

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Revision to RDA 3.1.4, Resources Consisting of More than One Carrier Type and RDA 3.4.1.3, Recording Extent

CCC thanks the American Library Association for this proposal. CCC does not support the changes in this proposal but we recognize the challenge of describing the AACR concept of “accompanying material” in a non-AACR environment, i.e., in the FRBR environment. We detect that the breadth of the definition of resource, as explained in the instruction on comprehensive descriptions, RDA 1.5.2, has not been consistently reflected in the instructions for specific elements. Not all of these mentions of “resource” follow logically after the decisions made at 1.5.2 and 1.5.3.

In the April 2007 minutes of JSC, point 141.5.1, the JSC decided that accompanying material “could be viewed either as part of the resource (if the description is viewed as a comprehensive description of the resource as a whole, and the accompanying material is treated as a component of the resource) or as a related resource (if the description is viewed as an analytic description of the principal component(s) of the resource, and the accompanying material is treated as a related resource).”

The proposal is based upon the assumption that 3.1.4 is intended to include accompanying material. The reference in 3.1.4 leading to 27.1 already seems to cover accompanying material if one is doing an analytical description:

For instructions on recording information about the carrier of accompanying material, see [27.1 RDA](#) (related manifestation).

This excludes accompanying material from being described using 3.1.4 for analytical descriptions, so they will be described using relationships.

It may be of assistance to add text to some examples, or to add new examples at 27.1, showing that these are descriptions of accompanying material treated as separate manifestations.

When building a comprehensive description, the accompanying material is considered to be part of the resource itself, as per 2.2.2.1, third paragraph. RDA refers to the “resource itself” as something distinct from “accompanying material or container.” The mode of issuance is recorded for the resource itself, in this case it will be a multipart monograph. A single unit resource with accompanying material is still a single unit, i.e., the accompanying material is considered to be part of the unit.

It may also be useful to consider whether the occurrences of “resource itself (or on any accompanying material or container)” with or without the parentheses, should be revised because accompanying material is already part of the resource itself when doing comprehensive descriptions. When doing analytical descriptions, the accompanying material is a separate work. The textual construct “resource itself (or on any accompanying material or container)” that occurred in Colour Content was cleaned up in 2009. Addressing those discrepancies will improve the situation this paper is trying to address. One also hopes that the work of the Aggregates Working Group will enlighten the treatment of components of a resource.