Getting ready for the new RDA Toolkit : updates from Library and Archives Canada

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LAC's context

- Bilingual national institution
  - Policy on bilingualism

- Bibliographic and authority records created in French, English, or both

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Recent innovations at LAC

- LAC's catalogue in OCLC's WorldShare Management Services (WMS)
- LAC is a member of NACO
- Canadiana Name Authorities in French (Canadiana in WMS)
  - PFAN authorities file

Francophone Name Authority Programme (PFAN)

- Collaboration between LAC, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) and fifteen university libraries from the Bureau de coopération interuniversitaire (BCI)
- Based on the NACO model for its gouvernance structure, programme and policies
- Officially launched on June 2020

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Cataloguing at LAC

- Bibliographic records in WMS
- 2 files for authorities
  - LC/NACO
  - Canadiana/PFAN
- 3 files for subject headings
  - Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)
  - Canadian Subject Headings (CSH) (accessible in WMS via Canadiana)
  - Répertoire de vedettes-matières (RVM) (accessible in WMS)

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Current policy statements

- Bilingual
- Library system: Amicus
- LAC-BAC/BAnQ statements
  - LAC practice: available in English and French RDA
  - BAnQ practice: available in French RDA only

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New policy statements

- Bilingual
- Specific to Canada and to LAC, while still closely aligned with LC
- Aligned with PCC
- Aligned with PFAN
- New library system: WMS
- Collaboration with BAnQ for the creation of policy statements in French in the RDA Toolkit

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Actions before the implementation of the policy statements in the new RDA Toolkit

Planning of the work and the implementation date.
Analysis of the current policy statements in relation to the new RDA Toolkit.

Communicating to the Canadian library community via CCC.

Writing and revision of the English texts of statements specific to Canada and to LAC, based on policy statements by LC and PCC (NACO).
Translation of the statements to French.

Writing of the French texts of policy statements by the PFAN.
Translation of the statements to English.

Creating the statements in the RDA Toolkit.
Collaborating with BAnQ for the French statements.

Application profiles

- Analysis of staff's needs
- Elizabeth Sander, acting manager of Bibliographic Description is a member of the Application Profiles Working Group

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Implementation

- The implementation date of the policy statements is influenced by
  - Other priorities for 2020-2021
    - PFAN
  - French translation of the RDA Toolkit
  - LC/PCC policy statements
- LAC will communicate its implementation schedule in the fall

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Questions?

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