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## Introduction to Resource Description and Access (RDA)


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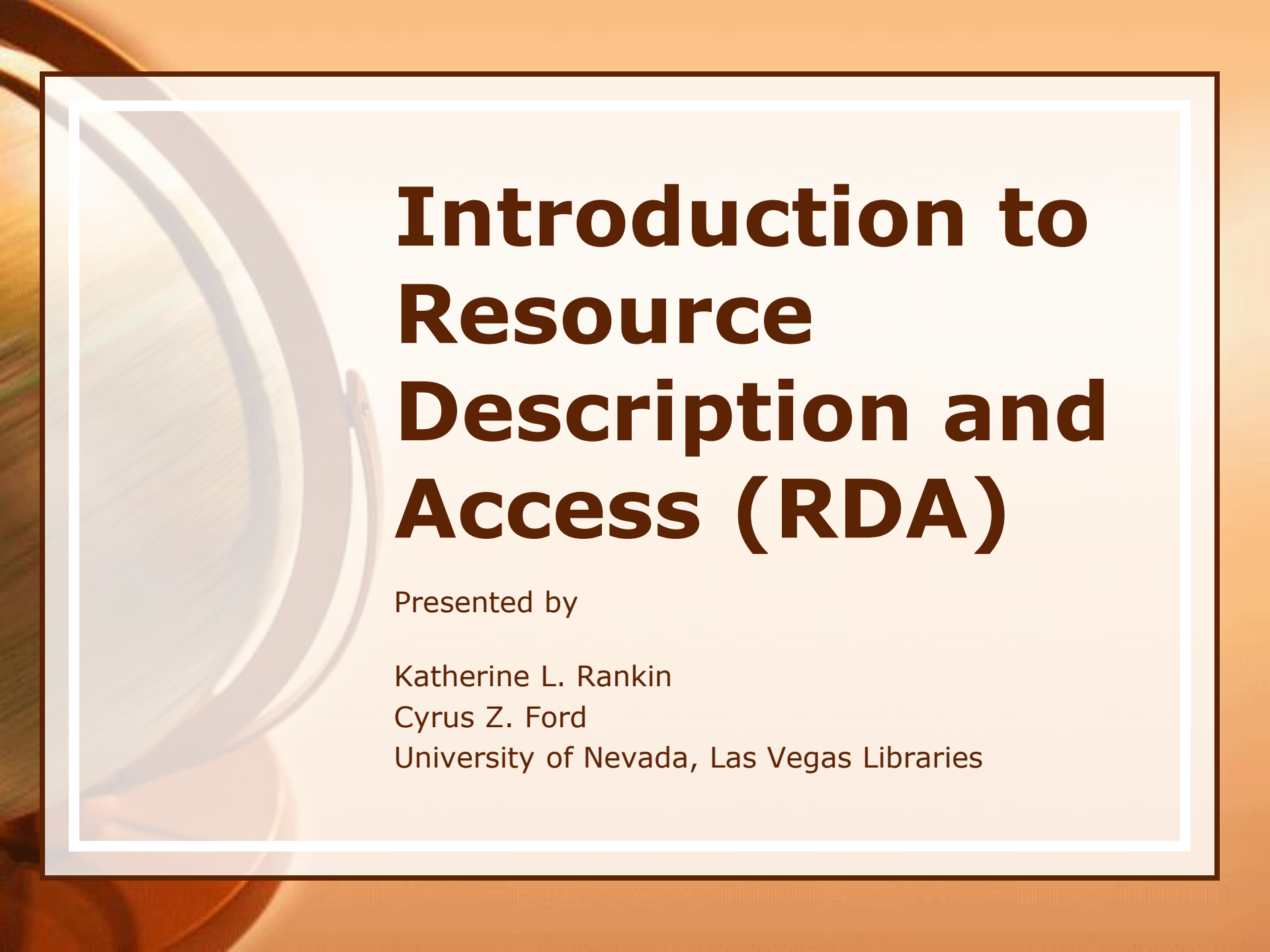
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# **Introduction to Resource Description and Access (RDA)**

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# **What is AACR2 and what is RDA?**

- **AACR2 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Anglo American Cataloging Rules**
- **RDA means Resource Description and Access**

## **Current status of RDA**

**The implementation of RDA will begin no earlier than January 1, 2013.**

A background image of a CD-ROM disc, partially visible on the left side of the slide. The disc is silver and has a central hole. The background is a warm, orange-brown gradient.

