

NARDAC Fall Forum



overview

- NARDAC Update
Thomas Brenndorfer (Guelph Public Library)
- Music Library Association
Chelsea Hoover (Syracuse University)
- On-line Audiovisual Catalogers
Sarah Hovde (University of Maryland)
- RDA Toolkit Update
James Hennelly (ALA Digital Reference)



RSC and NARDAC



RDA Steering Committee (RSC)

Regional Representatives

- Jack Ennis Butler (ORDAC)
- Dr. Ahava Cohen (EURIG)
- Filiberto Felipe Martinez Arellano (ALyC)
- Trina Soderquist (NARDAC)

RSC Chair and Chair Elect

- Renate Behrens
- Robert Maxwell

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- Anne Welsh

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- Jessica Grzegorski

Technical Team Liaison Officer

- Christopher Holden

Translations Team Liaison Officer

- Szabolcs Dancs

Wider Community Engagement Officer

- Getaneh Alemu

Education and Outreach Officer

- Elisa Sze

Ex Officio Members

- Chris Oliver (RDA Board Chair)
- James Hennelly (Director, ALA Digital Reference)



RSC Working Groups

Standing Working Groups

- Examples Working Group (chair: Jessica Grzegorski)
- Technical Working Group (chair: Christopher Holden)
- Translations Working Group (chair: Szabolcs Dancs)

Advisory Working Groups

- Archives Working Group (chair: Martin Lüpold)
- Religions in RDA Working Group (chair: David Roth)
- Joint RDA Board and RSC Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (chair: Ahava Cohen)
- Music Working Group (chair: Chelsea Hoover)

Task and Finish Working Groups

- String Encoding Scheme Working Group (chair: Thomas Brenndorfer)



NARDAC represents North America

American Library Association (ALA) Representatives

- Adam Baron (University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA)
- Adam L. Schiff (University of Washington, Seattle, WA)

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) Representatives

- Thomas Brenndorfer (Guelph Public Library, Guelph, ON)
- Hong Cui (Library and Archives Canada, Gatineau, QC)

Library of Congress (LC) Representatives

- Trina Soderquist (Library of Congress, Washington, DC)
- Manon Thérourx (Library of Congress, Washington, DC)

Library Science Education Representative

- Dr. Shawne D. Miksa (University of North Texas, Denton, TX)

French Language Cataloging Representative

- Daniel Paradis (Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, ON)



Organizational Roles

NARDAC Co-Chairs

- Daniel Paradis
- Thomas Brenndorfer

NARDAC Representative to the RSC

- Trina Soderquist

NARDAC Representative Back-up

- Thomas Brenndorfer

NARDAC Coordinator of Web Content

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/northamerica>

- Adam Baron



NARDAC Activities April-October 2026



NARDAC Spring Update Forum

- Hosted by **Thomas Brenndorfer**, NARDAC co-chair
- Included updates on
 - NARDAC activities
 - RDA training and implementation at Library and Archives Canada and the Library of Congress
 - RDA training in Canada
 - PCC's RDA implementation
 - Recent proposals on extent and string encoding schemes
- Question and answer session
- Recordings are available on the **RDA Toolkit YouTube channel**
<https://www.youtube.com/@RDAToolkitVideo>



Practice Cataloging Using Official RDA

- ALA June 2026 preconference workshop jointly presented by
 - PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Monographs
 - PCC SCT RDA Training Task Group: Name Authorities
 - NARDAC
- Hands-on experience using the RDA Toolkit and LC-PCC documentation to create bibliographic and authority metadata description sets
- Training materials are available on the NARDAC Presentations page at
<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/northamerica/presentations/2026>



NARDAC Responses to Proposals

April RSC Meeting (all decided)

- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/1**—Soft-deprecated elements related to Manifestation: material removed
- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/2**—Soft-deprecated “Details of...” elements removed.
- **RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/1**—Added new elements, applicable to rare and old materials, to the RDA Toolkit and RDA Registry (compositor agent, facsimilist agent, printer agent, rubricator agent, type designer agent, typographer agent, woodcutter agent)



NARDAC Responses to Proposals

July RSC Meeting (first two decided)

- **RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/1**—Revised the preferred order of recording resources for early printed resources in Data provenance (swapped order of “caption” and “cover or jacket”)
- **RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/2**—Added “scribe agent” and “wood engraver agent” elements to the RDA Toolkit and RDA Registry. To review definition of “engraver agent” and hierarchy under “printmaker agent”.
- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/3**—Removed resource-to-resource digest, review, and critique elements (use abridgement and evaluation elements instead)
- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/4**—Removed elements specific to content and carrier types (filmed with item, on disc with item, filmed with manifestation, on disc with manifestation, scale of still image or three-dimensional form)



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November RSC Meeting

- **RSC/TranslationsTLO/2026/3**—Proposal to revise engraver agent (follow-up to wood engraver addition).
- **RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/2**—Proposal to revise guidance chapter section Introduction to RDA: Examples (about use of “string encoding schemes” – SES)
- **RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3**—Proposal to add condition options about preferring “formally presented” recording sources in Data provenance
- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5**—Proposal to soft-deprecate “Note on” elements; new simplified hierarchy of “Note on” elements, including “note on category of...” and “note on entity associated with...” elements.
- **RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/6**—Proposal to soft-deprecate parallel elements



Upcoming Activities

- **Proposal about designation of version for the Bible** will be submitted after October release
- **November RSC Meeting**
 - Public session on November 17 from 19:00-21:00 UTC
- **NARDAC Spring Update Forum**
 - Tentatively planned for April 2027
 - Contact NARDAC with suggestions for programming



Thank you!

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