

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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SUBJECT: Discussion paper: Mixture of work level and manifestation level in RDA 2.3.2.6 (Collective Title and Titles of Individual Contents), Optional Additions

The British Library thanks DNB for bringing this issue to JSC's attention. .

Questions

- a) Does the JSC agree with our analysis of the conceptual problems connected with the optional additions in RDA 2.3.2.6, as explained in chapter 3 of this discussion paper?

The British Library agrees that there is a non-sequitur at 2.3.2.6, as there are no instructions to record titles at RDA Chapter 25. We also agree that Chapter 25 is not the appropriate place for instructions about how to record the titles proper of contained resources. The scope of chapters 24-28 is related resources, but the titles proper of contain resources are attributes of the resource being described. Therefore, the instructions should be in Chapter 2 or possibly Chapter 17.

- b) If so, how does the JSC assess the two possible strategies outlined in chapter 4 of this discussion paper? Could one of them lead to a solution to the conceptual problems or should an altogether different strategy be pursued?

We do not believe that either option solves the problem.

Option 1

"One possibility would be to leave out the word "titles" in the optional additions altogether, e.g. like this: "Record the works contained as related works (see 25.1)" (in 2.3.2.6.1) and "Record the larger work as a related work (see 25.1)" (in 2.3.2.6.2).

Option 1 offers only a partial solution.

Option 2

Another possibility would be to rephrase the optional additions, e.g. like this: "Record the titles of the individual contents as titles proper of manifestations of related works" (in 2.3.2.6.1) and "Record the collective title for the larger work as the title proper of a manifestation of a related work" (in 2.3.2.6.2).

As DNB itself points out, this does not address the underlying issue.

The solution proposed by ALA in its response addresses the absence of instructions to record titles, but does not address the deeper problem.

Our suggestion is to amend the optional addition at 2.3.2.6.1 to point to 24.4, as proposed by ALA, as this will provide the missing instructions for recording information.

We also suggest, adding another optional addition:

Record the titles proper of the individual contents as variant titles, See 2.3.6.1.

This may require addition of a new paragraph to 2.3.6.1

Type h) titles proper of individual contents of resources identified by collective title