Treatment(s) of Songbooks in RDA
Using the Tools of the Toolkit

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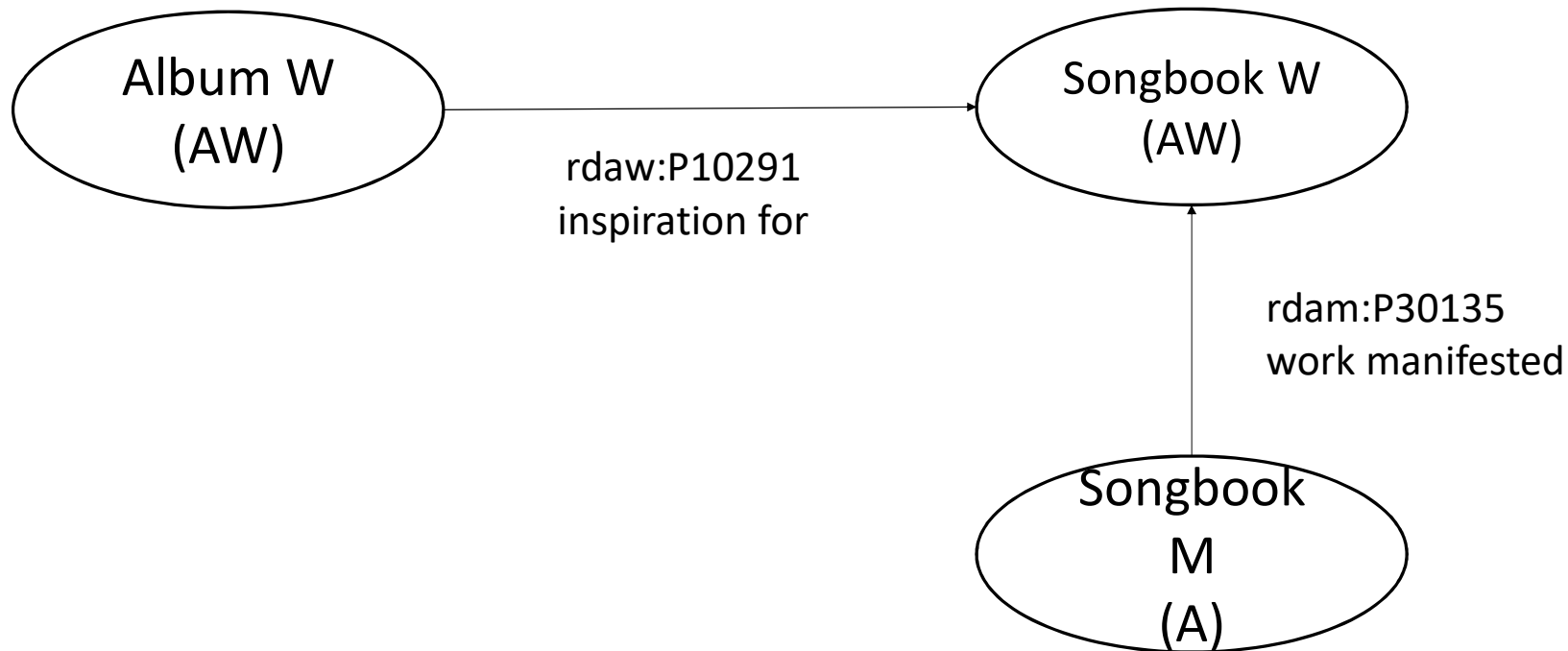
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Popular Songbooks

Typically a collection of notated songs that have been collected around a common theme or idea.

- Songs that mirror an album release

- Songs that are the 'greatest hits' of a particular artist

- Songs that are related to a particular subject

All songbook publications are aggregates.

