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Mandarin Supports RDA!



What is RDA?

With the release of the latest version of M3 (1.7 SP4d)*, Mandarin cataloging now includes full support for all the RDA MARC fields defined at

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/RDAinMARC29-9-12-11.html>.

What is RDA?

RDA stands for Resource Description and Access, a new cataloging standard in development for several years to replace the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, Second Edition (AACR2). It is designed to enhance access to traditional, new and emerging technologies. Description of items is based on a different perspective of what constitutes a work, and includes such aspects as manifestation

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constitutes a work, and includes such aspects as manifestation and expression and the relationships between and among these aspects.

What is different about it from current MARC records?

At this point there is not much difference. New fields and subfields have been defined to provide for the new elements of description. Further development of RDA by the governing bodies will likely lead to further changes to MARC.

What does it mean for my library?

Since the Library of Congress and other major libraries and library associations around the world have already begun implementing RDA, the records you download from those sources may have the new fields and subfields. So far the changes to MARC records have been designed to provide backwards compatibility. Your records will not suddenly become useless! In fact, as you become more familiar with the elements of RDA, you should find yourself more easily able to search for the specific resources you need.

The new fields are searchable in a Mandarin Anywhere search now (M3, WebOPAC or Oasis), and they may eventually have separate indices as they become more useful to you and your patrons. The displays will change to incorporate the new information as well.

Mandarin continues to develop its programs to support the ongoing and growing needs of the library community. For more information about or help with installing this version of M3, please contact Mandarin technical support at support@mlasolutions.com or 561 995 4010 opt 4.

** You must have a current Mandarin M3 Annual Service and Update Agreement to be eligible to download the upgrade to M3 1.7SP4d*

New M3 1.7 SP4d* Release

Circulation.

- It is now possible to Select All transactions to improve batch processing on large numbers of transactions.
- Improved speed of returning significantly overdue hourly item.



Cataloging.

- Corrected problem with Series Authority record creation. Record was created with 'b' in position 16 of 008, indicating that it was not appropriate as a Series added entry.

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