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CDS Announcement

New Bibliographic and Authority Elements, and Name Authority Testing

The Network Development and MARC Standards Office at the Library of Congress released a combined MARC 21 update package in early March 2010 (Updates 10 and 11) that primarily contained new and revised data elements that are related to *Resource Description and Access* (RDA) the new cataloging standard that will replace the *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* (AACR2). The Library of Congress does not expect to distribute new elements related to RDA in MDS products until the record creation phase of the US National Library RDA Test begins on October 1, 2010 (see the exception below for testing authority elements). MARC 21 Updates 10 and 11 should be consulted for an explanation of the new elements at:

Bibliographic: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bdapndxg.html>

Authority: <http://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/adapndxf.html>

A summary of RDA-related MARC 21 elements may be found at:

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/RDAinMARC29.html>

New data elements not related to RDA may be seen in LC-issued records beginning in June 2010.

Small Number of Name Authority Test Records

Sixteen name authority RDA test records have been created primarily to test the NACO import/export systems. The test records have LCCNs beginning with "nr2010" and contain a 667 field beginning with "RDA test record:" and a 670 field with the following text: "Test record for MARC content designation; record may not reflect RDA practices in all elements, and may represent practices LC will not follow in a production environment." MDS-Names subscribers should expect these test records in the weekly file for 6/29/2010. Other than this small number of test records, LC does not expect to distribute authority records with RDA elements until the beginning of the record creation phase of the US National Library RDA Test on October 1.

Questions regarding the RDA test records can be directed to Policy and Standards Division, LChelp4rda@loc.gov.

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