Inspired by an Album

Album W
(AW)

rdaw:P10291
inspiration for

Songbook W
(AW)

rdam:P30135
work manifested

Songbook
M
(A)

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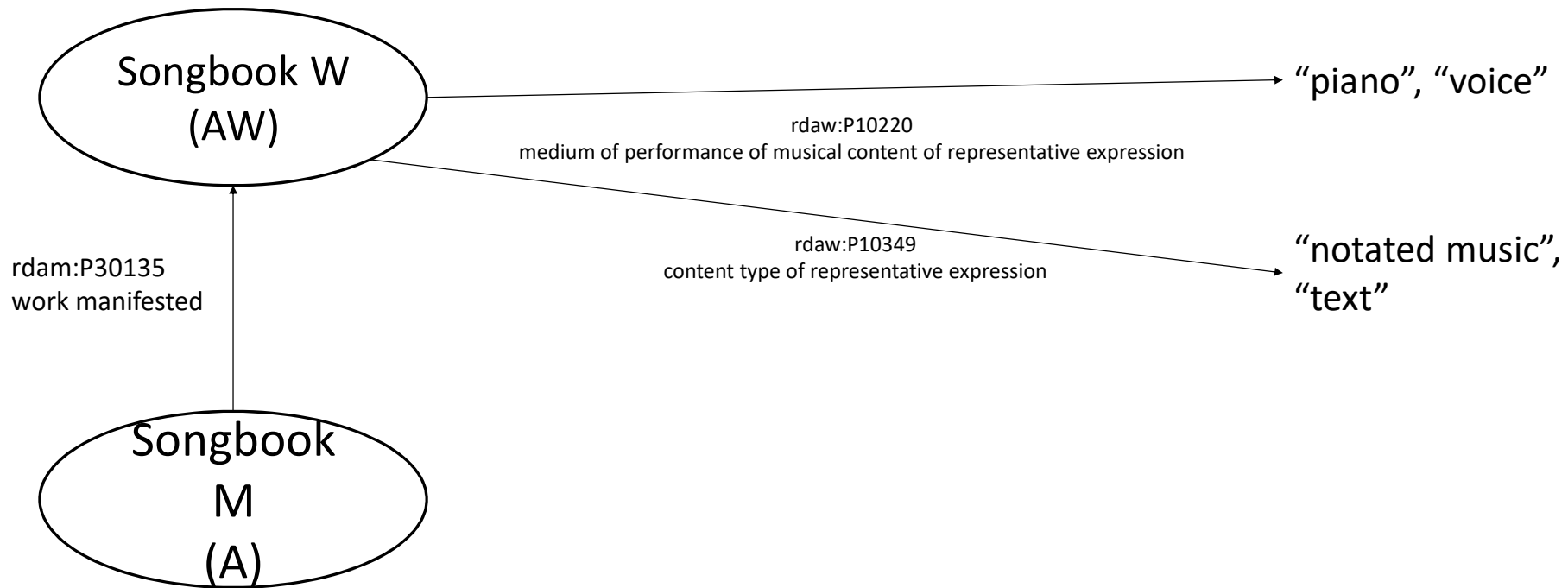
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Representative Expression Elements

Elements at the work level that are associated with canonical realizations of a work. The value of these elements are derived from the associated expression.

For an *aggregating work*, the values of the representative expression elements are derived from the *aggregated expressions*: the content that is embodied by an *aggregate*.

Useful as a way to record attributes associate with the content without having to identify the individual works and expressions.

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RE Values for a Songbook

Songbook W
(AW)

Songbook
M
(A)

rdam:P30135
work manifested

rdaw:P10220
medium of performance of musical content of representative expression

