

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Revision of RDA 1.6.2.2 and RDA 3.1.6.1 regarding change in media type of
serials

ALA thanks the ISSN Network for their proposal. ALA supports the proposal.

ALA also agrees with the Library of Congress that the opposite situation should be covered, and agrees with their revisions to the proposal.

Our only concern is that such changes in media type should be persistent. It should not be applied in cases where a subsequent issue or part is issued online, but only for some issues or parts, or when there is a pattern of tangible and online issues or parts. We have no particular language to propose; this seems to be a question of the operational definition of “change” – which is something each agency is going to have to determine.