

Library of Congress
CDS Announcement

Increased Bibliographic Record Distribution Resulting from Phase 3A RDA Changes to Name Authority Records to Begin in March 2015

Changes to the LC/NACO Name Authority File that were known as Phase 3A of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging project to make certain headings acceptable under RDA (<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/3A-141201a.pdf>), were successfully completed in January 2015. As noted earlier (<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/130320a.pdf>), the same programmatic changes made to authority records must now be applied to headings in bibliographic records in order to bring the headings into synchronization.

The Library of Congress is now poised to start making changes to its bibliographic records and will begin no earlier than March 3, 2015. Less than 50,000 bibliographic records are expected to be changed. LC will distribute no more than 30,000 changed bibliographic records each day (Monday-Friday) in addition to the normal load/distribution levels for bibliographic records. The actual number of records distributed may be smaller, as some records may not be candidates for distribution, or other processing priorities may cause the updates to be temporarily suspended.

In the interim until the changes to bibliographic records are completed, it is not necessary to report discrepancies between the headings in the LC/NAF and headings in bibliographic records in the LC database for maintenance. CDS will issue a follow-up announcement when the changes to bibliographic records have been completed.

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