

**Library of Congress**  
***CDS Announcement***

**INCREASED BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD DISTRIBUTION  
RESULTING FROM RDA NAME AUTHORITY CHANGES**

As announced earlier (<http://www.loc.gov/cds/notices/130305c.pdf>), the LC/NACO name authority records that are candidates for automated changes due to RDA began earlier this month, with a goal to complete the authority changes by the end of March 2013. As a result of the changed authority records, headings in bibliographic records representing the same entities will not match until a similar automated conversion is applied to bibliographic records.

This is an early alert that the Library of Congress is currently testing the bibliographic changes, and expects to begin changes to bibliographic records as soon as possible after the authority changes are complete. LC plans to change no more than 30,000 bibliographic records each day (Monday-Friday)--this is 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 suspended.

These changes are in association with the "Phase 2" changes to authority record developed by the PCC Acceptable Headings Implementation Task Group, changing access fields in authority records (1XX, 4XX and 5XX fields) to become RDA compliant. 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. An overview of the changes is available at: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/pdf/rdaheadingchanges.pdf>, and more detailed information is available from the website of the PCC Acceptable Headings Implementation Task Group that developed and tested the specifications: <http://files.library.northwestern.edu/public/pccahitg/>

In the next week or two LC will send out notices with the projected date of start up for the bibliographic changes, and an estimate of how long the process may take so that customers are able to prepare their local workflows. Given the size of the LC database, this process may take a few months to complete.

As noted earlier, headings in bibliographic and authority records will be out of synchronization in the interim; it is not necessary to report these discrepancies for maintenance.

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