

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the JSC
Subject: Revision of RDA 9.6

ALA thanks the British Library for this proposal, which we support.

However, we have a slight rewording to suggest: add “real” before “non-human entity” to reflect the name of that element at 9.6.1.8. The result would be:

9.6 Other Designation Associated with the Person

CORE ELEMENT

Other designation associated with the person is a core element for a Christian saint, a spirit, a person named in a religious work, a fictitious or legendary person, or a real non-human entity. For other persons, other designation associated with the person is a core element when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name.

Thus we do not support ACOC’s rewording suggestion in their response to this proposal, since we believe that a fictitious non-human entity is covered by “fictitious or legendary person.” If greater clarity is needed in RDA on this point, ALA believes a separate revision proposal would be in order.