Announcements

Last Print Edition of the Mailing
Sara Ring, DCME

You may recall seeing an announcement in the Feb/March Mailing that we would be discontinuing the print version of the Mailing, in favor of an online-only platform. This will be the last Mailing that we will distribute in print. We’re also simultaneously publishing the articles from this issue to our section in the new Minitex News platform. To see our article content there, go to the main Minitex News website, then select the “Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education” section.

news.minitex.umn.edu

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- Library News
- Resource Sharing & Delivery
- Electronic Resources
- Library Products
- Reference Outreach & Instruction
- Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education
- Minnesota Digital Library
- Minnesota Library Storage
- From the Director

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our commitment to advancing the effectiveness of libraries in the areas of digital initiatives, cataloging, and metadata. We would also like to thank all of you for working with us and supporting us. DIME staff members include:

- Jolie Graybill (Assistant Director for Digital Initiatives & Metadata Education)
- Elizabeth Baus (Cataloging & Metadata Training Coordinator)
- Sara Ring (Digitization & Metadata Training Coordinator)

**Minnesota Digital Library Program staff**

- Carla Dewey Urban (Minnesota Digital Library Grant Coordinator)
- Greta Bahnemann (Minnesota Digital Library Metadata Coordinator)
- Molly Huber (Minnesota Digital Library Outreach Coordinator)

**Contract Cataloging Program staff**

- Mark Ehlert (Contract Cataloger/Trainer)
- Daniela Kroon (Contract Cataloger)
- Kelly Wavrin (Contract Cataloger)

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**ALA Summary: RDA Governance Changes and BIBFRAME Update**

*Sara Ring, DCME*

There are two sessions in particular I would like to highlight from the American Library Association Annual Conference: *Engaging with RDA-The Way Forward* and the *BIBFRAME Update Forum*.

**BIBFRAME Update Forum**

This year the BIBFRAME Update Forum speakers were a bit different from previous years. Although Beacher Wiggins and Sally McCallum from the Library of Congress kicked off the session with a short update, the majority of the session featured a panel of vendors who were invited to speak about how linked data and BIBFRAME will impact the services they provide, and their plans for development in those areas. The vendors participating included Innovative Interfaces, Ex Libris, SirsiDynix, Atlas, and OCLC Research.

The Library of Congress speakers discussed the process of getting their cataloging staff ready for the BIBFRAME pilot, set to take place this year. Relating to input of
descriptions, they will be evaluating the current BIBFRAME editor and asking the following questions:

- Is the Work/Instance dichotomy clear and useful for catalogers?
- Are type ahead and drop down functions efficient for their tasks? Are they designed for ease of use?
- Is the labeling of the editor entities appropriate? Are links to cataloging rules useful?

The BIBFRAME file that the cataloging staff will be working with contains 19 million former MARC descriptions remodeled as BIBFRAME Works and Instances. They will be looking for feedback on whether or not the searching of the file supports the finding of the information needed by catalogers, and if the MARC data transform is adequate for cataloger use. They were very clear that the pilot will not explore end user access issues, acquisitions processing, record distribution concerns, holdings, or circulation connections.

Beacher Wiggins (Director for Acquisition and Bibliographic Access) reported that they have developed training modules for LC cataloging staff to go through. These will eventually be available for anyone to view, although they were not available when this article was published. The training modules include:

- Module 1: Intro to the Semantic web
- Module 2: Intro to the BIBFRAME editor
- Module 3: Using the BIBFRAME editor for bibliographic description

Georgia Fugikawa from Innovative Interfaces presented next. He described how they are heavily invested in Libhub. Libhub is an initiative that is putting into action the promise that BIBFRAME and the Linked Data in Libraries movement makes—more visibility of library content on the web. Innovative is a sponsor of Libhub (along with Atlas Systems and SirsiDynix, also on the panel), and about 52 staff have gone through Zepheira’s linked data and BIBFRAME practical practitioner training. They have launched a service for their customers who want to join Libhub, to help them transform their MARC data into BIBFRAME. In the future, they will be holding focus groups with customers at ALA conferences and will continue to work closely with Zepheira to raise their own level of background knowledge about linked data. Recently, they released a report “We Love the Library, But We Live on the Web.” The report authors surveyed over 4,000 library users at seven academic libraries in the UK and the data collected gives evidence as to why libraries should be exposing more of their data on the web.


Ido Peled, Vice President, Solutions and Marketing from Ex Libris reported that their Primo central index is already in RDF, a specification for representing data as web resources. Ex Libris also has an interest group with customers that meet regularly:

igelu.org/special-interests/iod

Dan Specht, CFO of Atlas Systems discussed the linked data sessions and presenters that they hosted at their last annual meeting, and they are looking at getting involved in the following initiatives: training cohorts, discussion forums, other beta activities such as the Libhub initiative, the visible library beta program, and the EAD to BIBFRAME Project.

