

Copy Catalogers and RDA

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Douglas County Libraries (DCL)

- Medium-size public library
 - Serves population of about 295,000 residents
 - Annual circulation of about 8M transactions

Cataloging at DCL

- Cataloging staff
 - 6 catalogers
 - 1 Special Collections cataloger
 - 5 Copy catalogers for circulating collection
- Continue to catalog in RDA
 - Books
 - Special collection materials

Considerations for Training Copy Catalogers

- What are the training goals
- What should be covered, what training materials should we use
- Will catalogers be able to make use of what they have learned

The Catalog and RDA Records

- 150 RDA records added to catalog between January-May 2011
 - Books
 - Special Collections
- 75% of records contributed by DCL

Other considerations

- Our director's view of cataloging
 - Catalog the unique resources relevant to DCL patrons
- Change in management
 - Reorganization?

RDA – what's it all about?

- The potential for libraries to contribute beyond the walls and silos of libraries
- Relationships very important
- Copy catalogers
 - Need to understand FRBR
 - Should be introduced to the world of the semantic web and linked library data

RDA

– it's about more than cheat sheets

- Need to upgrade cataloging skills
 - Recognize the important things missing or incorrect in RDA records
 - Know how to enhance RDA records and upgrade in OCLC

Training Strategy

- Wait for the right time to train
 - What are the Task Force recommendations
 - What new resources will our copy catalogers be charted to catalog
- Explore the training materials that are available and best fit our needs

Thank you!!

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