

Library of Congress  
***CDS Announcement***

**PHASE TWO BEGINS FOR  
RDA CHANGES TO NAME AUTHORITY RECORDS**

As previously announced (see <http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120425.pdf> and <http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/120717.pdf>), Phase 2 of the automated changes to the Library of Congress/NACO Authority File will commence on March 6th, 2013. In Phase 2, authority records whose access fields (1XX, 4XX and 5XX fields) are subject to mechanical manipulation to make them conformant to RDA will be modified. Examples of these changes includes the expansion of the abbreviations for Dept. to Department, the replacement of "Koran" with "Qur'an", violoncello with cello, etc. A complete report of these changes is available at: <http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/>

In this Phase approximately 378,000 headings will be affected. LC will update 30,000 records per day, Monday thru Friday, until the changes are completed (the final day of changes distributed may be less than 30,000). These updated records are in addition to the regular distribution of LC/NACO transactions. Processing is expected to be complete before the PCC Day 1 for RDA Authority Records on March 31, 2013.

During this processing, and for a short period thereafter, users of the catalog will find that names on bibliographic records for the same persons and entities represented by names in the authority file changed in this Phase 2 will not match. Changes to the bibliographic database to bring those access points into conformance are expected to begin at some point after the authority changes are complete. LC will send out notices with exact dates for bibliographic record updates in a few weeks. In the interim, we ask that users not report the discrepancies for maintenance when they are encountered.

Comments, questions, etc. may be sent to: Policy and Standards Division  
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