

Preparations for Implementing RDA

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RDA and Ex Libris Products

- RDA has an impact on several current and future products
 - Aleph
 - Voyager
 - Primo
 - Alma

 Product roadmaps and release cycles vary, but planning considers all our systems



RDA and MARC

RDA fields added to MARC 21 standard

- Tag tables in Aleph, Voyager & Alma have already been updated through MARC update #11
 - Aleph v20.2
 - Voyager v7.2+
- Primo is RDA-ready
- Additional changes in the MARC standard will be included in future releases of our products

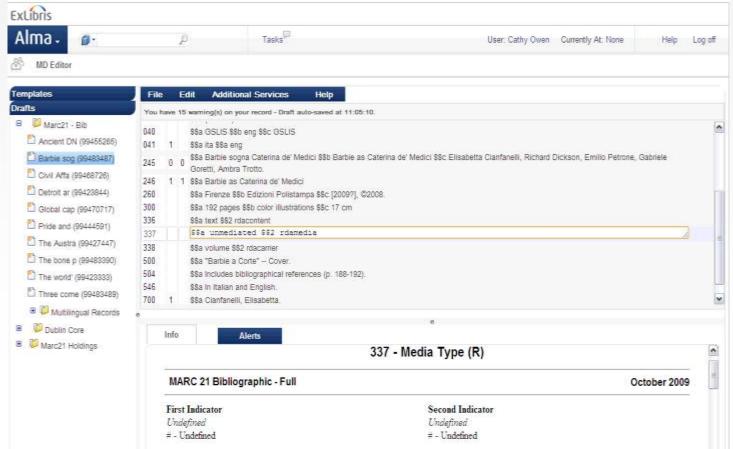
Using RDA Fields

- Public interfaces
 - Primo is capable of displaying data from these fields in a highly configurable way—including using that data for faceting or creating icons for different types of materials
 - Libraries can customize the Aleph & Voyager
 OPACs to display desired fields
 - Note that the vast majority of records are still encoded according to previous cataloging rules



Using RDA Fields

- Staff interfaces
 - Aleph, Voyager & Alma can create RDA-encoded records, as well as accept RDA records from other sources





Using RDA Fields

 Indexes for RDA fields provide new ways of searching & limiting search results

 Linking out to the RDA Online Tool is on the roadmap for a future release



Peaceful Co-existence With AACR2

- Ex Libris plans to support a hybrid environment far into the future
 - Billions of legacy records exist encoded in AACR2
 - Adoption of RDA will take time
- Systems will need to support records in different formats, yet bring them together during discovery

 Allows users to get the maximum benefit from RDA with little disruption

RDA Outside of MARC

 Alma features a flexible metadata management infrastructure that allows us to extend format support and implement new formats

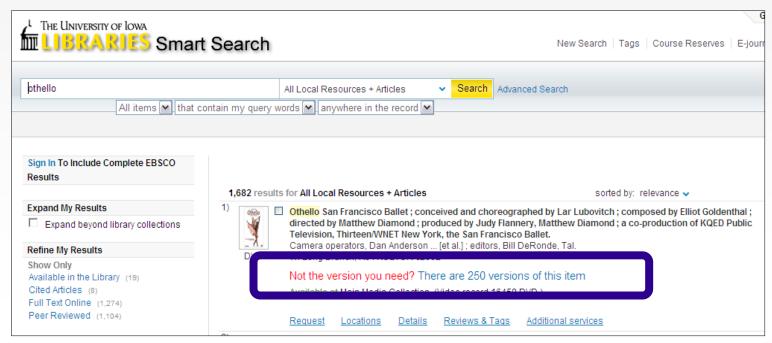
 The initial release will include support for MARC 21, Dublin Core, and MODS

 Primo also supports displaying records from different metadata encodings



What About FRBR?

- FRBR groupings are currently displayed in Primo
 - Allows patrons to see distinct works that match search queries, instead of long lists of similar titles





What About FRBR?

Alma will include the ability to group works as well

Impacts collection development and acquisitions activities

- When selecting materials:
 - Offers other editions of available materials
 - Identifies other versions already in the collection



What's Next?

- The library community is undergoing a period of significant change and opportunity
- Ex Libris aims to develop systems that, with relatively minor changes, can be enhanced to support new formats that the library community adopts in any transition away from MARC
- MARC will be a viable and valuable format for some time...because of the existing investment libraries have in it



What's Next?

There are billions of records encoded in MARC
 21, and libraries have made significant investments in a MARC-based infrastructure

 We continue to review the recommendations from the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee for further planning



Thank You

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