"piano", "voice"

rdaw:P10349
content type of representative expression

"notated music",
"text"
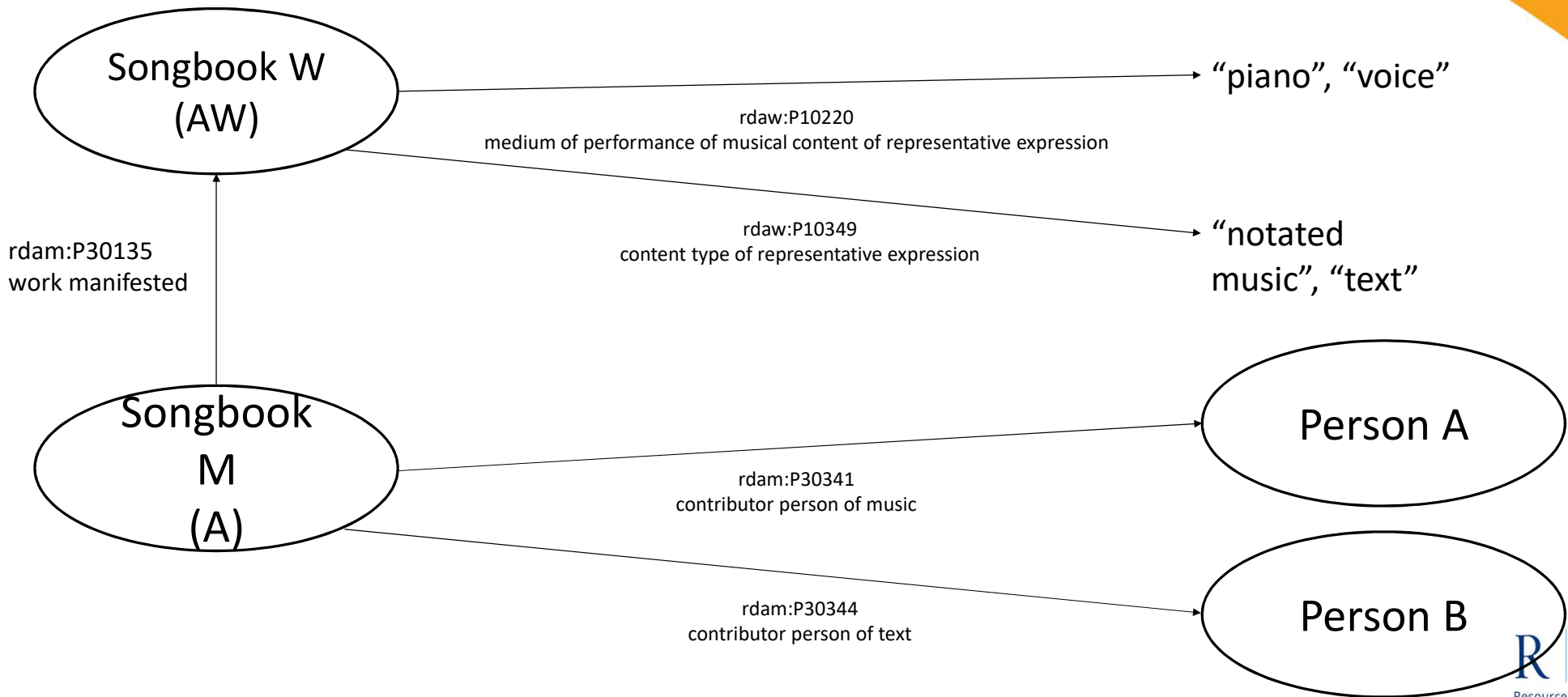
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Contributor to Aggregate Elements

Elements that relate a manifestation to the creators of the aggregated content.

Includes both creators of *works* and creators of *expressions.*

Useful as a way to record agents associated with the content without having to identify the individual works and expressions.

Contributor Values for a Songbook

Songbook W (AW) → rdaw:P10220 medium of performance of musical content of representative expression → "piano", "voice"

Songbook W (AW) → rdaw:P10349 content type of representative expression → "notated music", "text"

Songbook W (AW) ← rdam:P30135 work manifested ← Songbook M (A)

