

Resource Description and Access in Cataloger's Desktop

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The Library of Congress and the Co-Publishers for *RDA (Resource Description and Access)* are pleased to announce that *Cataloger's Desktop* subscribers will be able to access the *RDA Toolkit* (due in June 2010) via *Cataloger's Desktop*.

Cataloger's Desktop is the Library of Congress's integrated, online documentation system for cataloging and metadata resources. *RDA Toolkit* is a browser-based, online collection of cataloging-related documents and resources, including *RDA (Resource Description and Access)*. Used together and available 24-7, *Cataloger's Desktop* and *RDA* will represent the current state of the art in cataloging and metadata documentation.

Once users subscribe to both *Desktop* and *RDA Toolkit*, they will also be able to access *RDA* through *Desktop's* search and discovery interface. Hits (including hits in context) will display in *Desktop's* Search Results pane. When subscribers click on a hit in *RDA*, they will be taken immediately to the content in the *RDA Toolkit*. In addition:

- Once an *RDA* link is followed, *Desktop* users can access the full functionality of the *RDA Toolkit* (including workflows).
- Linking from *RDA* to *LC Policy Statements* (the successor to the *LC Rule Interpretations*) will be provided.
- The developers are working to make it feasible for subscribers to enter their *RDA Toolkit* login information in *Desktop* preferences to access both products seamlessly with a single login.

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The *RDA Toolkit* is published by the Co-Publishers for *RDA* (the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, and Facet Publishing, the publishing arm of CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). The content of *RDA* has been developed in a collaborative process led by the Joint Steering Committee for Development of *RDA* (JSC). The *RDA* project is overseen by the Committee of Principals representing the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, the Library of Congress, Library and Archives Canada, the British Library, and the National Library of Australia. For more information about *RDA* and the *RDA Toolkit* visit www.rdaonline.org.