

BCCATS Fall 2010 Workshops

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RDA Unveiled (October 15th, 2010)

This BCCATS workshop was essentially an encore presentation of the very well attended 2010 BCLA pre-conference session, *RDA: Game On!*, originally given by Linda Woodcock, Susan Andrews, and Adam Schiff. As many people could not attend the pre-conference, BCCATS saw the need to put on another introductory workshop about RDA. Linda and Susan, both active members of BCCATS and very experienced cataloguers, agreed to repeat the workshop, which sold out quickly with 40 registrants from public, college, university, and theological libraries. Because the workshop covered more or less the same material as the pre-conference session, you may want to read [Penny Swanson's summary of RDA: Game On!](#) (published in the *BCLA Browser*, volume 2, no. 3 (2010)) for details of the workshop content.

In addition to presenting their own material, which included helpful historical context and major conceptual features of RDA (such as [FRBR](#)), Linda and Susan referred to Adam Schiff's BCLA pre-conference presentation to highlight some very specific, practical differences between RDA and AACR2. Walking the group through parts of the new standard made it more approachable and familiar.

With RDA finally published in June 2010, Linda and Susan were able to demonstrate a variety of features of the [RDA Toolkit](#), available as an online subscription. They also gave examples of actual records created in RDA by the Library of Congress, and gave tips on how to specifically search for and identify them.

One of most helpful parts of the workshop was the time allotted for questions. Linda and Susan fielded many questions ranging from the timelines and process of implementing RDA to the changes and future of MARC21. Their advice to cataloguing units regarding the adoption of RDA: wait and see. Key agencies are testing the new standard and will be issuing results and recommendations in the spring. To help the library field stay in touch with these developments, Linda and Susan will be presenting another workshop on RDA at the 2011 BCLA Conference.

Susan Andrews is Principal Cataloger at UBC. [Her slides](#) are listed with [other RDA presentations](#) on the website of the Joint Steering Committee for the Development for RDA.

Linda Woodcock is a Technical Services and Public Services Librarian at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. [Her presentation slides](#) can be found on E-LIS.

SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop (November 4th and 5th, 2010)

The Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop was co-presented by Ella-Fay Zalezak (Coordinator II, Library Technical Services, Vancouver Community College) and Linda Woodcock, trainers for the British Columbia region under the [Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program](#) (SCCTP). BCCATS organized this workshop to meet the needs of members who expressed an interest in serials cataloguing at the 2010 spring meeting. The workshop was well-attended, with 16 registrants from a variety of library institutions within and outside of the Lower Mainland.

The two-day course, broken up into 8 sessions, methodically provided basic principles for the original and copy cataloguing of print serials. In particular, the course focused on the elements contained in the [CONSER](#) standard record (CSR) and the applicable MARC21 fields. It also addressed problem-solving and decision-making in the work of serials cataloguing, especially with regards to evaluating copy records and when to create a new record.

At the end of each session, attendees were given exercises to apply their learning and opportunities to ask questions. Attendees were also supplied an in-depth training manual with numerous examples and resources for ready consultation to use in their workplace. Overall, the workshop experience was engaging and productive, equipping those new to serials cataloguing with knowledge and tools they need to get started with the work.

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