

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

**Subject: Revision and Expansion of RDA Appendix K: Relationship Designators:
Relationships Between Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies**

CCC thanks the American Library Association for this proposal. CCC does not support the changes in this proposal. We do appreciate the development of the general and specific relationship structure.

Many of the changes in this proposal will contradict those expected to be introduced from the prospective FRBR Library Reference Model. The addition of the Agent entity as a superclass of person, family, and corporate body will offer some opportunity for streamlining designators that are currently repetitive. Some of the proposed designators involve the Nomen entity, e.g., distinguished from, named for, namesake, possibly identified with, alternate identity, real identity as well as those in proposed K.3.4. There seems to be tension with the definition of a person as a real human being. Once the JSC has determined how the modelling changes from the LRM will be resolved in RDA, the distinction between real persons and nomens will be clearer.

We note that some of the proposed changes would un-do recent changes which followed the recommendations of the JSC Technical Working Group.

Regarding the development of general and specific relationships, we see there is an opportunity to further solidify the levels of these structures. This would allow agencies to declare in their institutional application profiles, which levels are employed in their descriptions.

CCC prefers that changes in Appendix K be done in accordance with the current and anticipated future entity model, rather than reinforcing a confused approach to entities resulting from the discord between definitions in FRBR and FRAD.