Today’s Agenda

• What is it?

• What’s been happening recently?

• What has OCLC been doing?

• What about my institution?
The Current Environment

- An increasingly diverse universe of bibliographic resources
- Cataloging practices that do not match users’ expectations
- Rules that are difficult to maintain
- Redundant efforts within the publisher - library supply chain
RDA: Resource Description and Access

“RDA is being developed as a new standard for resource description and access designed for the digital world.”

- “Built on foundations of AACR2 ...”
- “… developed for use primarily in libraries, but consultations are being undertaken with other communities (archives, museums, publishers, semantic web, etc.) in an effort to attain an effective level of alignment between RDA and the metadata standards used in those communities.”

-- RDA Prospectus

http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdaprospectus.html
The Foundations of RDA

- *Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Data*

- *Functional Requirements for Authority Data*

- *International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)*

- *Statement of International Cataloguing Principles (2009)*
Who is Responsible for RDA?

- Committee of Principals
  - Overall responsibility; representatives of library associations and national libraries
- Joint Steering Committee for the Development of RDA
  - Responsible for content - the text itself
- Publishers
  - Responsible for online product preparation and distribution
  - American Library Association
  - Canadian Library Association
  - CILIP (UK library association)
What are the intended benefits of RDA for libraries and the communities they serve?

• Rules that are designed to be more flexible and more usable across information communities

• Rules that are a better fit with emerging technologies, especially sharing data with the publishing community and the world of linked data

• Rules that can support an improved discovery experience
What’s been happening in the US

- *RDA Toolkit* released June 2010

- US National Libraries Testing
  - July 2010 through March 2011
  - Report released June 2011:

  “Contingent on the satisfactory progress/completion of the tasks and action items below, the Coordinating Committee recommends that RDA should be implemented by LC, NAL, and NLM no sooner than January 2013.”
What’s been happening in the US

- LC announcement, March 2012 of a target implementation date of March 31, 2013
  - Partner national libraries (NLM, NAL, BL, LAC, NLA, DNB) also in similar timeframes
What’s been happening in Europe

- Deutsche Nationalbibliothek joins the Joint Steering Committee
- European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)
  - Seminar, August 2010
  - Meetings in December 2011 and January 2012
  - Proposals for changes for RDA
What’s been happening in Europe

- RDA Translations in process
  - French (joint project of France and French-speaking Canada)
  - German (coordinated by the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek)
  - Spanish (joint project of Spain and Spanish-speaking Latin America)
What has OCLC been doing?

- **Involvement in RDA development through ALA**
  - ex-officio membership in the ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
  - MARC Advisory Committee
  - Joint Steering Committee's two RDA Examples Groups
  - RDA/MARC Working Group
  - ALA ALCTS RDA Implementation Task Force
  - Presentations at various program sessions
What has OCLC been doing?

• Involvement in IFLA standards and guidelines
  • Membership in the FRBR Review Group
  • Leadership for the FRBR Review Group’s Working Group on Aggregates
  • Leadership for the Working Group on Functional Requirements and Numbering of Authority Records
  • Membership in the Working Group on Functional Requirements for Subject Authority Records
  • Membership in the ISBD Review Group
What has OCLC been doing?

- OCLC participation in the US National Libraries Test
  - Contract Services staff created records for their clients
  - OCLC batchloaded records created by test participants
  - System changes to support test participants
  - Policies developed for use during the test
What has OCLC been doing?

• Incorporating RDA data into WorldCat
  • MARC 21 Changes (May 2010 / August 2011 / May 2012)
  • Indexing changes (May 2010 / August 2011 / May 2012)
  • RDA macros for Connexion client (October 2010)
  • Links to the RDA Toolkit (April/May 2011)
  • RDA workforms (March/May 2012)
  • Batchload matching changes (ongoing)
What has OCLC been doing?

- Incorporating RDA data into WorldCat
  - Re-evaluating the policy statement that was in effect during the US National Libraries test
  - Several proposals for actions related to pre-RDA data presented to OCLC cataloging users for review in mid-February
  - Comment period closed on April 15.

What has OCLC been doing?

- Looking beyond MARC
  - Metadata Schema Transformation project
  - Crosswalk web service
    - MARC 21 - ONIX - Dublin Core - DC Qualified - MODS
  - FRBR and GLIMIR projects
  - Linked data efforts
What about my institution?

“OCLC is committed to supporting OCLC members who wish to implement RDA in their libraries but will not require that all libraries adopt RDA.”

WorldCat has been a hybrid database, containing hybrid records, from almost the beginning.
What about my institution?

• Training resources:
  • Library of Congress materials and webcasts
  • RDA Toolkit use
  • ALCTS RDA webinars
  • OCLC Training Portal (OCLC and Training Partners)
  • National, Regional and State library associations
What about my institution?

- Potential impacts
  - Policy & procedure development
  - ILS systems
  - Authority Control
  - Services & products which you acquire from vendors
  - Acquisitions & copy cataloging
Questions & Comments