

## **Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)**

### **Annual report 2020**

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(Report covers period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

The following report is intended to serve as a summary of the activities undertaken by the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing during the calendar year 2020.

#### **1] Committee Meetings**

The COVID-19 pandemic arrived in Canada in early 2020 and resulted in library shutdowns and office closures starting in the month of March, and persisting in many Canadian libraries throughout the year in some form. Travel in Canada was restricted or discouraged from March 2020 forward. This changed the Committee's early plans for an in person meeting in 2020. Instead, the members met "online" using WebEx sessions hosted by Library and Archives Canada (LAC).

Meetings were held in April, July and October. This schedule proved very helpful to members, as the CCC meetings followed within a week or two the RDA Steering Committee (RSC) asynchronous meetings. This meant we were able to hear in a timely fashion from Thomas or Daniel and Nathalie or Tran about the discussions and decisions of both the RSC and the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC).

#### **2] RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (3R)**

During the course of restructuring RDA, and aligning RDA with the IFLA-LRM model, the RDA Steering Committee encountered a number of issues this year that required consultation with the constituent members of the RDA community. As a result, several discussion papers and briefing papers made their way through NARDAC to the CCC for both comment and information.

These included:

String encoding schemes in the RDA Toolkit

RDA content elements

Use of the RDA unconstrained element set for display labels

Representative expressions of an aggregating work

Community vocabularies in the RDA Toolkit

RDA conformance

RDA entity boundaries

Revision of the “Resources” menu tab in the Beta Toolkit

Proposal to add the elements “curator agent of work” and its inverse to RDA

Timespan and units of time

Internationalization of the RDA Toolkit during the 3R project

RDA vocabulary encoding scheme for Manifestation: type of binding

In addition to the above papers, the Committee engaged in an email discussion of one “fast-track” proposal seeking to help clarify the instructions for naming a corporate body composed of the people who come together at a local place of worship (commonly known in Christian contexts as a congregation).

Timelines for the implementation and widespread adoption of the new RDA 3R Toolkit shifted over the course of 2020. The internationalization and restructuring efforts of the RSC revealed that many of the options once part of the “base” rules of RDA now belonged in Policy Statements. Since policy statements needed to be tied to RDA instructions, the text of the new RDA 3R had to be finalized first. This was completed in fall of 2020, and the work began for organizations such as Library and Archives Canada, Library of Congress, the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC), and the British Library (among other communities with a content or format focus) to fully develop their Policy Statements within the new Toolkit. In November of 2020 the PCC announced that their implementation of the new Toolkit would not begin before July of 2022. This timeline will also give more time for LAC to formulate and test policy statements that can inform and guide Canadian cataloguers.

As an extension to the core CCC mandate, several Committee members expressed interest in a discussion of BibFrame records, and the role of Metadata Application Profiles (MAPs) in guiding users of BibFrame applications through “description set” creation. These MAPs will need to reference parts of the new RDA Toolkit as well as numerous Policy Statements, depending on their specific applications. At our July meeting Ian Bigelow led us through a good discussion of “Cataloguing with BibFrame”, based on his experience and on two pre-recorded videos that Ian prepared for us to watch ahead of our meeting.

### **3] Library and Archives Canada consultations with the CCC**

Library and Archives Canada's participation in the OCLC WorldShare platform has brought some new opportunities for sharing their expertise and resources with Canadian as well as U.S. and international cataloguing communities. LAC has joined the NACO (Name Authority COoperative) Program hosted by the Library of Congress, and has successfully mounted Canadian Subject Headings (CSH) authority files on the WorldShare platform for use by all OCLC members.

Consultations with the CCC during 2020 regarding these authority files included the following:

- A discussion of the use and coding of the 065 field for Canadian literary authors in Name Authority Records
- A discussion of the LAC plans for wording changes in CSH for Indigenous topics
- The notification of completed wording changes in CSH (and all relevant LAC bibliographic records) for several specific Indigenous topics

The Committee members expressed great interest in the CSH changes, and look forward to further discussion and notification of changes to CSH in response to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

### **4] Membership**

The year 2020 brought some turnover to our membership. Emma Cross stepped down as Chair of CCC at the end of December 2019, but continues to represent the Canadian Federation of Library Associations. She passed the torch to Sue Andrews who became the new chair in January 2020.

