

RBMS RDA Editorial Group Report, January 2023

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Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (RDA Edition) (DCRMR) release 2022.2.0.0

In November 2022, the RBMS RDA Editorial Group announced DCRM release 2022.2.0.0. This release included: 1) Addition of a [glossary](#); 2) Two elements renamed and definitions updated ([Manifestation described by](#) and [On carrier unit with](#)); 3) Addition of general rules for all elements that previously lacked them; 4) Changes to formatting and font for examples within the text for improved visual clarity; 5) Introduction of a formal [changelog](#) versioning system.

To learn more about what was changed, please consult the [changelog](#); for additional detail about the role of the changelog and how it functions, please consult the DCRM [wiki](#).

The release was announced on several listservs, including DCRM-L, PCC, Ex-Libris, ARLIS, LIS-Rarebooks (United Kingdom), and RBMS/ACRL/ALA/ RDA-L via ALA Connect. In the month of November, the DCRM site received 6900 user visits; the month prior received 730.

Incorporation of graphics instructions into DCRM

A subgroup consisting of Liz Adams, Erin Blake, Ryan Hildebrand, and Liz O'Keefe finished the incorporation of DCRM(G) into DCRM in November 2022; the subgroup completed the first phase of the internal review in mid-December 2022. During this time, Amy Tims in her role as keeper of the text also began attending meetings to provide guidance in advance of the first ingestion of the updated text into the DCRM development repository. At the end of December 2022, Amy and the other keepers of the text, kalan Knudson Davis, Matthew Murphy, and Yoonha Hwang, began the work to ingest this updated text. The ingestion will take some time, and once it's complete, the next phase of the internal review will commence.

The subgroup will continue to meet in upcoming months to address outstanding issues related to the DCRM(G) incorporation. Amy will continue to attend subgroup meetings in an ex officio capacity.

RBMS Policy Statements

A subgroup consisting of Tammy Druash, Jessica Grzegorski, and Iris O'Brien continues to draft policy statements for the RDA Toolkit. These are designed to be brief, lightweight statements that direct catalogers using the Toolkit to relevant instructions for rare materials in DCRM. Although the subgroup hasn't drafted all of the statements, they have created a substantive body of work. They plan to pause the drafting phase on January 13 and proceed to an internal

review shortly thereafter. After a subsequent review by the whole Editorial Group, BSC members will then have an opportunity to review and vote on the policy statements later in 2023.

Proceeding to the review phase at this stage of the drafting process will allow the chief editors to become acquainted with the RDA content management system and workflow for ingesting and revising policy statements and codify BSC-approved standard language for the statements. Like DCRMR, the policy statements will undergo an iterative editorial process in response to ongoing revisions to the RDA Toolkit.

DCRMR application profile

The RBMS RDA Editorial Group is collaborating with the BSC's Linked Data Implementation (LDI) Steering Group to create a DCRMR application profile. Originally, the Editorial Group had planned to create an RDA application profile for the Toolkit. However, there is currently little guidance on the requirements and structure for profiles in the Toolkit, and it would be very difficult to complete the profile before the first iteration of the RBMS Policy Statements is released.

Under the guidance of the LDI Steering Group, a subgroup of the Editorial Group (Laura Doublet, Jessica Grzegorski (also an LDI member), and Brittney Washington (chair of LDI)) will create a DCRMR application profile for the linked data metadata creation environment, Sinopia. The subgroup will work in tandem with the Rare Materials Affinity Group. A DCRMR Sinopia profile will showcase the linked data capabilities of DCRMR and provide a model for creating rare materials application profiles in the RDA Toolkit or other metadata environments.