Understanding RDA: How May I Help You?

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Introduction
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- This session is for Public Services
- It is intended to demonstrate features of RDA in bibliographic and authority records
- Records illustrating the features are coded in MARC and ISBD
- Neither MARC nor ISBD is inherent in RDA
- Eventually, both MARC and ISBD will be replaced
- What will replace them is beyond our scope
You and the Record

• Write a record
• Read a record
• Understand a record
• Explain a record
• Access a record
• Report a record
Relationship Designators

- Four documents are available as handouts, listing Relationship Designators
- A-Z list
- Those using qualifiers (work, expression, item)
- Designators for music
- Designators for video
Relationship Designators

- Relationship designators for access points are not new with RDA
- Many RDA-encoded records will not have them, or will have them in part
- More than one can be present with one access point
- They are in a constant state of flux!
- You can use them in keyword searches
Relationship Designators

• Easy point of confusion: QUALIFIERS and Relationship Designators.
• A qualifier is an intrinsic element within an access point
• A relationship designator is appended to an access point, and is not part of it
• Consider this access point:
  Blanchard, Mark, ǂc (Author). ǂe author
Presentations Available

Media and Associated Carriers
RDA bib and auth records for Sherlock Holmes
RDA bib and auth records for Charlie Chan
RDA bib records to illustrate books
RDA bib records to illustrate cartographic material
RDA bib records to illustrate media
RDA bib record to illustrate a musical score

Personal Names

Corporate and Family Names

Sacred Scriptures
END of Introduction to Understanding RDA