

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 9.6

Summary of Changes Proposed

9.6 Extend core to include additional types introduced by 6JSC/BL/4

Background

An inconsistency between 9.6 Other Designation Associated with the Person and the equivalent instructions for constructing the authorized access point, 9.19.1.7 was reported to JSC by CCC. The British Library agreed to propose a change.

The additional categories for 9.6 Other Designation Associated with the Person have introduced an inconsistency between those designations considered "core" or "core if".

At 9.6 Saint and Spirit designations are core, but the other designations are only core *"when needed to distinguish a person from another person with the same name"*

On the other hand, at 9.19.1.2 (Additions to access points representing persons) the designations for persons named in sacred scripture, fictitious characters and terms indicating type/species/breed of non-human entities are required additions *"even if they are not needed to distinguish access points representing different persons with the same name"*

The implication of the inconsistency is illustrated by the following example,

"Socks (Cat), 1989-2009"
"Cat" is required in the authorized access point

Socks
1989-2009"
"Cat" is not required as a data element

Changes to RDA

Change 1

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