

# RDA: Resource Description & Access

## News Update and Introduction to the RDA Toolkit

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- What is RDA?  
From the publishers' website: <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/content/12#WhatisRDA>
- Follow ongoing work towards national implementation
  - Library of Congress RDA website: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/>
  - Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) RDA website: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/RDA-PCC.html>
- UC Berkeley's implementation plans
  - NOT NOW
  - We will implement at the *earlier* of the following:
    1. UC libraries system-wide implementation
    2. Library of Congress implementation (LC already announced they will implement no sooner than January 2013)
- UC Berkeley interim cataloging guidelines with respect to RDA  
In the near term, UC Berkeley and affiliated libraries (OskiCat libraries) will continue to use and create AACR2 records, but catalogers will observe the following guidelines when processing items with existing RDA records in OCLC:
  - If the record is for the item you are cataloging, use the record; set our holdings on the record and export the RDA record to Millennium.
  - You may edit the record to add or correct any errors—i.e., *typographical or transcription errors*—in access points (245, main and added name entries and subject headings (1xx, 7xx, 6xx)).
    - Note: Transcription rules are different in RDA than in AACR2; see RDA 2.3.1.4 and 1.7 before making any changes to field 245, and direct any questions to Catalog Dept. Principal Cataloger
  - Do NOT edit any other fields in RDA records.
  - Do NOT create parallel AACR2 records for items that are represented by RDA records in the OCLC database.
- Connect to the RDA Toolkit <http://access.rdatoolkit.org/> and note the following:
  - “University of California, Berkeley” in the upper right-hand corner of the window indicates that you are recognized as a subscribed user
  - our current subscription is for 28 simultaneous users
  - UC Berkeley has an Institutional Account subscription with IP authentication, so you do not need to set up a user profile to use most Toolkit features
  - the “Help” link in the lower left-hand corner opens the RDA Toolkit Help window; here you will find a thorough description of all RDA Toolkit contents and features
  - more information from the publishers: click on the RDA Toolkit logo in the upper left-hand corner to visit the information site at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>

- Review of FRBR
  - Quick refresher: brochure “What is FRBR? A Conceptual Model for the Bibliographic Universe” at LC website: <http://www.loc.gov/cds/downloads/FRBR.PDF>
  - Comprehensive review: webinar “FRBR as a Foundation for RDA” at ALCTS website
    - about: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/upcoming/webinar/cat/121510.cfm>
    - recording: [http://alcts.ala.org/ce/1215\\_10\\_FRBR\\_Foundation\\_RDA.wmv](http://alcts.ala.org/ce/1215_10_FRBR_Foundation_RDA.wmv)
    - slides: [http://alcts.ala.org/ce/1215\\_10\\_FRBR\\_Foundation\\_RDA\\_Slides.pdf](http://alcts.ala.org/ce/1215_10_FRBR_Foundation_RDA_Slides.pdf)
  
- Connecting to the RDA Toolkit from within LC Cataloger’s Desktop: see the RDA section on the Cataloger’s Desktop training page: <http://www.loc.gov/cds/desktop/web-faqs.html#QAs-RDA>
  
- Connecting to the RDA Toolkit from within OCLC Connexion client: not supported in the version currently used in the Catalog Dept. (version 2.10); upon upgrade to new version (2.30 or 2.40), see OCLC Connexion client documentation Basics: Set Options and Customize overview: [http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/basics/options/#bas\\_setopt\\_custom.fm](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/basics/options/#bas_setopt_custom.fm); instructions under “Link to RDA Toolkit”