDA Element Analysis tables and the Registry

Proposal 1A: agree

Proposal 1B: agree

Question asked: Is this duplication justified? Should these be consolidated?

We think that it would be possible to have Note on manifestation and Note on item in Chapter 2, but it would not be necessary to have the same structure in Chapter 3. The proposed 3.23 Note on item in Chapter 3 is probably already covered at 3.21 (Item-Specific Carrier Characteristics), and there is not a need to have another “Note on item” in that chapter. We also think that the proposed 3.22 “Note on manifestation” in Chapter 3 could be renamed “Note on carrier” and eliminate any possible confusion/duplication with the Note on manifestation in Chapter 2.

Changes to the Outline of RDA

Of the two options, we prefer Option 2, the least disruptive option.

Changes to the Text of RDA

2.20.1.3: note that “or Item” should be strikeout text

3.22: as noted above, we think this could be re-captioned as “Note on carrier”

3.22.1.1: we appreciate the reference back to 2.20, but would prefer wording that was more explicit:

For notes on identifying manifestation attributes not describing carriers, see 2.20.

3.23: as noted above, we think this note is essentially already covered by 3.21.

3.23.1.1: we appreciate the reference back to 2.21, but would prefer wording that was more explicit:

For notes on identifying item attributes not describing carriers, see 2.21.

(Note also that 18.6, Note on Person, Family, or Corporate Body Associated with a Resource, has references back to several 2.20 notes—these would need to be addressed if those notes are renumbered in Chapter 2.)