

# News from the RSC

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# The RSC is working really hard!



Walking around Brussels with Tintin

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# Key Tasks

- Further development
- Internationalization
- Management
- Broaden the scope

# Further development (content)

- Discussion and approval of several Discussion papers, Proposals or Fast Tracks

[Proposals | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

- Creation of examples
- Translators WG
- Policy Statements WG

# Further development (technically)

- 3 Toolkit releases in 2025, February 2026
- About 12 releases of the RDA Registry in 2025
- Planned mapping RDA BIBFRAME
- Several proposals concerning „Soft-deprecated elements“

# Internationalization

- Support of communities world-wide
- Close contact with the Region Representatives
- Translations
- Webinars
- Presentations [Presentations | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

# Management

- 4 Asynchronous meetings, with virtual parts and public sessions
- Joint virtual meeting with the RDA Board
- Recruit or re-appoint to several RSC positions
- Management of the RSC Working Groups
- Review of existing protocols and assigned liasons

# RDA Steering Committee

<http://rda-rsc.org/rsc-members>

## **Chair**

Renate Behrens (GER)

## **Chair elect**

Robert Maxwell (US)

## **Secretary**

Anne Welsh (GB)

## **Chair RDA Board**

Christine Oliver (CAN)

## **ALA Representative**

James Hennelly (US)

## **Examples Editor**

Jessica Grzegorski (US)

## **Wider Community Engagement Officer**

Getaneh Alemu (GB)

## **Education and Orientation Officer**

Elisa Sze (CAN)

## **Technical Team Liaison Officer**

Christopher Holden (US)

## **Translation Team Officer**

Szabolcs Dancs (HUN)

## **Regional Representatives**

Jack Ennis Butler  
(ORDAC/Australia)

Ahava Cohen  
(EURIG/ Israel)

Trina Soderquist  
(NARDAC/US)

Felipe Martinez  
(AlyC/Mexico)

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# RSC Working Groups

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/workinggroups>

## Standing Working Groups

**Examples** Working Group  
Chair: Jessica Grzegorski (US)

**Technical** Working Group  
Chair: Christopher Holden (US)

**Translations** Working Group  
Chair: Szabolcs Dancs (HUN)

## Advisory Working Groups

**Religions** in RDA Working Group  
2022-  
Chair: David Roth (ISR)

**Archives** Working Group  
2025-  
Chair: Martin Lüpold (CH)

Joint RDA Board and RSC Working  
Group on **Artificial Intelligence**  
2024-  
Chair: Ahava Cohen (ISR)

**Musik** Working Group  
2026-  
Chair: Chelsea Hoover (US)

## Task and finish Working Groups

**SES** Working Group  
2026-2028  
Chair: Thomas Brenndorfer (CAN)

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# Communication

- Outreach Events
- Website
- Recordings
- Publications
- ...
- [News | ALA RDA Toolkit](#)

# The Countdown Clock



- The Countdown Clock started on May 11, 2026
- It will end at 12:01 am UTC -10 (Hawaii-Aleutian time zone) on May 11, 2027.
- When the clock runs down to zero the Original Toolkit will be removed from the Web.
- Information icon next to the clock in the Original Toolkit

# What happens to Original RDA?

- The PDF versions of Original RDA will still be available in the Official Toolkit.
- You will find all language versions of the Original PDFs at Resources > Revision History > Instruction Archive

# What happens to Original RDA?

- The webpages of Original RDA Toolkit will be moved to the ALA Institutional Repository, managed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- The webpages will **not necessarily** appear in the Archive on May 12, 2027. There will likely be a delay.
- Many of the details about the archiving of the Original RDA Toolkit are yet to be worked out. When details become known, they will be shared with the public.

# What is included in the Archive?

- All RDA chapters and appendices in all language versions
- All policy statement sets
- All globally shared workflow and map documents
- Personalizations (e.g. bookmarks, locally-shared or private workflow and map documents) will **not** be archived.

# Can I save my personalizations?

- Yes, you can download your local or private documents as PDFs, or...
- You can change the sharing status of your documents to global.
- No, your list of bookmarks will not make it to the archive. The best option is to take a screenshot of your bookmark list.



Thank you for your attention and grateful  
for your input!

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