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LIANZA CatSIG Committee

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CatSIG news

Bridget Jennings

Committee News

We have had a couple of changes to our committee, with Joanne Rowan, Madelene Turnbull and Ciaran Findlay stepping back. We thank all three of them for their contributions to the committee, and particularly thank Joanne for her years of service as convenor.

We would love to have new committee members: all that's needed is enthusiasm and an interest in cataloguing and the cataloguing community. Let us know if you would like to know more about what's involved, or if you're interested in joining.

Official RDA Webinar Series

In August Bridget presented a series of three webinars titled *From Original RDA MARC record to Official RDA metadata application profile*, aimed at providing a jumping-off point for people to start thinking about cataloguing in Official RDA. The recordings are available on the LIANZA YouTube channel:

- Webinar One: https://youtu.be/4NbW4x9crLU?si=fIUTrtr83EmVTxmK
- Webinar Two: https://youtu.be/ARk0L1O5tPU?si=iiOsLy63UcJf7gpY
- Webinar Three: https://youtu.be/Qxdy-d_OYW8?si=40FaiXurBzlagwNt

If there is an aspect of Official RDA that you think the community would benefit from exploring or discussing then do let us know!

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ORDAC Update August 2026

Bridget Jennings

ORDAC
Oceania RDA Committee

As CatSIG representatives on the Oceania RDA Committee (ORDAC), George Sweetensen and I support the work of Jack Ennis-Butler as he represents Oceania on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC). We do this by distributing proposal and discussion papers for community feedback, and by attending ORDAC meetings where we discuss RDA issues in the region and help prepare documentation for RSC meetings.

Proposals submitted to and developed by members of the RSC often focus on adding or removing elements to/from the RDA Toolkit, and refining, expanding on or correcting instructions for element and other guidance pages.

A light emphasis recently has been on elements and instructions useful for the Rare Books community. RSC discussions have focused on ensuring cataloguers can transition smoothly between the RDA and DCRMR content standards, and for example on how to maintain a clear distinction between intaglio and relief printing techniques. I have enjoyed the opportunity to think and learn about an area of cataloguing I am unfamiliar with.

The Technical Working Group (the Working Group charged with maintaining the functionality of the RDA Toolkit and Registry) continues its work preparing proposals for dealing with the soft-deprecated elements in the Toolkit, and then implementing the decisions made. The aim is to have all soft-deprecated elements either removed from the Toolkit entirely, or reinstated as elements, or for the information in them to be repositioned in other relevant element pages before May 2027.

The next RSC meeting is in mid-November. The public session of the meeting (usually up to two hours) will be early morning on Wednesday the 18th. You are welcome to attend as an observer. Let me know if you are interested, or you can keep an eye on the RSC News page:

https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/news

ORDAC Update for Aug 2026

Bridget Jennings

RSC Documents and Information

You can view all current and past proposal and discussion papers, and agendas and minutes of RSC meetings on the RSC Documents page: https://www.rdatoolkit.org/rsc/documents

Call for volunteer libraries to test application profile for AI processes

The Working Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) has put together a draft application profile for AI processes and they are looking for libraries who are currently using AI in some of their cataloguing workflows to test this application profile in their context. If you are interested, you can read more about this here:

https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news/working-groups/call-volunteer-libraries-test-application-profile-ai-processes

Other links and contact information

For the most recent webinars and presentations on Official RDA, visit the RDA Toolkit YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@RDAToolkitVideo. New additions include a two-part series on Official RDA for African cataloguers.

There is an Oceania RDA discussion list which you can join: instructions are on the ORDAC webpage, here: https://www.rdatoolkit.org/oceania/rdalist.

George and I also send updates and requests for feedback to the CatSIG list.

If you have any other comments or feedback, please send them our way! All comments are welcome – you can send directly to: bridget.jennings@wcc.govt.nz or george.sweetensen@dia.govt.nz.

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Important updates

DDC updates

Changes from the Editorial Policy Committee 147 are now live (except for EPC 147-S00.1 006.3 Artificial intelligence, for now):

https://community.oclc.org/t5/dewey-services/changes-from-epc-147-live/ba-p/66694

PCC

Program for Cooperative Cataloguing FAQ: Cataloging of Resources Generated Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) Software:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/FAQ-Cataloging-of-Resources-Generated-by-Artificial-Intelligence.pdf

From the OCLC research blog

Blog series: Global library leadership conversations

https://hangingtogether.org/tag/globalleadership/

No edge case: Understanding AI opportunities through Arabic metadata workflows

https://hangingtogether.org/no-edge-case-understanding-ai-opportunities-through-arabic-metadata-workflows/

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Articles of interest

Automated subject indexing in large-scale library collections: a minimal semantic enhancement strategy at the National Library of Spain / Gökhan Usta:

https://doi.org/10.1108/LHT-10-2025-0269

"Cataloguers Hub": a cloud-based platform for cooperative cataloguing and metadata quality assessment / Bidyut Bikash Boruah & S. Ravikumar:
https://doi.org/10.1108/LHT-09-2025-0221

