

# CALL/ACBD Canadian Committee on Cataloguing

## Annual Report 2021 - 22

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**Committee Chair(s):** Susan Jones, CALL/ACBD Liaison to the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing

**Members:** Not applicable.

### **Activities and initiatives that the committee has completed during this past year:**

The Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)<sup>1</sup> held meetings in April, July, and September 2021 and February 2022. Most of the meetings are scheduled to follow those of the RDA<sup>2</sup> Steering Committee (RSC) so that CCC members can receive timely updates about the discussions and decisions of the RSC and the North American RDA Committee (NARDAC).

Over the course of the last year, the CCC reviewed several discussion and briefing papers from the RSC on its efforts to further align RDA with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' Library Reference Model (IFLA LRM) and to implement additional instructions in RDA to address new metadata needs. The topics of these papers included pseudo-elements; the realignment of expression-to-expression relationship elements; the adjustment of label, definition, and alternate labels for expression, relief type; and implementation of the collections model. In addition to reviewing these discussion and briefing papers, the CCC also reviewed other RSC-related documents, including its Action Plan 2021-2023, updated terms of reference, and updated policies and procedures. Also of note is the CCC's review of *Final Report of the Canadian BIBFRAME Readiness Task Force*.<sup>3</sup>

In my last annual report, I noted the Program for Cooperative Cataloging's (PCC) announcement that the new RDA Toolkit<sup>4</sup> would not be implemented before July 2022. This timeline has shifted yet again and in November 2021, the PCC announced the new RDA Toolkit would not be implemented before October 2022.

In the last year, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) continued its consultations with the CCC on its efforts to revise Canadian Subject Headings (CSH) to better reflect the terminology used by First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation to describe material with Indigenous content. By the end of February 2022, LAC had modified 113 CSH out of a total of 405 headings related to Indigenous peoples; deleted 39 CSH in favour of suitable alternatives in Library of Congress Subject Headings; and added 167 CSH. There are 31 more CSH to change and to that end, LAC is working with Indigenous communities to identify the appropriate terminology. LAC's next goal is to revise the CSH for First Nations communities and languages.

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<sup>1</sup> Much of the information in this update comes from the CCC's annual report for 2021 that was written by Sue Andrews, chair of the CCC, with contributions from CCC members.

<sup>2</sup> RDA is the acronym for *Resource Description & Access*, the descriptive standard that replaced the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules*.

<sup>3</sup> The Canadian BIBFRAME Readiness Task Force was established by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations' Cataloguing and Metadata Standards Committee.

<sup>4</sup> The RDA Toolkit is an online, subscription-based resource that provides access to RDA and a collection of supporting, cataloguing-related documentation.

In July 2021, the CCC discussed additional membership on the committee to represent an Indigenous perspective. In September 2021, the CCC welcomed guest Annie Bosum from the Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute in Oujé-Bougoumou, Québec. She expressed interest in the work of the CCC and offered to reach out to her colleagues across the country to suggest cataloguers for future membership.

Individual CCC members' outreach efforts over the past year included presentations and papers on various aspects of RDA in forums such as the British Columbia Library Association's Cataloguing Interest Group meeting, the Ontario Library Association Conference, the NARDAC Update Forum, the Share-VDE community, the Colloquium on RDA in Latin America and the Caribbean, the RDA European Interest Group meeting, and the Bibliographical Control in the Digital Ecosystem conference.

**Activities and initiatives that the committee hopes to tackle for the next business year:**

Over the next year, the CCC will continue to meet regularly and continue its consultation and discussion of cataloguing-related matters of interest to libraries in Canada.