**Why do we need a new  
cataloging code?**

**For one thing, the world is  
different now than in  
1978 when AACR2 came  
out**

# **How is the world different from 1978?**

- **Entertainment then**
- **Entertainment now**
- **Communication then**
- **Communication now**
- **Computers**







## **Why else do we need a new cataloging code?**

- **RDA better for cataloging electronic resources**
- **RDA better suited to cataloging media**
- **RDA may be better suited to online catalog**



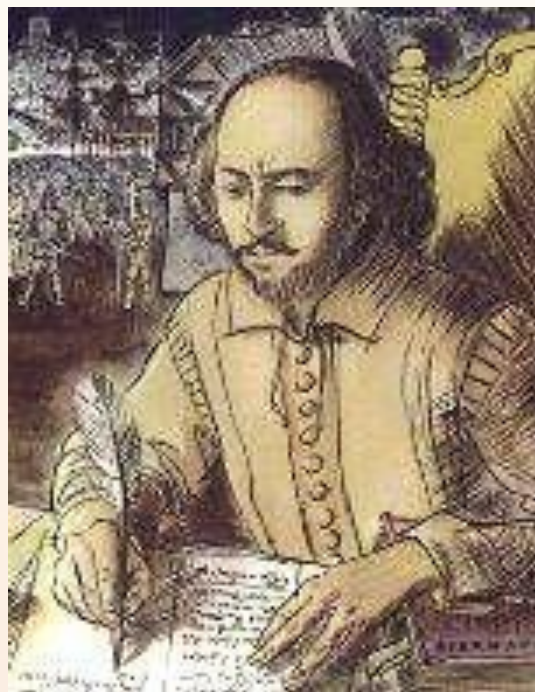
## **Other reasons why we need a new cataloging code**

- **Better ways to bring together different editions and manifestations of a work.**
- **Basic function of RDA is to identify and relate—help user find, identify, select, and obtain library material**

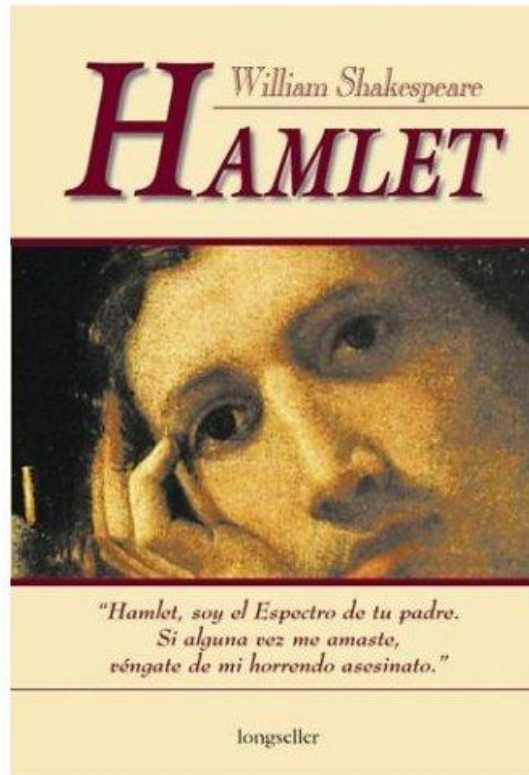
## What does FRBR mean to me as a user?

- I need to know Shakespeare's play Hamlet for an exam.
- ***I need to read this work.***
- I need to read Hamlet, and my mother tongue is Spanish, so I want a Spanish translation of Hamlet.
- ***I need a particular manifestation of a particular expression of the work.***

# Work



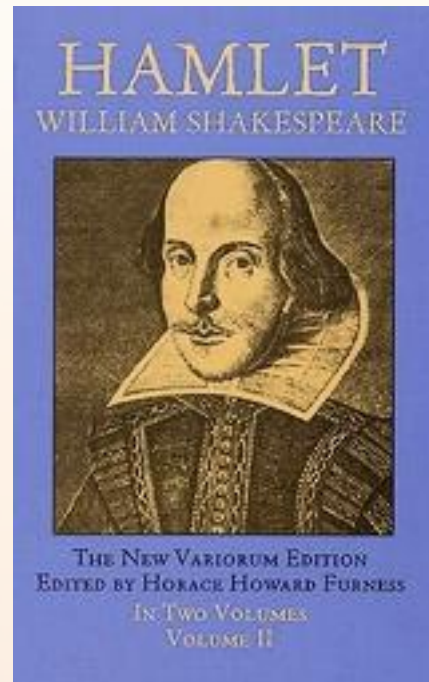
# Manifestation



## As a user...

- Our professor put the print 2000 Oxford publication on the reading list.
- ***I need this particular manifestation.***
- I need to find the copy I borrowed because it is overdue.
- ***I need a particular item.***

# Expression





A stack of books is visible on the left side of the slide, with a magnifying glass positioned over them. The background is a warm, orange-brown gradient.

