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Introduction

This document defines a set of required elements for bibliographic records for rare books using a single encoding level. This single encoding level replaces the previous PCC BIBCO full and core levels for rare books. BIBCO Standard Records (BSRs) for rare books can be recognized by the presence of an encoding level of “blank” to indicate standard level record, the presence of “pcc” in field 042 to indicate that the record was created by a BIBCO library, and the presence of “dcrmb” in subfield \$e of field 040 to indicate the use of Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books) or DCRM(B) as a descriptive convention. The BIBCO core level record for rare books and the BIBCO Standard Record for printed books were used as starting points in the development of the BSR for Rare Books.

As its name indicates, the BSR for Rare Books is to be applied primarily to books produced between 1500 and 1800. It explicitly **excludes** books printed before 1500 (incunabula), which should be cataloged as fully as appropriate. It does **not** exclude books printed after 1800, which may be cataloged according to the principles of DCRM(B), in keeping with the practices of the owning institution. Indeed, the BSR for Rare Books and DCRM(B) have guidance relevant to books from the nineteenth century, so application of the BSR for Rare Books to nineteenth century books is encouraged for institutions that allow for such coverage. The BSR for Rare Books model is especially appropriate when a more faithful and accurate description than that using the general cataloging rules is desirable and the provision of subject and other access points is important, but abridged transcriptions and fewer notes are acceptable. Catalog records for books that reflect the BSR for Rare Books must contain the designation "dcrmb" in subfield \$e of field 040.

For rare books, the commitment, on the cataloger's part, is to render bibliographic details of the book as accurately as possible insofar as they are presented by the item in hand; also, to ensure that they are scrupulously stated, according to the provisions of Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Books). The strength of DCRM(B) is that it provides for "expanded coverage" of books deserving such treatment; by inversion, it is possible to use those provisions for expansion as guidelines for trimming. By omitting most notes (except for those deemed essential for clarification or to aid in identification and/or retrieval) and by taking the options given in DCRM(B) to abbreviate descriptive areas or by not taking the options to expand the same areas,

an effective, DCRM(B)-oriented BSR for Rare Books record can be created. A list of these options is given in the index of DCRM(B), under “Optional treatments in rules.”

Characteristics of the BIBCO Standard Record for Rare Books

1. The BSR for Rare Books is a “floor” record that promotes an essential set of elements to serve user needs while fulfilling the functional objectives of DCRM. In this, it differs from the BSR for Printed Books which emphasizes access over descriptive data. The BSR for Rare Books emphasizes essential descriptive data as well as controlled subject and name access points.
2. One encoding level for the BSR for Rare Books replaces the two used for the core and full level records.
3. The BSR element set combines use of those elements that are mandatory (M) and those elements that are mandatory if applicable (A). It avoids requiring unessential or redundant elements and includes only those essential elements that support user tasks to find, identify, select, and obtain needed resources.
4. BIBCO Standard Records are considered to be as full as is necessary for user tasks. For rare materials particularly, it is essential that the uniqueness of individual resources be represented by the addition of elements that are mandatory if applicable for the item in hand. In addition, elements not included in the BSR for Rare Books element set may be added if determined to be important for access by cataloger judgment and/or local policy.
5. Main entry headings (1XX), name or LCSH subject headings (6XX), appropriate added entries (7XX), and series added entries (8XX) must be supported by authority records established through the NACO and SACO programs.
6. The BSR for Rare Books content is supported through use of MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data.
7. The BSR for Rare Books is intended for use by experienced catalogers knowledgeable in AACR2, LCRIs, national standardized classification systems, subject systems, and DCRM(B).