The Vice President of Product Management and Software Development from Sirsi Dynix, Sheridan Richey, presented on BLUE (Best Library User Experience), their next generation library system that is in active development.

Roy Tennant from OCLC Research spoke about how their staff actively participate in BIBFRAME listserv discussions, are already collaborating with Library of Congress staff, and are participating in the BIBFLOW project, an IMLS funded project of the UC Davis library and Zepheira:

www.lib.ucdavis.edu/bibflow/about

Eric Miller, President of Zepheira ended the panel portion of the session by reporting that they have had discussions with over 70 providers, 1000s of library professionals, and have hosted five webinars on linked data for libraries. Over 350 professionals have taken their linked data and BIBFRAME practical practitioner course and around 100 organizations are active in their alumni group, meeting on a regular basis. Zepheira has transformed millions of records into BIBFRAME, and is the founding sponsor of the Libhub initiative.

Engaging with RDA-The Way Forward

“Together we can make RDA a global standard for discovery of our data.” This was the summary statement from Gordon Dunsire, the current Chair of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for the development of RDA. In this session Dunsire presented a detailed overview of the major governance changes that will impact the development of RDA as an international standard. He began by providing a nice summary timeline of how RDA came to be, starting with 2005 and ending with the present:

- 2005: JSC begins development of RDA
- 2007: JSC changes name to replace AACR with “RDA”
- 2010: RDA terminologies published in RDA Toolkit
- 2011: German National Library joins governance structure, RDA terminologies are published in linked data format
- 2013- RDA translated into French and German
- 2014: RDA entities and elements published in linked
data format and RDA Registry is launched

- 2014: CoP (Committee of Principals) begin review of RDA governance and strategy
- 2015: Spanish translations added, coming soon: Italian and Finnish: CoP agrees outcome of governance and strategy review

The CoP (Committee of Principals) proposes a new governance structure so RDA can have a greater level of international and wider community representation. The transition to the new structure will begin this year and is expected to be completed by 2020. Flexibility, limits on committee size, various communities reflected within working groups, and adequate succession planning are among a few of the principles behind the new governance model.

The model places a new RDA board at the top level that will include representation from North America, Europe, Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Africa, and Oceana (United Nations regions), among other members. There will also be two branches of the RDA board; an RDA Steering Committee, and RDA Board Working Groups.

The RDA Steering Committee will include the six regional members mentioned above, a Chair, Secretary, Examples Editor, Technical Team Liaison, Translations Team Liaison, a Wider Community Engagement member, an ALA Publishing representative, and the Chair of the RDA Board. The Steering Committee will also have both “Task and Finish” working groups and standing, permanent working groups. Standing working groups will include a Technical and Translations group. The “Task and Finish” working groups will be:

- Aggregates
- Archives
- Capitalization
- Fictitious Entities
- Music
- Places
- RDA/ONIX Framework
- Relationship Designators

The Governance structure is there to support a new five year strategy for RDA, currently being developed by the CoP/RDA Board. Strategic priorities include developing the recognition and adoption of RDA internationally, and developing a sustainable business model. The key strategies for new markets mentioned are to make RDA truly international, expand use by the wider cultural sector, and to expand use by those working with linked data.

To my mind, most exciting was to see the mention of an archives working group and standing groups working on development of RDA and linked data. The Archives Working Group will be set up to address specific issues in the archives community. Dunsire noted that the “R” in RDA is for resources after all (intended to be used for describing resources beyond bibliographic resources).

Lastly, Dunsire spoke about how they hope the new governance structure will improve engagement and listed these opportunities for library staff:

- Membership in RDA working groups (most opportunities here)
- Membership in RDA Toolkit Technical Committee
- Community representation on RDA Steering committee
- Community representation on RDA Board
- Email and issue discussion on RDA-L and RDA vocabularies github project
- Jane-athons, which are hackathons for creating metadata about Jane Austen and her works (rballs.info/topics/p/jane/janeathon.html)

Cataloging & Metadata

**Linked Data and BIBFRAME Essentials Virtual Course Offered**

*Lizzy Baus, DCME*

For Minitex participating institutions that are interested in learning more about Linked Data and the new BIBFRAME environment, Zepheira is offering us a discounted online training beginning August 25th, 2015.