Songbook M (A) → rdam:P30341 contributor person of music → Person A

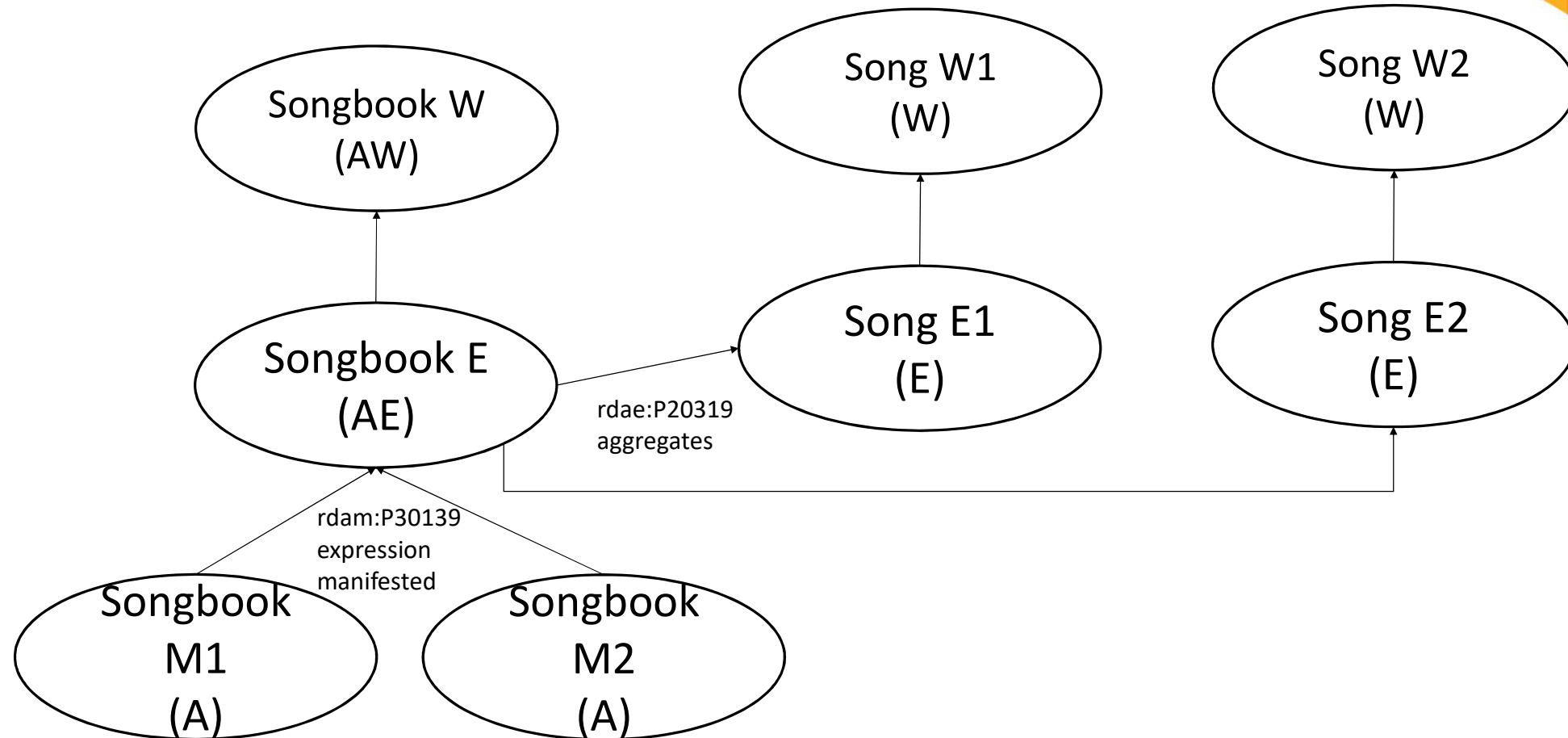Songbook M (A) → rdam:P30344 contributor person of text → Person B

Aggregates Element

Element that relates the *aggregating expression* to the expressions that are aggregated in an *aggregate* (i.e. a manifestation).

Useful when one believes that the plan for an *aggregate* may be realized in another *aggregate*.

