

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Kathy Glennan, ALA Representative to the JSC
Subject: Recording dates in more than one calendar
(RDA 2.6.7.1, 2.6.9.1, 2.7.6.3, 2.8.6.3, 2.9.6.3, 2.10.6.3)

ALA thanks LC for identifying a lingering primacy of Anglo-American cataloging practice in RDA, and for modeling a solution based on the instructions in ISBD. We support all 8 changes in the proposal and offer the following additional comments and suggestions.

1. We support using both the core element statement and the optional omission construction, mentioned in the 2nd paragraph of the LC proposal.
2. While ALA is in support of recording multiple dates of production [etc.], we believe that in these cases, there is still just one date of production [etc.] – that date is simply represented in more than one calendar. Thus we recommend making the following changes to LC's proposed additional text in 2.7.6.3, 2.8.6.3, 2.9.6.3, 2.10.6.3 (Changes 1-4), which mirrors the wording in the proposed additions to the core element statements:

If the date as it appears ~~dates appearing~~ on the resource is ~~are~~ represented in different calendars, record the dates in the order indicated by the sequence, layout, or typography of the dates on the source of information.

Optional Omission

If the dates appearing on the resource ~~are~~ is represented in different calendars, record only the date in the calendar preferred by the agency preparing the description.

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