

To: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
From: Francis Lapka, Chair, RSC Rare Materials Working Group
Subject: Revision of RDA 2.2.2.2 Sources of Information

The present revision incorporates improvements suggested in constituency responses to [RSC/RareWG/6](#).

Changes in the revision:

- Implementation of “Option 2” proposed in RareWG/6 (ALA, CCC, LC, EURIG)
- Addition of “(or an image of it)” in list item ‘e’ of the general instruction, for consistency.
- Relocation of the second “(or an image of it)” in the exception for early printed resources. (CCC)
- Removal of the final sentence proposed for the exception, “For resources printed before 1501 ...” (ALA, LC)
- Rewording of final paragraph, to more explicitly refer to note on the source of the title proper (LC).

The WG generally agrees with the suggestions by ALA and LC for adding parallel references to note on the source of the title proper in 2.2.2.3 and 2.2.2.4. The ALA suggestions appear sufficient, but the WG defers to the RSC on the exact language and placement of such instructions.

The WG acknowledges the comments from ACOC and ALA that question the usefulness of a prescribed order of preference for *any* resource that lacks a title page etc. – especially if we always note the source. The WG suggests that resolution of this question is beyond the scope of its work.

The WG acknowledges the LC suggestion that the exception be converted to an alternative. In this revision, the exception is maintained as an exception. The issue is discussed in RSC/RareWG/1/rev.

The mark-up is based on existing RDA text, with highlighting used to signal additional revisions resulting from constituency comments.

Marked-up version:

2.2.2.2 Resources Consisting of One or More Pages, Leaves, Sheets, or Cards (or Images of One or More Pages, Leaves, Sheets, or Cards)

If the resource consists of:

one or more pages, leaves, sheets, or cards (e.g., a book, an issue of a periodical, a poster, a series of sheet maps, a set of flashcards)

or

images of one or more pages, leaves, sheets, or cards (e.g., a microform reproduction of a musical score, a PDF file of a text, microform reproductions of a set of sheet maps, a JPEG image of a photograph)

then:

use the title page, title sheet, or title card (or an image of it) as the preferred source of information.

Alternative

If the resource consists of microform or computer images of one or more pages, leaves, sheets, or cards, use an eye-readable label with the title instead of the image of the title page, title sheet, or title card. The label must be permanently printed on or affixed to the resource.

If the resource lacks a title page, title sheet, or title card (or an image of it), use as the preferred source of information the first of the following sources that has a title:

- a) a cover or jacket issued with the resource (or an image of a cover or jacket)
- b) a caption (or an image of a caption)
- c) a masthead (or an image of a masthead)
- d) a colophon (or an image of a colophon)
- e) any other source within the resource (or an image of it), giving preference to a source in which the information is formally presented.

Exception

Early printed resources. If an early printed resource (or a reproduction of it) lacks a title page, title sheet, or title card (or an image of it), use as the preferred source of information the source within the resource (or an image of it) in which the information is most formally presented. ~~the first of the following sources that has a title:~~

- ~~a) a colophon (or an image of a colophon).~~
- ~~b) a cover or jacket issued with the resource (or an image of a cover or jacket)~~
- ~~c) a caption (or an image of a caption)~~

~~If none of these sources has a title, use as the preferred source of information another source within the resource that has a title. Give preference to a source in which the information is formally presented.~~

~~If the resource does not contain a colophon, cover, or caption (or an image of one of them), use as the preferred source of information another source forming part of the resource itself. Give preference to sources in which the information is formally presented.~~

If a source other than a title page, title sheet, or title card (or an image of it) is used as the preferred source of information, make a note on the source of the title proper (see 2.17.2.3).

Clean copy version:

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Alternative

If the resource consists of microform or computer images of one or more pages, leaves, sheets, or cards, use an eye-readable label with the title instead of the image of the title page, title sheet, or title card. The label must be permanently printed on or affixed to the resource.

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- d) a colophon (or an image of a colophon)
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