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Aggregates Element

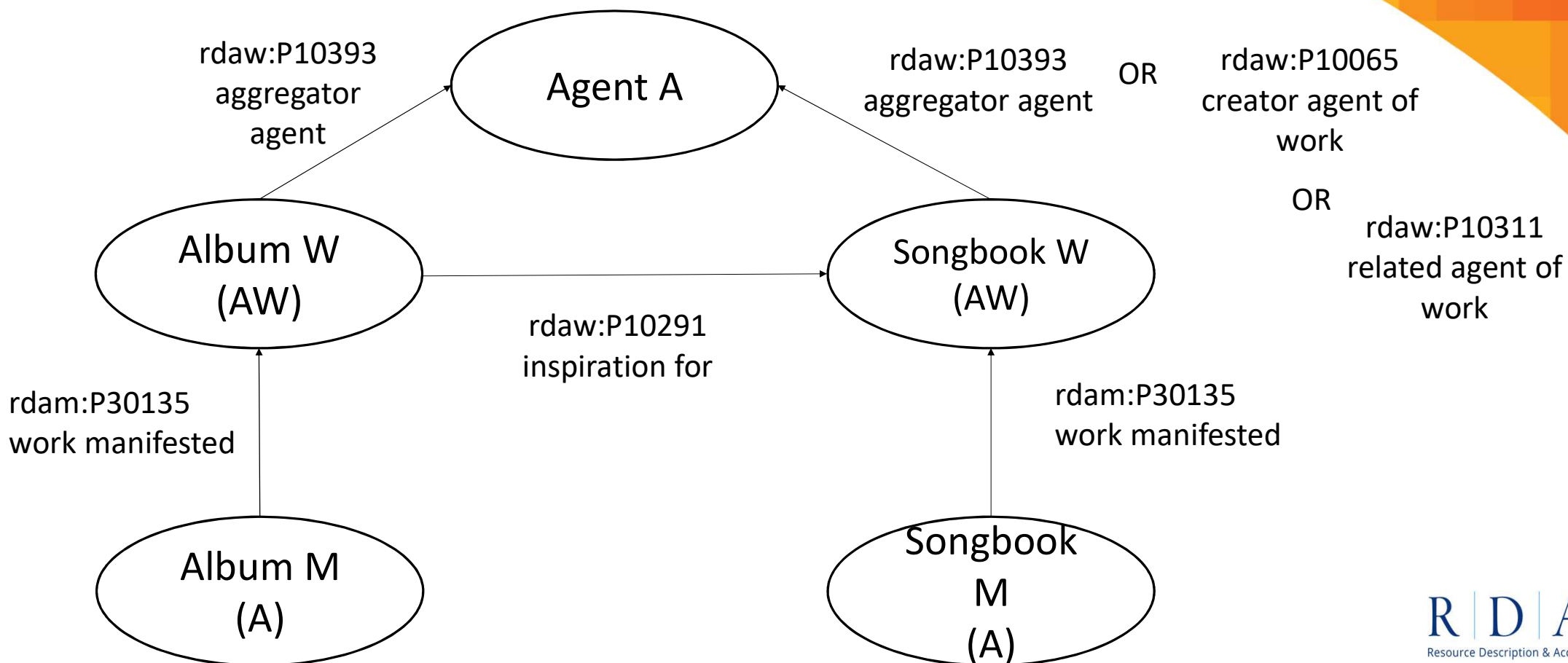Songbooks and Aggregates

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Aggregators

Elements that relate an *aggregating work* to the agents responsible for selecting and ordering the expressions that are aggregated in an *aggregate*.

Aggregators are not necessarily the same agents that were responsible for the creation of the aggregated content.

Agents who are aggregators are often not identified as being aggregators. You can approach this in whatever way feels comfortable to you.

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Aggregators, Albums, and Songbooks

rdaw:P10393
aggregator
agent

Agent A

rdaw:P10393
aggregator agent

OR

rdaw:P10065
creator agent of
work

OR

rdaw:P10311
related agent of
work

Album W
(AW)

rdaw:P10291
inspiration for

Songbook W
(AW)

rdam:P30135
work manifested

rdam:P30135
work manifested

Album M
(A)

Songbook
M
(A)

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