

RDA Board Report

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RDA Bodies

RDA Board

The RDA Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the development of RDA.

RSC

The RDA Steering Committee (RSC) is responsible for the development and content of the RDA standard on behalf of the RDA Board. Revisions, consolidations, additions, and other changes may be made to RDA only with RSC approval.

RDA Board Members 2024

Copyright Holders

Colleen Barbus, American Library Association (**Chair**)

Christine Oliver, Canadian Federation of Library Associations

Diane Rasmussen McAdie, CILP

National Institution Representatives

Africa: Rania Osman, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt

Asia: Haliza Jailani, National Library Board, Singapore

Europe: Christian Aliverti, Swiss National Library, Switzerland

Latin America: *Vacant*

North America : Judith Cannan, Library of Congress, USA

Oceania: Julia Hickie, National Library of Australia

RSC Chair: Renate Behrens

ALA Publishing Representative: James Hennelly

RDA Board Members

- The terms of office of several board members end on December 31, 2024.
- Who is eligible?
 - A representative of a national institution which has implemented RDA or will have implemented RDA within a calendar year.
 - National Institutions: a National Library or a National Bibliographic Agency

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rdaboard/board-recruitment>

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/sites/default/files/rsc/RDA%20Governance%20Model%20revision%202021%20Aug.pdf> (Attention: RDA Governance Model currently partly under revision)

RDA Board Members

Definition :

National Institution/National Library/National Bibliographic Agency

“The organizational unit established within a country's library system, which undertakes responsibility for the preparation of the authoritative and comprehensive bibliographic records for each new publication issued in the country, making the records in accordance with accepted international bibliographic standards and publishing them with the shortest possible delay. ” -- (International Federation of Library Associations, IFLA International Office for UBC, & UNESCO, 1979)

RDA Board Meetings

Meetings

2023: 4 asynchronous meetings with videocalls
1 in-person joint meeting with RSC

2024, June : in-person meeting at the ALA Annual Conference

RDA Board at ALA Annual Conference

Panel event 2024, June 28 : **RDA Around the World**

My contribution:

- multilingualism / scripts
- local application profiles

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RDA Board

Main Topics

- Strategic Plan
- Business Models
- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Assisted Cataloging

Artificial Intelligence / machine assisted cataloging

- Board/RSC Joint WG AI/Machine Assisted Cataloging
 - Ahava Cohen, **Chair** (RSC)
 - Christian Aliverti (RDA Board)
 - Colleen Barbous (RDA Board)
 - Renate Behrens (RSC)
 - Judith Cannan (RDA Board)
 - Charlene Chou (RSC)
 - James Hennelly (ALA, ex-officio)
 - Anne Welsh (RSC Secretary)

Artificial Intelligence / machine assisted cataloging

- Board/RSC Joint Working Group AI/Machine Assisted Cataloging
- Does AI and machine assisted cataloging have an impact on the RDA?
- Will there be consequences for RDA?

Artificial Intelligence / machine assisted cataloging

- Landscape review
- Global survey

- Please take part in the survey!
- We will contact.

Business Models: **Who owns RDA?**

Copyright Holders of RDA:

- American Library Association (ALA)
- Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA)
- Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)

ALA publishes RDA on behalf of the Copyright Holders.

RDA and the toolkit are not freely available.

RDA: Business Models

Toolkit users expressed concerns about RDA's subscription costs.

Toolkit users suggest following models:

- Pricing dependent on the economic conditions of a region or of an organization.
- RDA should be freely accessible
- Creative Commons or other free license

3R: Impact on the toolkit

3R Project

- Change from cataloging rules to a “data dictionary” / framework
 - The Toolkit provides options rather than inflexible rules
- Catalogers need an application profile AP
 - The AP enables the use of the RDA according to local requirements
- AP: Integration into the toolkit or separate publication

Status quo : RDA Copyright

- Use of RDA logo
- Transcribing, translating, rewriting or adapting the Toolkit texts
- A manual based on the RDA Toolkit

Agreement with the rights holders is necessary

Please contact ratoolkit@ala.org .

- The development and maintenance of the RDA Toolkit causes costs.
- The subscription fees ensure the development of RDA.

Thank you!

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