

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
Cc: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Elisa Sze, Education and Orientation Officer
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/7 – Proposal for container and storage subelements of Manifestation: extent of manifestation

Recommendation 1: Retain and update the glossary entry for container from the RDA Recording Source vocabulary encoding scheme.

I approve.

Recommendation 2: Create the element Manifestation: number of containers. Associate the new VES RDA Containers with this element.

I approve the creation of this element, but ask that the instructions at [#06.90.88.58](#) not be moved to Community Resources until RSC has had a discussion about a suitable page location. This is because communities and educators that have already started training on official RDA Toolkit may already be referencing this section.

Recommendation 3: Create the element Manifestation: dimensions of container.

I approve the creation of this element, but similar to my response to Recommendation 2, I would request that prior to relocating the instructions at [#03.65.64.45](#) a suitable page location be identified by RSC.

Recommendation 4: Create the element Manifestation: extent of storage space.

I approve the creation of this element, and would recommend that the Archives Working Group be consulted for potential examples or sources of string encoding schemes.

Recommendation 5: RDA Containers Vocabulary Encoding Scheme

I approve the creation of VES: RDA Containers, as well as the terms proposed in Recommendations 5.1-5.7. I recommend consulting the Archives Working Group for potential additions to the VES.

Recommendation 5.1: case

Recommendation 5.2: portfolio

Recommendation 5.3: album

Recommendation 5.4: box

Recommendation 5.5: bradded folder

Recommendation 5.6: folder

Recommendation 5.7: sleeve