

**To:** RDA Steering Committee

**From:** Bill Leonard, CCC Representative to RSC

**Subject: Revision to RDA 3.12 Book Format and related terms**

CCC appreciates the careful construction of the proposals from the Rare Materials Working Group. CCC does not agree with all of the revisions proposed in RareWG/4.

**Change 1 – RDA 3.12 Book Format**

CCC does not agree with renaming this instruction to bibliographical format. The definition of Book Format has been revised in the weeks following the submission of this proposal. CCC prefers the current definition: Book format is the result of folding a printed sheet to form a gathering of leaves.

The proposed switch to bibliographic format may have arisen out of an assumption that the word book implies a monographic mode of issuance. In the context of 3.12, the word book applies strictly to a physical format.

CCC does agree to adding the words “if it can be readily ascertained and is considered important for identification or selection,” and with the addition of the vocabulary, to 3.12.1.3. CCC notes that 0.12 already permits cataloguers to use vocabulary encoding schemae from outside of RDA.

CCC does not agree with the proposed changes to 3.12.1.4. CCC defers to the RDA Examples Editor for the decision to add examples.

**Change 2 – RDA Glossary**

Disagree with changing “book format” to “bibliographical format” in all of the proposed glossary changes. Also, these should be revisited in light of changes made to RDA in the August 2016 release.

CCC cannot approve the proposed definition of ‘full sheet’ as proposed. Are the words ‘the entirety of’ referring to the coverage of printing, and/or to the layout?