Preparations for Implementing RDA

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RDA and Ex Libris Products

• RDA has an impact on several current and future products
  • Aleph
  • Voyager
  • Primo
  • Alma

• Product roadmaps and release cycles vary, but planning considers all our systems
RDA and MARC

- RDA fields added to MARC 21 standard

- Tag tables in Aleph, Voyager & Alma have already been updated through MARC update #11
  - Aleph - v20.2
  - Voyager - v7.2+

- Primo is RDA-ready

- Additional changes in the MARC standard will be included in future releases of our products
Using RDA Fields

• Public interfaces
  • Primo is capable of displaying data from these fields in a highly configurable way—including using that data for faceting or creating icons for different types of materials

• Libraries can customize the Aleph & Voyager OPACs to display desired fields

• Note that the vast majority of records are still encoded according to previous cataloging rules
Using RDA Fields

- Staff interfaces
  - Aleph, Voyager & Alma can create RDA-encoded records, as well as accept RDA records from other sources
Using RDA Fields

• Indexes for RDA fields provide new ways of searching & limiting search results

• Linking out to the RDA Online Tool is on the roadmap for a future release
Peaceful Co-existence With AACR2

- Ex Libris plans to support a hybrid environment far into the future
  - Billions of legacy records exist encoded in AACR2
  - Adoption of RDA will take time

- Systems will need to support records in different formats, yet bring them together during discovery

- Allows users to get the maximum benefit from RDA with little disruption
RDA Outside of MARC

• Alma features a flexible metadata management infrastructure that allows us to extend format support and implement new formats

• The initial release will include support for MARC 21, Dublin Core, and MODS

• Primo also supports displaying records from different metadata encodings
What About FRBR?

- FRBR groupings are currently displayed in Primo
- Allows patrons to see distinct works that match search queries, instead of long lists of similar titles

![Image of Primo search results]

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What About FRBR?

• Alma will include the ability to group works as well

• Impacts collection development and acquisitions activities

• When selecting materials:
  • Offers other editions of available materials
  • Identifies other versions already in the collection
What’s Next?

• The library community is undergoing a period of significant change and opportunity

• Ex Libris aims to develop systems that, with relatively minor changes, can be enhanced to support new formats that the library community adopts in any transition away from MARC

• MARC will be a viable and valuable format for some time...because of the existing investment libraries have in it
What’s Next?

• There are billions of records encoded in MARC 21, and libraries have made significant investments in a MARC-based infrastructure

• We continue to review the recommendations from the U.S. RDA Test Coordinating Committee for further planning
Thank You

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