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"Guidelines for Bibliographic Description of Reproductions" available

"Guidelines for Bibliographic Description of Reproductions," drafted by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA), is now available.

The draft is intended to meet the need for direction in the cataloging of reproductions. Before proposing permanent revisions to the cataloging rules in "Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules" (2nd edition, revised), the CC:DA believes that it is important to review and comment on the proposed "Guidelines" as drafted.

The "Guidelines" portion of the document provides specific instructions about how to eliminate the need to repeat the description of the original in the description of the reproduction. The concept of "reproduction" is defined and guidance is given to allow catalogers to determine which types of materials should receive this type of cataloging. The "Guidelines" document also provides a broad range of examples of reproduction cataloging.

The "Implications" portion of the document outlines how the concept of "reproduction" relates to the automated library catalog. Conceptual models are presented and additional background material is provided so that systems analysts may begin discussing communications issues within the context of user needs. It is hoped that feedback from both the cataloging and library automation communities will result in documents which fairly address the concerns of both groups.

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Catalogers using the draft will be encouraged to review the "Guidelines" in light of specific cataloging situations they face and submit comments to CC:DA.

The "Guidelines" are not an official revision of AACR2r. If they are found to be workable in library situations, CC:DA will work through the American Library Association (ALA) representative to the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR (JSC) in order to propose formal rules changes. Such rules changes will become official when published by the copyright holders of AACR - the Library Association, the ALA and the Canadian Library Association.

To receive a single copy of "Guidelines for Bibliographic Description of Reproductions," send a self-addressed envelope with 98 cents for postage to: ALCTS, Multiple Versions, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.