**Course Description**

While MARC will still be in play for years, BIBFRAME is the planned next generation. This course will give your organization the heads-up it needs in order to consider the ramifications of this paradigm shift. In the near-term, we foresee that BIBFRAME initiatives like the Libhub Initiative or locally developed academic initiatives will complement existing PAC (Public Access Catalog) and discovery layers’ access to library resources.

*The Practical Practitioner Linked Data & BIBFRAME Essentials* is a self-paced online course, and each participant should expect to commit about 10-12 hours of effort. There will be a live (and recorded) office hours session with classmates and Zepheira team members. Following the training, each participant is automatically and permanently enrolled into the Alumni group for continued access to existing and future content, the evolving tool suite, bi-monthly meetings, networking events at major conferences, and ongoing collaboration.
Registration Information
Normally the per-person fee is $795 per attendee, but Minitex has negotiated a group discount of $649 per person. Please note that it is a per person registration fee, regardless of how many people register from your institution. Register for “Practical Practitioner Linked Data & BIBFRAME Essentials” via Zepheira:
zepheira.wufoo.com/forms/zepheira-training-registration-201508c

More Information
For more details and a short video visit the Zepheira website:
zepheira.com/solutions/library/training

Interested in understanding how BIBFRAME will affect Technical Services operations? Check out the BIBFLOW project at UC Davis:

Previous Attendee Reviews
The video lectures were illuminating; the forums were active with discussion; the tools Zepheira had developed for this program established practical context for the concepts expressed by the trainers in the videos. Zepheira tailors the curriculum with a technical bent. As such, I recommend your institution’s catalogers and library systems staff team up for this program. Joint participation also opens up opportunities for conversation on what BIBFRAME might mean pragmatically for your local institution.
- Mark Ehlert, University of St. Thomas Libraries

To get the most out of the course, institutional participants should have a concrete goal or test project in mind, in order to practice and apply the concepts covered.
- Christine DeZelar-Tiedman, University of Minnesota Libraries

Who Should Attend?
Institutions may invite as broad an audience as possible including Acquisitions/Collection Development, Cataloging, Metadata Librarians, User Services, Web Developers, IT and Administration. This course establishes a common vocabulary amongst various departments and provides a foundation to build upon.

Digital Preservation & Preservation

Digital Preservation for Video
Molly Huber and Sara Ring, DCME

We’re pleased to host the following Midwest Art Conservation Center workshop in August:

Digital Preservation for Video
August 21st, 2015
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
University of Minnesota, 120 Anderson Library, 222 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455

Description
Does your collection have videotapes? This workshop presents a thoughtful process for reformatting analog videotape collections to ensure long term access to content. Digitization means more than simply selecting a destination file format. It requires a series of decisions that determine the long term viability of your valuable video content. You’ll learn: digitization decision making; basic digital file creation; preservation and access file formats and codecs; software for file creation and playback; storage options; and workflows for digitization. In addition, you’ll examine case studies of small and large-scale digitization projects in order to understand real-world applications of the principles introduced. Jeff Martin, former Executive Director of Independent Media Arts Preservation, will teach this one-day workshop. The workshop costs $95.00.

Register on the MACC website here:
www.preserveart.org/workshops/workshop-application

Or, call or email MACC at (612) 870-3120 info@preserveart.org for more information.

This workshop is co-sponsored by Minitex/Minnesota Digital Library and the Minnesota Historical Society.

ALA Annual Summary: Building Libraries Together
Molly Huber, DCME

At the American Library Association Annual Conference, Brewster Kahle of the Internet Archive led a lively session in which he talked about what the Internet Archive has been doing and where he thinks the project is going.

The Internet Archive currently hosts peta bytes worth of material, making it freely digitally available. They also hold large quantities of densely stored, less accessible, physical material that they believe is worth preserving, such as vinyl records. The goal, a lofty one, is to make sure at least one copy of all media produced is stored somewhere for eventual access.

There are gaps of course. Radio broadcasts are one, for example, although the archive is rich in televised material. Kahle would also like to make available more media from
the 20th century, which is often kept inaccessible by its holders because the copyright is not clear. In the shorter term, the archive recently received a two-year grant to make what they do have more accessible through a more robust site search. And in the meantime, you can play Oregon Trail again. It was so popular it almost crashed their servers when they first brought it back in December 2014. View more information about the Internet Archive: archive.org/about

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MDL Annual Meeting Review
Sara Ring, DCME

150 staff from libraries and cultural heritage organizations attended the Minnesota Digital Library’s 13th Annual Meeting on June 15, 2015. Keynote speaker Natalie Milbrodt (Queens Library) kicked the day off with her presentation titled “Democratizing the Archives: Engaging the expertise of communities we serve to enrich our collections.” An MDL update followed, which included a concise recap of the activities of the MDL over the past year and future activities. Here’s a sample of the activity reported during the MDL Update session:

