RDA training in Canada curriculum launch

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The Pan-Canadian Working Group on Cataloguing with RDA is pleased to announce the launch of our RDA training program.

Cataloguers from British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Québec have collaboratively designed a set of training modules to orient cataloguers to the new content standard.   The peer-reviewed materials include content created by the Library of Congress and the JSC, adapted for the Canadian context.

Each module includes presentation content and exercises. Cataloguers will learn to

- record attributes of manifestations, items, works and expressions
- create and use authority data for persons, families, corporate bodies and places
- identify and record relationships between entities
- use RDA in a MARC 21 environment
- navigate the RDA Toolkit
- participate in the implementation of RDA at their local institutions.

The modules are designed to be delivered face-to-face in workshops and can be used for self-study.

This RDA training program will officially launch as a pre-conference event   "Cataloguing with RDA: an interactive workshop" to be held on Wednesday February 1st as part of the OLA 2012 Super Conference.

The workshop will include selected modules. Find out more about the workshop on the Super Conference 2012 website

http://www.accessola.org/

Through a partnership with the Education Institute the content will also be offered online via interactive webinars delivered by the creators. We will post information about the webinars widely and you will find details on the EI website at http://educationinstitute.ca

The webinar schedule as well as documentation and training materials will be posted on the Canadian Knowledge Exchange wiki http://rdaincanada.wikispaces.com as they are developed.

While we expect that libraries will adopt RDA only after an implementation date is announced by Library and Archives Canada, we strongly encourage everyone to prepare in advance.

The modules in this training program are in English. The French translation of RDA is being prepared via a partnership between ASTED, LAC, BAnQ and the BnF. As of November 2011 first drafts are complete for most chapters and the revision and review processes are underway. The RDA Toolkit will be the delivery mechanism for RDA in all languages, thus the interface to RDA will also be translated into French.

We look forward to working with cataloguers across the country to transition to RDA.

Signed,

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