

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Deborah Fritz, RSC Aggregates Working Group Chair
Subject: Discussion paper: Accompanying material in RDA

The RSC Aggregates Working Group (AWG) thanks the ALA-CCC Joint Working Group for this paper. We have read with great interest the issues raised in the paper and we appreciate the amount of work that the Joint Working Group has put into producing it. We agree that the current wording of the RDA instructions does not provide sufficient guidance on how to handle the AACR2 and ISBD concept of “accompanying materials”.

We particularly appreciate the reminders about issues regarding:

- recording Carrier Type, Extent, and other carrier characteristics, when providing a comprehensive description for a manifestation embodying a whole-part or aggregation work
- applying the RDA Accompanying WEMI relationships (J.2.5, J.3.5, J.4.5, and J.5.5)

Our discussion paper (RSC/AggregatesWG/1), already includes an example of applying the AWG model for aggregates to an augmentation that is carried in the same carrier as the previously existing augmented work. We will actively seek input from the Joint Working Group in developing examples of applying the AWG model for aggregates to accompanying materials that are physically separate.