

The Linked Data Implementation Steering Group (LDISG) has been working with the DCRMR Editorial Board and the LD4 Rare Materials Affinity Group (RMAG) to create a rare book profile to use in a linked data environment. The LDISG is comprised of Jessica Grezgorski, Paloma Graciani-Picardo, and Brittney Washington. Laura Doublet also joins the group in her capacity as a DCRMR Editorial Board member.

Our first order of business was to develop a relationship with a subsection of the LD4 Rare Materials Affinity Group that focuses on profile creation. Because the RMAG's Profiles working group is already currently working on creating a profile for rare books, and many of the members are part of RBMS as well, it just made sense to collaborate. The RMAG and at least one member of the LDISG meets once a month to create and review new elements added to the profile. Then, the LDISG along with members from the DCRMR Editorial Group meets to take a look at those elements and discuss them through the lens of DCRMR. If we have any concerns or recommendations we report those back to the RMAG. In the next 6 months, we should have a version of a rare book profile that can be used in a linked data editor for the DCRMR Editorial Group (and subsequently the BSC committee as a whole) to review by the summer.

Another responsibility of the LDISG is to maintain the ARM ontology. We have been made aware of some areas in need of improvement or editing and those have been documented for future development. Due to a lack of needed github expertise within the current iteration of this group and bandwidth considerations, it is unlikely that any changes will be made in the next six months but we will provide a written report and list of recommended projects for those who will be incoming to the LDISG.