

SECTION THREE: NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
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ATLA NACO AND CONSER NEWS

Preparing for RDA

How are you preparing for RDA? Have you checked out the great resources on the Library of Congress website: Cataloger's Learning Workshop (CLW). You can find it at: <http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/>. There you will find all kinds of free training material to help you and your colleagues prepare for the new rules and the new fields RDA will bring.

While there is no Day One set for bibliographic records, LC plans to train all its catalogers by March 31, 2013. After that date, LC will issue all cataloging following RDA rules. They will also stop supporting all AACR2 rules and practices. So, an increasing amount of cataloging will follow RDA rules, forcing everyone to switch, or to spend time altering cataloging to fit the old rules. Over time, I suspect it will be much more cost effective for catalogers to switch to RDA.

NACO catalogers are required to learn RDA and to switch all their creation and editing of authority records to follow RDA as of March 31, 2013. That is considered Day One for RDA authority work. To prepare for that day, all NACO catalogers are required to take ten to fourteen hours of online course work followed by two one-hour webinars. The online course work is free and is not restricted to NACO catalogers. Anyone interested in the changes RDA will bring to authority records is welcome to watch the videos, demos and take the quizzes. The online course can be found at: [http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/courses/rda\\_naco/course%20table.html](http://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/courses/rda_naco/course%20table.html).

CONSER catalogers are also preparing to switch serials cataloging to RDA rules. The CONSER staff at LC is preparing online course work to be available in the spring of 2013. Once that training is available, I would expect a Day One for CONSER serial records to be set.

Anyone interested in joining the NACO and CONSER Funnel groups should contact me at [jknop@atla.com](mailto:jknop@atla.com)

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LC GENRE/FORM TERMS FOR RELIGIOUS MATERIAL PROJECT

The third draft of terms was handed over to Janis Young of LC's Policy and Standards Division for formal evaluation in August 2012. She will forward the draft to the other PSD specialists, LC reference librarians and catalogers who work with religious materials, and to anyone else who expresses an interest. Depending upon the comments and suggestions she collects, project participants may be required to do additional work on some specific terms. When both the project