Introduction

- AACR2
- Developments in the Cataloguing environment
- RDA
Problem statement

• Different stages of RDA implementation in KZN Libraries
• ILS compatibility with RDA
• Different levels of awareness of RDA
• Embracing RDA and uncertainty about RDA
Aims and objectives

Main aim of the study

- to determine the perspectives of Cataloguers in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) towards the transition from using AACR2 to RDA.

Objectives

- to establish the number of libraries in KZN that are currently using RDA
- to determine KZN Cataloguers’ familiarity and understanding of RDA
- to establish the perspectives of KZN Cataloguers during the transition stage
- to identify the library management systems that are used in KZN
## Methodology

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<td>Administered to 40 Cataloguers, 21 responded (53%)</td>
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Findings
Type of libraries surveyed

- 62% Public
- 38% Academic
Library formats cataloged by each cataloguer

- Monographs: 100%
- Serials: 45%
- Music: 35%
- Cartographic materials: 30%
- Sound recordings: 55%
- Video recordings: 80%
- Electronic resources: 25%
- Continuing resources: 10%
Cataloguers’ first impressions regarding RDA implementation

- Excited: 19%
- Sceptical: 24%
- Neutral: 43%
- Fearful: 14%
Integrated Library System (ILS) used by respondents

- SirsiDynix: 54%
- Slims: 19%
- Sierra: 15%
- WorldShare Management System: 12%
Compatibility of Integrated Library System (ILS) with RDA

- Yes: 84%
- No: 16%
Level of RDA knowledge since its implementation

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Level of comfort in using the RDA standard

- Very comfortable: 5%
- Comfortable: 38%
- Neutral: 38%
- Very uncomfortable: 5%
- Uncomfortable: 14%
RDA Toolkit subscription

- Yes: 29%
- No: 71%

Transition from AACR2 to RDA by KZN Libraries
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- Uncomfortable: 19%
RDA training methods used

- Practical cataloguing: 90%
- Individual reading of training manuals: 52%
- External trainers: 48%
- Own trainer(s): 14%
Challenges encountered during when transitioning to RDA

Majority (71%) did not encounter challenges, however, 29% of the cataloguers, indicated the following:

- Slims not RDA compliant
- No funds available to subscribe to RDA Toolkit
- SirsiDynix, older version which was RDA non-compliant
Recommendations

To be kept abreast with new developments through:

- In-house discussions and trainings
- Workshops
- Webinars
- Listservs
- Experienced Cataloguers to mentor inexperienced Cats
- Cataloguers to create their own training manuals
Conclusion

- RDA is inevitable
- Amendments and Training created Cats’ positive attitudes
- Budget constraints with regards subscribing the Toolkit still a challenge
- Strong level of awareness and knowledge of the RDA standard
- KZN Cats are comfortable with using the RDA standard
Questions and Comments
Sources


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