- 169: Total Collections in Minnesota Reflections
- 11: New contributing organizations contributing to Minnesota Reflections this year
- 34: New projects accepted in Phase II
- 229,572 Total digitized items in Minnesota Reflections
- 468,518: Total MDL digitized objects in DPLA

Visit the MDL website to access video recordings of both presentations:
mndigital.org/get-involved/annual-meetings

New Logos and New MDL Website
We unveiled two new logos at the Annual Meeting. The new Minnesota Reflections logo echoes the quilt theme from our previous logo, but has been updated with a prairie aesthetic. The new MDL logo conveys movement, activity, and collaboration. Access the new logos here:
mndigital.org/about/press-room/logos-images

Also announced at the Annual Meeting, the MDL website has a new look! Here are a few of the enhancements:

- The website is mobile responsive.
- Minnesota Reflections will also receive a refresh in the coming months.
- Many thanks to the MDL Website Redesign Task Force for all of their work on the new site: Greta Bahnemann (Minitex), Bailey Diers (Hennepin County Library), Kent Gerber (Bethel University), Scott Hreha (Minitex), Molly Huber (Minitex), Zach Miller (Minitex), and Kyle Triska (Minitex).

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New Contributions to Minnesota Reflections
Greta Bahnemann, DCME

Minnesota Digital Library is excited to announce that several new additions have been made to Minnesota Reflections.

Duluth Public Library
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The Duluth Public Library serves the city of Duluth as both a public library and a repository for a significant historical collection of archival materials which reflect the city’s history. The Duluth Public Library has been active and enthusiastic contributor, and we are now pleased to showcase a recent addition to their collection. 40 early stereograph images of Duluth, Lake Superior, Grand Marais and the surrounding countryside are now part of Minnesota Reflections.

East Polk Heritage
z.umn.edu/yhd

The East Polk Heritage Center is located in Fosston, Minnesota and includes the historic L.W. Larson home, a log cabin constructed in 1887, as well as the Moen country school. The Heritage Center has a diverse collection and we are excited to announce the addition of a number of photographs and text based materials relating to the pharmacy profession and patent medicine. We also very
excited to announce that we have added a collection of three-dimensional objects in the form of medicine bottles from the Mark’s Pharmacy in Fosston.

Medicine is located in the University of Minnesota’s BioMed Library. The Wangensteen’s rare book, manuscript and object collection document the history of health sciences, biology and medicine. We are pleased to announce the addition of a number of medical and pharmacy related three-dimensional objects to Minnesota Reflections.

University of Minnesota Libraries, Wangensteen Historical Library

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The Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine is located in the University of Minnesota’s BioMed Library. The Wangensteen’s rare book, manuscript and object collection document the history of health sciences, biology and medicine. We are pleased to announce the addition of a number of medical and pharmacy related three-dimensional objects to Minnesota Reflections.
This calendar primarily lists events scheduled by Minitex, although other events are included. This is an informational posting only, registration materials are sent separately. If you would like your event included in the calendar, please call Kay Kirscht at 612-624-3532.

**AUGUST**

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NISO Webinar: “MOOCs and Libraries: A Brewing Collaboration”
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#moocs](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#moocs)

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More than Words: Inclusive Language Campaign
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., CST
*Online Reference training session*

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Connexion Client Module 02: Basic Bibliographic Searching
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST
*DCME/OCLC Online training session*

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Connexion Client Module 04: Save Files, File Management, and Batch Processing
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST
*DCME/OCLC Online training session*

**SEPTEMBER**

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Labor Day Holiday
*Minitex Offices closed Monday, September 7.*

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NISO Webinar (2-part series): “The Practicality of Managing E: Licensing (Part 1)”
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#licensing](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#licensing)

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CatExpress: Copy Cataloging with CatExpress
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST
*DCME/OCLC Online training session*

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NISO Webinar (2-part series): “The Practicality of Managing E: Staffing (Part 2)”
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#staffing](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#staffing)

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Public Library Node Meeting 2015 Conference
Hennepin County Library – Brookdale
6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center, MN
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Conferences/PublicNode2015.aspx](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Conferences/PublicNode2015.aspx)

23
NISO Virtual Conference: “Scholarly Communication Models: Evolution or Revolution?”
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#models](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#models)

**OCTOBER**

14
NISO Webinar: “Cloud and Web Services for Libraries”
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#cloud](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#cloud)

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NISO Virtual Conference: “Interacting with Content: Improving the User Experience”
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CST
*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*
[www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#interacting](http://www.minitex.umn.edu/Events/Niso/#interacting)