

Enhanced access to AACR2 through *Cataloger's Desktop* starting March 31, 2013

On March 31, 2013, if you subscribe to both *Cataloger's Desktop* and *RDA Toolkit*, you will continue to have access to *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd edition* (AACR2) through *Cataloger's Desktop*. If you subscribe to *Cataloger's Desktop* but not to *RDA Toolkit* and want online access to AACR2, you need to subscribe to *RDA Toolkit* as well at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org/>.

There are five main advantages to accessing *Resource Description and Access* (RDA) and AACR2 through *Cataloger's Desktop* that you cannot get anywhere else:

1. You can easily search all or parts of AACR2 and RDA with other resources like the *LC Rule Interpretations* or the MARC formats only if you access them through *Cataloger's Desktop*.
2. *Cataloger's Desktop* provides search enhancements like regularizing American and British spellings (e.g. “catalog” and “catalogue”) and terms (e.g. “period” and “full stop”), as well as AACR2-RDA terminology synonyms (e.g. “added entry” and “variant access point”).
3. When you search an AACR2 rule in *Cataloger's Desktop*, it automatically searches the parallel RDA instruction.
4. *Cataloger's Desktop* provides extensive linking to AACR2 and RDA from related resources. This makes it easier to navigate from one resource to a related AACR2 or RDA instruction.
5. *Cataloger's Desktop* reflects the full, correct AACR2 hierarchy in its table of contents pane. This makes it easier to find the AACR2 rule you are looking for.

In the months to come, *Cataloger's Desktop* will develop additional enhancements to its links with AACR2.

Be sure to renew your *Cataloger's Desktop* subscription while you consider the benefits of subscribing to *RDA Toolkit*. Remember: *Cataloger's Desktop* makes you more productive by making it easier to use AACR2 and RDA. *Desktop* also helps you transition from AACR2 to RDA.

As a reminder, the Library of Congress will transition on March 31, 2013 from AACR2 to *RDA*. Details are available on LC's website at <http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/>.



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