

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: John Attig, ALA Representative
Subject: Changes in content characteristics

ALA thanks the Library of Congress for its identification of a gap in the instructions in Chapter 7.

ALA prefers Revision #2. This is the sort of information that catalogers are accustomed to place, and users to find, in notes.

ALA notes, for discussion and further consultation, that this proposal adds an additional element to the RDA Element Set and that Chapter 2 already contains the element “Note” as an attribute of the manifestation; it is not clear how the element “Note” in Chapter 7 as an attribute of the expression would fit into the element set.

ALA proposes a minor addition to 7.29.2.1. The first gives the full name of the sub-element; the second parallels the language used throughout 2.20.

7.29.2.1 Scope

A note on changes in content characteristics is a note providing information on changes in content characteristics that occur in subsequent issues or parts of a resource issued in successive parts or between iterations of an integrating resource.