Both Sarah Stacy and Nathalie Mainville took on new roles or responsibilities at Library and Archives Canada in early 2020, and were therefore unable to continue their membership on the CCC. Nathalie handed the CCC Secretariat torch in May to Thi Bao Tran Phan, who has been very ably filling that role (as well as membership on NARDAC) since that time. The Committee was fortunate to have others from LAC join our meetings from time to time, for specific discussion topics.

The Committee bid farewell to Timothy Knight (Osgoode Hall), long time representative of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. We welcomed Susan Jones (University of New Brunswick) to fill Tim's shoes, and give us an Atlantic Provinces' perspective as well.

The Committee also welcomed a new member, Megan Chellew (McGill University) to represent the Canadian Association of Music Libraries, Archives and Documentation Centre.

## 5] Outreach activities

CCC member outreach (presentations and papers) over the period covered by this report included:

- Bigelow, Ian. *Modus Operandi: Creating the SuperWork in Share-VDE and the Opus Level of Description*. (ALA MidWinter ALCTS Bibliographic Conceptual Models Interest Group, Philadelphia, PA, January 26, 2020).
- Bigelow, Ian & Sparling, A. *BIBFRAME Implementation at the University of Alberta Library: Canadian Cohort of LD4P2*. (ALA MidWinter Meeting BIBFRAME Update, January 26, 2020)
- Bigelow, Ian, Wawrzyniak, K., Pretty, H., Carr, C. *The Canadian BIBFRAME Readiness Task Force (CBRTF): A Panel Discussion on the Impact of BIBFRAME Implementation for Canadian Libraries*. (Ontario Library Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, January 31, 2020).
- Bigelow, Ian & Sparling, A. *Cataloguing with BIBFRAME: A [Virtual] Workshop* (NEOS virtual MiniConference, June 5, 2020)
- Bigelow, Ian. & Picknally, B. *PCC BIBFRAME Data: PCC collaboration with Share-VDE*. (PCC At Large Virtual Meeting, August 18, 2020)
- Bigelow, I. & Pretty, H. *BIBFRAME Readiness: A Canadian Perspective*. (BIBFRAME in Europe Virtual Workshop, September 22, 2020)
- Bigelow, Ian. *BIBFRAME FAST: A Primer* (OCAT Virtual Meeting, December 3, 2020).
- Bigelow, Ian & Samples, J. *MARC to BIBFRAME: Converting the PCC to Linked Data. Cataloging & Classification Quarterly, 58(3/4), 403–417 (2020)*.
- Brenndorfer, Thomas. *RDA Toolkit Workshop* (ALA Midwinter Conference, Philadelphia, January 24, 2020)
- Brenndorfer, Thomas. *RSC Hot Topics* (North American RDA Committee Update Forum, ALA Midwinter Conference, Philadelphia, January 25, 2020)
- Brenndorfer, Thomas. *Relationship Elements* (RDA Online Orientation New Concepts Series webinar, March 11, 2020)
- Brenndorfer, Thomas. *Discussion of the new RDA Toolkit* (Ontario Cataloguing and Technical Services Interest Group (OCATS) meeting, June 18, 2020)
- Brenndorfer, Thomas. *RDA Hot Topics* (North American RDA Committee Update Forum, August 3, 2020)
- Paradis, Daniel. *Translating the new RDA Toolkit in French* (North American RDA Committee Update Forum, August 3, 2020)
- Phan, Thi Bao Tran. *Getting ready for the new RDA Toolkit* (North American RDA Committee Update Forum, August 3, 2020)
- Riva, Pat. *The IFLA Library Reference Model, a conceptual model for bibliographic information : continuity and change. Part 1: User tasks and entities. Part 2: Attributes and relationships* (two webinars organised by the Cataloguing & Technical Services section of ABQLA and offered through Education Institute, January 14 & 28, 2020).

## **6] Conclusion**

Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, the Committee was able to continue its momentum of consultation and commentary on a wide range of cataloguing issues of both interest and importance to Canadian libraries over the course of the year 2020. We were able to both successfully work within the new structure of international cataloguing consultation introduced by the creation of NARDAC, and engage in good discussions and idea sharing as a group regarding aspects of cataloguing of particular significance to Canadians.