Challenges and strategies of museum-based critical cataloguers / Erin Canning:
https://doi.org/10.1108/JD-12-2025-0379

Leveraging computer vision and natural language processing for efficient metadata extraction in digitized books / Amalia Amalia; Baihaqi Siregar; Khairul Imam

https://doi.org/10.1108/IJPCC-02-2025-0077

The purpose and tasks of preserving rare books in museums in Uzbekistan: conservation, digitization and cultural heritage perspectives / Janat Ismailova & Ganjina Azimova
https://doi.org/10.1108/CC-12-2025-0064

Transforming MARC21 authority records into MADS/RDF: a step-by-step guide / Andreu Sulé Duesa; Marina Salse Rovira & Immaculada Ferran Augé:

https://doi.org/10.1108/LHT-09-2025-0243

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Upcoming events

From the recent past (and recorded!)

Exploring the 670 Field:

https://wiki.lyrasis.org/spaces/PFCCP/pages/381124860/PCC+Events+Calendar

OCLC

The potential and peril of generative AI	https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/potential-peril-ai.html	11/09/2026
How Gen Z use and don't use public libraries: New data and analysis	https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/gen-z-use.html	23/09/2026
OCLC cataloging community meeting (Session 1) – 22 September 2026	https://oclcwebinars.webex.com/weblink/register/r983d06c72a0c7dd7dd22d5aa7e3573a3	24/09/2026
AskQC office hours: Official RDA: What you see now and what to expect	https://www.oclc.org/en/events/2026/askQC-12nov26-official-rda.html	13/11/2026

Library Juice: Sep 2026

Introduction to Cataloging	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/005-introduction-to-cataloging/
Introduction to AI and Metadata: Uses with Library Data	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/356-introduction-to-ai-and-metadata-uses-with-library-data/
Library of Congress Classification	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/169-loc-classification/

Upcoming events

Library Juice: Oct 2026

Electronic Resources Cataloging	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/320-electronic-resources-cataloging/
Cataloging with BIBFRAME	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/154-understanding-the-bibframe-model-and-vocabulary/
Introduction to Technical Services in Special Collections	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/214-introduction-technical-services-special-collections/
Dewey Decimal Classification	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/168-dewey-decimal-classification/

Library Juice: Nov 2026

Using MarcEdit	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/180-using-marcedit/
Serials Cataloging	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/262-serials-cataloging/

Library Juice: Dec 2026

Introduction to Metadata	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/105-introduction-to-metadata/
Using OpenRefine for Library Metadata	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/130-using-openrefine-library-metadata/

Upcoming events

Library Juice: On demand

Going Beyond MARC: Semantic Frameworks & Data Models	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/387-going-beyond-marc-semantic-frameworks-data-models/
Wikidata for Catalogers	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/366-wikidata-for-catalogers/

Library Juice: On demand

Library of Congress Subject Headings & Genres	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/338-library-of-congress-subject-headings-genres/
LRM: A New Foundation for RDA & the RDA Toolkit	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/230-lrm-new-foundation/
Subjects & Names in Metadata	https://libraryjuiceacademy.com/shop/course/188-subject-analysis-representation/

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Related publications

Title	Issue	Link
Cataloging & Classification Quarterly	Vol. 64, Issue 3-4	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wccq20/64/3-4?nav=tocList
Catalogue & Index	Vol. 215	https://journals.cilip.org.uk/catalogue-and-index/issue/view/59/9
Cataloguing Lab—Critcatinate	[On hiatus]	https://cataloginglab.org/2025/11/
The Code4Lib Journal	Issue 61	https://journal.code4lib.org/issues/issues/issue61
IFLA Journal	Vol. 52, Issue 2	https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/iflb/52/2
International Journal of Librarianship	Vol. 11, No. 2	https://journal.calaijol.org/index.php/ijol/issue/view/30
Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship	Vol. 38, Issue 1	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wacq20/38/1
Journal of Library Metadata	Vol. 26, Issue 1	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wjlm20/26/1
Library Resources & Technical Services	Vol. 70, No. 3	https://journals.ala.org/index.php/lrts/issue/view/910
OLAC Newsletter	Vol. 46, No 1	https://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/olac-newsletters/vol46/iss1/1/
The Serials Librarian	Vol. 87, Issue 6	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wser20/87/6
Technical Services Quarterly	Vol. 43, Issue 3	https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wtsq20/43/3

Contribute to Catapult

Contribute

Working on an interesting project? Implement something new? Technology changing how you work? Catapult is seeking cataloguing/metadata content and would love to hear from you! Contributing to Catapult is a great way to share ideas and engage with the cataloguing community.

Please email the editor or with your idea, article, or suggestion.

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