RDA with a Twist of ONIX

21st Century Cataloging in a Linked Data World

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Mitinet started as Information Transform, a cataloging company in the early 1980’s. Our original products included MARC Wizard, a suite of individual cataloging software tools and MARC Magician, a more comprehensive cataloging program, allowing catalogers to manage large numbers of MARC records at once. Today Mitinet offers an online database, BestMARC, with many of the same cataloging features as our earlier products, as well as database services that clean up and enhance large MARC record databases for schools and public libraries.
Mitinet’s advantage is our superior MARC record database, created by Independent Contract Catalogers (ICCs) cataloging virtually through IPS, a division of Mitinet. Mitinet trains ICCs through our Internship & Training Programs. The programs started in 2012, with ICCs using MARC Magician on their own computers. In January 2014, we launched the IPS Cataloging Role Center and ICCs began to catalog virtually.
Mitinet interprets RDA rules for these fields.

245 – Use library transcription

264$a – Use postal codes

490 – Use library transcription
A.2.1 General guidelines

• Capitalize the first word of each name
• Capitalize other words applying the guidelines under A.10-A.55, as they apply to the language used
What Mitinet Does

• Mitinet uses the Appendix A interpretation rather than the “transcribe what you see” portion of RDA 1.7.1

Rationale

“Transcribe what you see” can create inconsistencies in the types of materials we catalog – children’s fiction and non-fiction.

Ex: TASTE AND SEE
Transcribed elements are “recorded” exactly as they appear on the resource, except when specific instructions say otherwise.

• In fact, RDA’s instructions in Chapter 2, on “recording” the attributes of manifestations and items, use the word “record”.
Discounting RDA’s general aversion to abbreviations, the standard abbreviations for states used in 264$a is the same as in AACR2.

However, if a U.S. postal code is used instead of the traditional abbreviation, transcribe the postal code as it appears.

Example: University Park, PA
Rationale
Mitinet does this to maintain consistency and reflect what normally appears on the item for this data element.
ONIX Overview

• Address changing landscapes in publishing and bookselling
• ONIX is designed to apply to the hybrid print and digital world of publishing today
• It reflects the current state of digital work flows
Series

Suppliers of this data should use the *Series Composite* data element:

Reference name: `<Series>`

Short tag: `<series>`
ONIX Overview

- Uses simple XHTML markup to format textual content for display in recipients’ systems
- Encourages use of schema validation during application development or when implementing new data feeds
- Relies on standard identifiers such as ISTC (International Standard Text Code) for works and ISNI (International Standard Name Identifier) for name authority
PR.5.3 Series Identifier Type Code
Format: Fixed-length, two numeric digits
Code List: List 13
Reference name: <SeriesIDType>
Short tag: <b273>
Example: <b273>01</b273>
PR.5.6 Series Title
Format: Variable-length text, suggested maximum length 300 characters
Reference name: <TitleOfSeries>
Short tag: <b018>
Example: Hardy Boys Case Files
Mitinet ICCs use a web-based user interface (UI) and PDF versions of books (pre-publication) to catalog.
IPS Cataloger Role Center

Cataloging Manager Role Center

[Image of a dashboard with gauges indicating job statuses]
IPS Cataloger Role Center

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IPS Cataloger Role Center

Cataloger Role Center Dashboard

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Active Jobs by Priority

Rush  High  Medium  Low  Error

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IPS Cataloger Role Center

Cataloger Jobs Screen
Cataloger Attributes Screen
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Mitinet’s ICC Program

• 4-6 interns per semester
• Accepted interns catalog assigned items for real publishers, using Mitinet software & company specific guidelines
• Submitted records are reviewed for quality & interns are given feedback
• Interns complete their internship with a position paper on their experience
To apply, interns submit...

• A letter of interest
• Their resume
• Completion of a profile survey questionnaire
• A statement of proficiency indicating that they have completed a Level 1 cataloging course, and understand and can use LOC Headings, Dewey and LC classifications
Mitinet’s ICC Program

Participating interns...

• Gain **paid** work experience cataloging production records

• Receive feedback on cataloging skills, and opportunities for mentoring with experienced catalogers

• Learn sources for additional information and research on classification & subject analysis
Participating Schools

• San Jose State University
• Florida State
• Kent State
• Simmons College
• University of Washington
• University of South Carolina
• Indiana University – Purdue University of Indiana
• Drexel University
• SUNY Buffalo
• Langara College (British Columbia, Canada)
ICC Program Highlights

- Fall 2012, 3 interns
- Fall 2013, 4 interns and 6 regular ICCs, Independent Contract Catalogers
- Anticipate needing more ICCs, both interns and contract, as our cataloging needs grow
- In 2014, converting to an on-line cataloging role center, incorporating tools to speed up cataloging and reduce cataloging errors
• Mitinet’s interpretation of RDA rules reflects customer needs and industry standards/trends
• ONIX cataloging brings 21st century functionality to cataloging
• Mitinet/IPS Cataloging Role Center is an on-line, cataloging system
• Mitinet ICC Internship Program gives new and seasoned professionals 21st century cataloging opportunities
Questions?

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