

Report from RDA Steering Committee

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Countdown Clock

- The countdown towards the archiving of Original RDA is approaching
- 11 May 2026: the countdown begins
- 11 May 2027: Original RDA will no longer be available as an interactive resource

Implementing Official RDA

- Many communities are preparing for this change and creating a wide variety of implementations such as policy statements, manuals, partial implementations, etc.
- RDA as a framework standard makes this possible and thus allows user communities to respond to their needs.

Implementing Official RDA

- We have created a webpage collating presentations by institutions who have already implemented Official RDA - <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/implementingRDA>

Artificial Intelligence

- White Paper [Considering AI in the Growth of RDA has been published as RSC/Papers/2025/1](#) in January 2025 with the following key points
 - Enhancing, not replacing human work
 - Human oversight remains crucial
 - Training AI with RDA Standards
 - Misconception addressed
 - Information about the AI WG: [Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

RDA Review Process

- Proposals on various topics are regularly submitted to the RSC. They are discussed and approved at the RSC's quarterly (virtual) meetings.
- The discussion on each proposal takes place in the public sessions, which are an integral part of every RSC meeting.
- The approved proposals will be published on the RSC website.
- **Next Public Session:**
Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7 pm UTC

Appointments

- Christopher Holden began his term as Technical Team Liaison Officer.
- Charlotte Christensen was appointed for a second term for ORDAC.
- Jessica Grzegorski was reappointed for a second term as Examples Editor.
- Elisa Sze was reappointed for a second term as Education and Orientation Officer.

Appointments

- Anne Welsh continues as RSC Secretary.
- Getaneh Alemu will start his term as Wider Community Engagement Officer in January 2026.
- Robert Maxwell will start his one-year term as RSC chair elect in January 2026.
- Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano is the first RSC Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Working Groups

- Extent Working Group
- Religions in RDA Working Group
- Archives Working Group
- Joint Working Group on AI
- Examples Working Group
- Technical Working Group
- Translations Working Group
- Music Working Group (**new**)

Protocols

- IFLA Committee on Standards
- MARC Advisory Committee
- ISSN IC (to be updated)
- Share Family/Share-VDE Advisory Council

Governance Model

- A new companion subscription is available. Aimed at those who would like to create online manuals, its pricing is dependent on a number of factors, including population and economic environment of the user community

more information [here](#)

Companion Subscription

Benefits include

- Permission to publish an online cataloguing manual based on RDA
- Access to RDA content management system for translation, PS, and Community Resources
- Toolkit Access that aligns with the needs of the community served
- Membership in the proposed Advisory Council

Representation

- Looking for new ways to better engage with RDA Toolkit stakeholders.
- Proposal for an Advisory Council that would meet with RDA Board twice a year.
- Proposed council would align with the broader strategic and business issues that is the Board's role and expand participation in the Board.

Looking for More on RDA

- [The RDA Toolkit YouTube channel](#) includes recordings of presentations at RSC, and Regional Events.
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- Please watch the [RSC News page](#) for latest news and announcements.

Thank you for your attention and grateful for your input!

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