

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Selections" as used in RDA Chapter 6. BL Response

I am grateful to Barbara for preparing this paper and for the review of how *Selections* is used in RDA.

Recommendation 1.

Revise RDA to treat a preferred title for a part as a work attribute, both for the recording of elements and the construction of authorized access points. The result would be consistent treatment of parts of a work, whether they are a single part, sequential parts, or non-sequential parts, thus eliminating any confusion between work attributes and expression attributes.

I agree with the proposal to treat a preferred title for a part as an attribute of the work.

Recommendation 2.

Replace the use of *Selections* with *Extracts* (*Excerpts*, or some other term) to allow for a clean break with past practice. *Extracts* will be used in the proposed revised wording below, but others may be able to suggest a better term.

While I acknowledge that *Selections* covers different things, I do not believe that the proposal to replace it with an alternative blanket term is helpful. The proposed terms, *extracts* and *excerpts* have more specific meanings than selections and would be misleading. Is the motivation for specifying a distinctive term to enable identification of legacy data for retrospective clean-up?