

Historical context:

In January 2013, at the ALA Midwinter Meeting, the Bibliographic Standards Committee charged the DCRM(B) for RDA revision group to move rare materials cataloging forward in terms of harmonization with RDA. The formation of this new editorial group was recommended by the [DCRM-RDA Task Force](#), which submitted its final report to BSC in October 2012.

Shift in focus:

At the June 2013 ALA Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, the DCRM(B) RDA revision group and the Bibliographic Standards Committee discussed a change of approach for developing an RDA-compatible version of DCRM. Rather than working on the DCRM(B) text in isolation, the revision group proposed to work on a consolidated DCRM based on RDA, incorporating guidelines for all formats in a single text.

A consolidated DCRM will offer a number of benefits to our community. Most importantly, it should facilitate a consistent formulation of cataloging principles across the spectrum of rare materials formats. Desire for such consistency was one of the primary justifications for the recent creation of BSC's DCRM Steering Group, which has worked to coordinate guidelines in the AACR2-compatible DCRM manuals.

BSC's work on the AACR2-compatible suite of DCRM manuals has given our community a good understanding of the issues encountered in cataloging rare materials from the most prevalent formats. The knowledge thus gained allows us to consolidate the parallel sets of guidelines into a unified text, while remaining alert to the needs of special formats. As RDA has also taken this approach, now seems an especially apt moment to make this transition.

A consolidated DCRM-RDA text should also enable more efficient editorial maintenance. That is, it will be easier to maintain a single DCRM text rather than six texts, and it will be easier to integrate a single text with the RDA Toolkit.

DCRM based on RDA will be an altogether new text. Although it will be informed by existing DCRM manuals (including those already published and those nearing completion), it will not be considered a revision of DCRM(B). DCRM guidelines will vary from RDA where there is a rare materials reason to do so. It will also include a number of format-specific guidelines, where necessary.

Charge:

1. Create a consolidated DCRM based on RDA, building on the terminology, structure, and examples in RDA.
2. Where appropriate, enlarge the scope of DCRM to include resources not covered in the present suite of DCRM manuals.
3. Engage a dialogue with the rare materials community throughout the development process through postings on a dedicated [wiki](#), and discussion on DCRM-L, and at Midwinter and Annual meetings.
4. Coordinate activity with the DCRM Steering Group. Until the existing DCRM manuals have been incorporated into a completed, published DCRM-RDA, the DCRM Steering Group will continue to exist as a mechanism for focused collaboration across the constituent DCRM

manuals. The chair of the DCRM-RDA group will continue to have a seat on the DCRM Steering Group, which will provide official coordination between the two groups.

5. Maintain a dialogue with format specialist communities, such as MLA, MAGIRT, and CONSER. Seek input from such groups as DCRM is developed.
6. Maintain consistency of the new DCRM with RDA and with rare materials provisions in the BSR for RDA by recommending updates to the BSR and changes to RDA rules as necessary and appropriate.
7. Issue/promulgate the revision as appropriate (including via the [RDA Toolkit](#) and on the RBMS website).

Initial plan of action:

1. The current DCRM(B)-RDA revision group will be disbanded, and its members will become part of the new DCRM editorial group. A small number of extra members will be added to the group, primarily to augment expertise on non-book formats. Members of the DCRM editorial group need not be members of the BSC.
2. The initial task of the DCRM editorial group will be to develop the purpose, scope, and general guidelines of the new DCRM. This work will include a consideration of texts corresponding roughly to DCRM(x) chapter 0 and RDA chapters 0 and 1. Much of the subsequent DCRM work will depend on the principles established in this area.
3. The group will discuss rights issues with the publishers of RDA to determine the extent to which RDA language, structure, quotations, examples, etc. can be used in what will be an independent, freely available DCRM text outside of the RDA Toolkit.
4. The group will assign a subgroup to investigate technical issues related to DCRM publication on the RBMS website and in the RDA Toolkit. The subgroup will develop a system for markup of the DCRM text to facilitate functionality such as linking, indexing, and filtering by format. The subgroup will work in collaboration with the RBMS Publications Committee and RBMS web editor.
5. The group will develop a style manual to document formatting and editorial conventions to be followed within the text itself. This may be achieved by supplementing the RDA Editor's Guide with DCRM-specific additions, deviations, etc.
6. Subgroups to the DCRM editorial group will be charged to work on DCRM guidelines corresponding to specific sections of the RDA text. The subgroup assignments will be focused and finite.
 - a. Membership of the subgroups will include representatives from within the DCRM editorial group and members external to the group.
 - b. It may be most useful to begin with two subgroups, working on:
 - i. RDA 2.3-2.4 Title & Statement of Responsibility
 - ii. RDA 2.7-2.11 Production, Publication, Distribution, Manufacture & Copyright
7. Upon completion of an assignment, the work of the subgroup will be reviewed and edited in a timely manner, in coordination with teams representing the format types (including books). Membership of such teams may largely overlap with membership of the editorial groups of the existing DCRM modules, but may also include new members.

Background information:

[BSC Minutes \(draft\), 2013 ALA Annual](#)
[Wiki of the DCRM\(B\)-RDA editorial group](#)

DCRM-RDA Task Force

Final Report (10/10/12)

Draft Report (06/18/12)

Reconsidering DCRM in the Light of RDA: A Discussion Paper (12/15/10)

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