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Handouts distributed at this presentation:
(1) MARC 21 encoding... RDA elements in NARs and SARs from http://loc.gov/aba/pcc/naco/
(2) NAR for “Obama, Barack”, LCCN n 94112934 with core fields highlighted
(3) NAR for “Batman, (Fictitious character)”, LCCN nb2015003207 with core fields highlighted
Authorities in RDA

Conceptual Changes
Functions of authority control

- Gathers all works by the same author under the same access point
- Distinguishes between people / corporate bodies with similar or identical names
- Distinguishes between or collects works together with different titles and editions
- Provides standard terminology for concepts that can be expressed with several different terms or that could be potentially confusing
- Provides cross references to previous / successive names
Authority records no longer exist only to support access points in a bibliographic record

independent records describing entities

“Heading” in AACR2

now

“Authorized access point” (AAP) in RDA
FRAD entity: person

Public domain image of Barak Obama from commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/ and of Batman comicbook cover from batman.wikia.com/wiki/Category:Public_domain_files
Basic Linked Data!

- person A
  - dates
  - occupations
  - affiliations
  - languages

- person B
  - dates
  - places
  - affiliations
  - languages

- person C
  - dates
  - places
  - affiliations
  - occupations
FRAD entity: corporate body

corporate body

- dates
- places
- languages
- affiliations
- fields of activity
corporate body A

places

dates

languages

corporate body C
dates

places

languages

fields of activity

corporate body B

dates

languages

fields of activity

affiliations
Authorities in RDA
Practical Changes
Bibliographic rules in RDA → implications for authorities*!

- No more rule of three
- No justification required for access points
- Use of relator terminology / codes

*newly created or updated to be RDA compliant
Authorities in RDA

- Definition of persons changed: now includes fictitious persons
- Eliminate abbreviations
- Changes in form of sacred text AAPs
- New MARC fields to record RDA attributes
abbreviations

b. or d.
ca.
fl.
cent.
Apr.
Dept.
O.T.
-
approximately
active
century
April
Department
Old Testament
new MARC fields for authorities

- 046 dates
- 368 other attributes of a person or corporate body
- 370 associated place
- 371 addresses (incl. postal and email)
- 372 field of activity
- 373 affiliation: employers, memberships, cultural identity
- 374 occupation
- 375 gender with which the person identifies
- 376 family
- 377 associated language(s) (publication)
- 378 fuller form of name (personal)
- 380 form of work
- 381 other distinguishing characteristics of work or expression
- 382 medium of performance
- 383 numeric designation of musical work
- 384 key of musical work
How do you know if you’re looking at an RDA authority record?

008/10  z for other

(source of descriptive cat “other”)

040  |e rda

(descriptive convention)
Establishing a new NAR

- Preferred name (RDA 9.2.2)
- Use most commonly known form
- Include terms indicating relationships as part of the preferred name (not just to differentiate)

100 1_ ‡ a King, Martin Luther, ‡c Jr., ‡d 1929-1968
Additions to preferred name

- Fuller form of name
- Dates of birth/death
- Period of activity
- Profession or Occupation
Additions to preferred name

Always add, when available, even if not needed to distinguish (LC-PCC PS 9.19.1.3)
Additions to preferred name

Add if name incl. initial and need to distinguish (RDA 9.19.1.4)

Additions to preferred name:
- Fuller form of name
- Dates of birth/death
- Period of activity
- Profession or Occupation
Additions to preferred name

Fuller form of name

Period of activity

Only if needed to distinguish (RDA 9.19.1.5)

Dates of birth/death

Preferred name

Profession or Occupation
Additions to preferred name

- Fuller form of name
- Period of activity
- Dates of birth/death
- Profession or Occupation

Only if needed to distinguish (9.19.1.6)
Additions to preferred name

- Fuller form of name
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Preferred name
NACO Training!
June 1-June 4, 2015
Hosted by UK Libraries
NACO

- Name Authority Cooperative Program, LC PCC

- Founded in 1977, now expanded so:

- Participants contribute new name authority records and update existing records in the name authority file
  - Personal
  - Corporate
  - Geographic
  - Family
  - Series (separate training)

- Plan for 2015: British Library will load 3-4 million ISNIs into NACO records!
“Libraries of all sizes and types can make valuable, upfront contributions. ... It is less expensive in the long run if libraries band together ... [to] share an abundance of wealth of expertise and knowledge that would be impossible for each library to obtain on its own.”

- Mark Watson, University of Oregon
NACO: a few facts

710 members (Sept. 2014)
209 institutional members
501 funnel members in 37 funnels

Name authority records contributed, FY 2014

LOC 44%
PCC 56%

Total of 336,111 new or edited NARs by NACO participants
How to participate

Participation is free!*

Submit application to PCC Steering Committee

Schedule 5-day in-person training

Create NARs under reviewer

Meet quota / join funnel

Become independent!

Apply here!
12 librarians from UK, WKU, Morehead, West Virginia University and Marshall University were trained at UK in June 2015

Our trainer: Roman Panchyshyn
Kent State University
In-Person Training

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| Day 1 | Foundations of NACO program  
Review of theory (FRBR and FRAD)  
Review of standards (MARC 21, RDA & LCRIs) |
| Day 2 | Personal name rules and coding                                      |
| Day 3 | Families and corporate bodies                                       |
| Day 4 | Geographic names works and expressions                              |
| Day 5 | Editing existing ARs, NACO procedures, use of OCLC, and review      |
|       | process for gaining independence                                    |

Participants are encouraged to bring examples from their cataloging work for hands-on practice and contribution.
UK NACO workflow

1. Create/edit as part of regular workflow
2. Add records to OCLC save file
3. Notify NACO contact (Julene)
4. Julene submits to assigned reviewer
5. Reviewer emails comments
6. [Cataloger edits; Julene resubmits]
7. Julene adds to national file!
UK Cats Wiki page for NACO
http://ukcats.org/wiki/NACO
OCLC tip: use macro to create
OCLC tip: use indexes
Helpful website #1

Find A Grave

www.findagrave.com

Crowdsourced grave transcriptions

Can volunteer to transcribe and/or be a photographer
Helpful website #2

Roots Web

www.rootsweb.com

Free version of www.ancestry.com
Helpful website #3

FamilySearch

www.familysearch.com

Searches state, national and international indexes incl SSDI and census

Can limit search to birth / residence / death locations and/or dates; names of relatives, sometimes profession