



Technically Speaking

Resource Description & Access: A Cataloging Code for a New Millennium

By Tom Cohn

Resource Description & Access (RDA) succeeds the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition, revised, as the industry wide standard for cataloging. It is aptly named, as the mission of catalogers after all is to take the raw materials of a library collection and describe them in a manner that differentiates them from other materials, and makes them retrievable by author, title and subject access points. Among the changes are the following: Gone are abbreviations and Latinisms. The content, media, carrier fields in MARC (336, 337, 338) allow for the recording

of codes representing these aspects of a work. This replaces the old 245|h fields (e.g., "video recording," "sound recording," otherwise known as general material designations). They are now encoded in the record and this data will in the future be shareable with other industries that employ bibliographic data (the book trade, film and music industries, "new media" industries). Many libraries have opted to retain 245|h fields in what are known as "hybrid" records. RDA allows a cataloger to record dates for production, publication, distribution,

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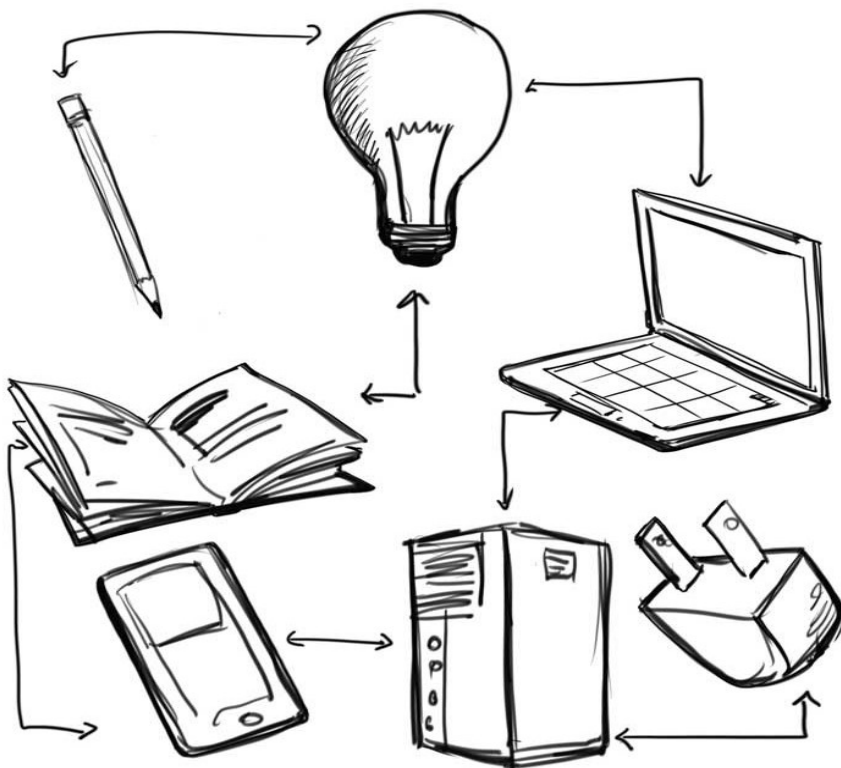
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CATS members Bob Johnson, Manager of Information and Technology at the Emma S. Clark Library, Ellen Druda, Internet Services Librarian at the Half Hollow Hills Community Library, and Stephen Ingram, Digital Services Librarian at the Northport-East Northport Public Library presented at this year's New York Library Association's 2014 conference on Saturday, November 8th in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Their topic IT vs Librarians was well received, with a very interesting question and answer period following the program. This was the first time that SCLA divisions presented at the NYLA conference and we are excited for the prospect of future venues and programs.

and copyright, and manufacture, not just for publication and copyright as was generally the case with AACR2.

This past year, CATS sponsored two meetings of its RDA Interest Group. The first was held at the Selden branch of the Middle Country Public Library on March 26th, the second on October 22nd at the Sachem Public Library. In May, we sponsored a program by Natalia Tomlin of LIU-Post at the Long Island Library Conference on "RDA: Changes for Catalogers and Users. RDA promises to sustain the library's most valuable asset, its catalog, into the 21st century.



Get Into The Cloud



This year's Annual CATS Meeting, Get Into The Cloud was held on 12/16/14 at SCLS. James Matias began the presentation with an overview of the terminology associated with cloud services, followed by Stephen Ingram with an in-depth look at business and industry factors, and concluded with an entertaining demonstration by Dominic Iadicicco of some of the Office 365/OneDrive cloud capabilities. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

The CATS board would like to take this opportunity to thank President James Matias for his leadership and dedication during his term this year. Vice president Xibe Solis will assume the position with some new officers on the board as well. Lisa Bitran will be the new secretary to the board, and we welcome Nick Tanzi as the Vice President/President Elect.

The board also welcomes 3 new members for the 2015 year. They are Debbie Antolini of Middle Country Public Library, Chris DeCristofaro of Longwood Public Library, and James Hansen of Smithtown Public Library. We would also like to thank Kelly Harris of the Hampton Library for serving as board secretary.

Thank you to Tom Cohn of Huntington Public Library for his many years of excellent service on the CATS Board, as well as being instrumental in many of our Technical Services program offerings, including most recently the RDA Interest Group, where participants come together to create the library catalog of the future.

Many thanks to Stephen Ingram of the Northport - East Northport Public Library, whose commitment and dedication to libraries has made many of the CATS division accomplishments possible. We wish them the best in their professional endeavors and appreciate all of their hard work!



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Upcoming Events:

Technology Information Forum (TIF) Meetings:

1/8/15 TIF Meeting– 10 AM Quogue Library

2/5/15 TIF Meeting– 10 AM TBD

3/12/15 TIF Meeting– 10 AM Islip Public Library

4/9/15 TIF Meeting TBD

If your library is interested in hosting a TIF meeting, let us know!



CATS Board Meetings:

1/14/15 @ SCLS Training Room

We depend on members like you...

Please join today and help us write the next chapter:

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