**Why else do we need a new  
cataloging code?**

**Make bibliographic records  
easier to understand**

## **Specific changes**

- **No General Material Designation [GMD]—new 300 fields to give content, media, and carrier:**
  - **Content type. Marc 336**
  - **Media type. Marc 337**
  - **Carrier type. Marc 338**

## **Main differences between AACR2 and RDA**

- **RDA tries to be all things to all communities that catalog/create metadata**
- **AACR2 is mainly a descriptive cataloging code, although it also has access rules**

## **Main differences between AACR2 and RDA**

- **AACR2 chapters organized by media, RDA by whether one is cataloging a work, expression, or a manifestation**

Zelazny, Roger 1937-1995

SCIFI  
ZEL

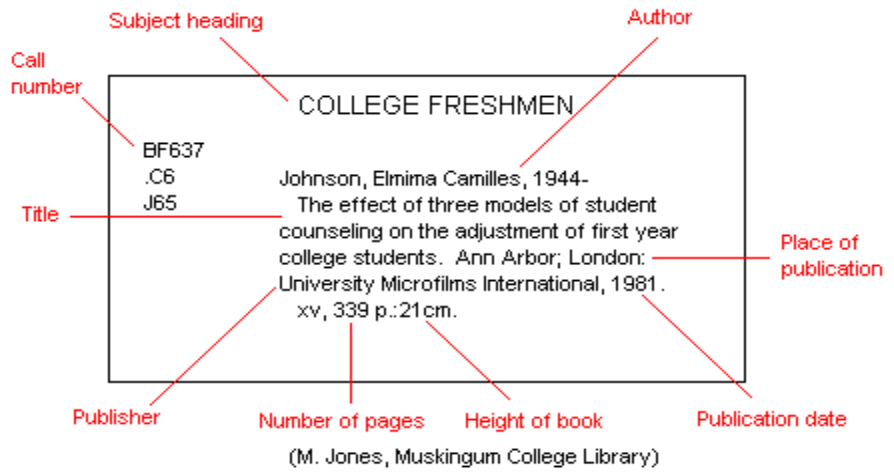
Nine princes in amber [1st ed.], by Roger Zelazny. Garden City, NY, Doubleday [1970]

188 p. ; 22 cm.

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1. Amber (Imaginary place)--Fiction.  
I. Title



# Specific changes

## Very few abbreviations

Examples:

**AACR2:** [S.L. : s.n., 1932?]

**RDA**

[Place of publication not identified : publisher not identified, 1932?]

**AACR2**

1 videodisc (60 min.) : sd., col. ; 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

**RDA**

1 videodisc (60 minutes) : sound, color ; 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

# Examples

## **AACR2**

- Description: [37] p. : col. ill. ; 28 cm

## **RDA**

- Description: 37 unnumbered pages : color illustrations ; 28 cm

## More examples

### **AACR2**

- Description: 86, [21] p. : ill., 1 folded map : 24 cm.

### **RDA**

- Description: 86 pages, 21 unnumbered pages : illustrations, 1 folded map ; 24 cm



## Specific changes

- **How dates are recorded**

### AACR2

Austin, Tex. : \$b University of Texas, \$c [197-]

### RDA

Austin, Tex. : \$b University of Texas, \$c [between 1970 and 1979]

# Specific changes

- **Copyright symbol**

[Alexandria, Virginia] : †b PBS  
Home Video, †c 2005, ©2002.

# Example of dealing with inaccuracy

## AACR2

- 245 \$a Healthy vegetable [i.e. vegetable] recipes for your heart

## RDA

- 245 \$a Healthy vegetable recipes for your heart
- 246 \$i Corrected title: \$a Healthy vegetable recipes for your heart

# Example of no rule of three

## AACR2

- 245 10 \$a Healthy vegetable [i.e. vegetable] recipes for your heart / \$c by Margaret Norton ... [et al.].

## RDA

- 245 10 \$a Healthy vegetable recipes for your heart / \$c by Margaret Norton, Iowa State University, Leslie David, Arcadia University, Robert McCloud, Williams College, and Katherine Boone, University of Nebraska--Omaha.

## **Alternative to listing all authors**

- 245 10 \$a Healthy vegetable recipes for your heart / \$c by Margaret Norton, Iowa State University...[and three others]

# Differences in Bible abbreviations

## AACR2

- 130 0# \$a Bible. \$p O.T.
- 130 0# \$a Bible. \$p N.T.

## RDA

- 130 0# \$a Bible. \$p Old Testament.
- 130 0# \$a Bible. \$p New Testament.



- Q&A

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