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RDA and FRBR: Their Applicability to Networked Philippine Libraries  
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ABSTRACT:

Resource Description and Access or RDA is a set of instructions for the [cataloguing](#) of books and other materials held in [libraries](#) and other cultural organizations such as museums and galleries. RDA is intended to replace [AACR2](#), a standard in widespread use in Anglo-American libraries. It is expected to be released online in June 2010. RDA emerged from the International Conference on the Principles & Future Development of AACR held in Toronto in 1997. It was quickly realized that substantial revision was required, which encouraged the adoption of a new title for what had been envisaged as a third edition of AACR. RDA departs from AACR in its foundation on the [Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records](#) (FRBR). These principles identify both the 'user tasks' which a library catalog should make possible and a hierarchy of relationships in bibliographic data. Nonetheless, descriptions produced using the instructions of RDA are intended to be compatible with the large number of existing records created under the rules of AACR2. Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records—or FRBR, sometimes pronounced [/frbr/](#)—is a conceptual [entity-relationship model](#) developed by the [International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions](#) (IFLA) that relates user tasks of retrieval and access in online library catalogues and bibliographic databases from a user's perspective. It represents a more holistic approach to retrieval and access as the relationships between the entities provide links to navigate through the hierarchy of relationships. The model is significant because it is separate from specific cataloguing standards such as [AACR2](#) or [International Standard Bibliographic Description](#) (ISBD). {Accessed from Wikipedia}