



**IFLA Cataloguing Section
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Report on the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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The chief focus of the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) in the past year was the development of *Resource Description and Access* (RDA). In November 2008 a full draft of the code was finally released. It consisted of a series of PDF files that amounted to hundreds of pages. The long-promised online product for which RDA has been developed was not available. A period of constituency review of the draft began. Comments were collected by the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA (JSC) in preparation for their meeting in March 2009, where they made final decisions on changes to the text. The final text was sent to the publishers in June. At this time it is being prepared for the online product, which is supposed to contain links to many other resources. RDA is scheduled to be finally released at the end of November.

In early 2010 the three national libraries in the United States (Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine, and National Agricultural Library) will begin a six-month period of testing of the new rules. At the end of that period, a decision about implementation will be made.

URLs

ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/mgrps/ccs/cmtes/ccda/index.cfm>

Resource Description and Access

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/rda.html>

Prototype demonstration of RDA

<http://www.rdaonline.org/>

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