Metadata Application Profile (MAP) BIBCO Standard Record for Rare Books

The MAP is defined for rare books, including reproductions and accompanying materials using a single encoding level. Electronic books are not included. Elements in the MAP are represented by fields, subfields, and codes from the MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data. Unless otherwise noted, all indicators and subfields related to an element may be used when appropriate

to the item being cataloged. Codes for some elements are included. Elements are defined as being either mandatory (M) or mandatory if applicable (A). Elements that are system supplied (e.g., 001, 003, 005) are not included in the MAP. Elements not included in the MAP are not required for use in the BSR for Rare Books. However, they may be used if cataloger judgment and/or local policy determine a need for them. Since institutional practices for rare books often involve locally formulated call numbers, a requirement for a national standard classification could cause additional or undue effort for creators of BSRs for Rare Books. The addition of such a call number is encouraged, when feasible. Addition of citation notes as a means of abbreviating detailed description of the publication is encouraged. Addition of genre/form terms to the BSR for Rare Books is encouraged if local policy calls for use of such terms, as appropriate to the piece. Use of genre/form terms is particularly encouraged in cases where no other 6XX is appropriate (e.g., for literature without a particular topic).

Terms may be taken, and term strings may be constructed, following any thesaurus recognized by the MARC Code Lists for Relators, Sources, Description Conventions: Part IV: Term, Name, Title Sources

< <http://www.loc.gov/standards/sourcelist/genre-form.html> >. Use of terms taken from the official Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) thesauri maintained by the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee is especially encouraged
< http://www.rbms.info/committees/bibliographic_standards/controlled_vocabularies/index.shtml >.

| Element | Labels and Notes | Use |
|---|---|------------|
| Leader | | |
| 06 | Type of record “a” or “t” | M |
| 07 | Bibliographic level “m” | M |
| 17 | Encoding level “blank” | M |
| 18 | Descriptive cataloging form “a” | M |
| 007 Variable Control Fields – Physical Description Fixed Field: Microform Rare Books | | |
| 00 | Category of material | M |
| 01 | Specific material designation | M |
| 008 Variable Control Fields – Fixed-Length Data Elements: Rare Books | | |
| 06 | Type of date/Publication status | M |
| 07-10 | Date 1 | M |
| 11-14 | Date 2 | A |
| 15-17 | Place of publication, production or execution | M |
| 23 | Form of item (if microform) | M |
| 35-37 | Language | M |
| 38 | Modified record | A |
| 39 | Cataloging source “c” or “blank” (if initially cataloged by national library) | M |
| Variable Data Fields | | |
| 010 | Library of Congress Control Number | A |
| 020 | International Standard Book Number ISBN \$a | A |

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| 040 | Cataloging source \$e dcrmb | M |
| 041 | Language code | A |
| 042 | Authentication code \$a “pcc” | M |
| 100/110/ 111/130 | Main entry—personal name/corporate body/meeting name/uniform title. | A |
| 240 | Uniform title Supply if known or can be easily inferred from the item being cataloged. | A |
| 245-4XX | One of the basic differences between AACR2 and DCRM(B) is the method and extent to which bibliographic details (fields 245-4XX) are recorded. As to method, bibliographic details should be recorded as correctly as possible, according to the style expected for the field. Transcription should follow the rules outlined in DCRM(B). As to extent, DCRM(B) provides some options for abbreviating descriptive fields, and creators of BSRs for Rare Books are encouraged to invoke these options whenever pertinent. | |
| 245 | Title and statement of responsibility | |
| | \$a Title proper | M |
| | \$n \$p \$b \$c | A |
| | \$h (for microforms) | M |
| 246 | Varying form of title: \$a \$n \$p Assess each item and assign titles that are required by DCRM(B) Appendix F and titles that cover variations deemed important to assist users. The inclusion of varying title information is intended to reflect individual cataloger judgment and/or local policy. Code the 246 for parallel title as 246:31; all other varying titles may be coded as 246:1#. | A |
| 250 | Edition statement | A |
| 260 | Publication, distribution, etc. (imprint) DCRM(B) has careful guidelines about providing imprint and manufacturer information; following those guidelines, it would be possible to supply the full array of subfields; however, for the BSR for Rare Books, use manufacturing information only when lacking parallel publishing information. For items with only one publisher but multiple places presented, catalogers should follow DCRM(B) 4B6.2. | |
| | \$a Place of publication \$b Name of publisher | A |
| | \$c Date of publication, etc. | M |
| | \$e \$f \$g Lacking substantive information for \$a and/or \$b, supply useful information in manufacturer subfields. | A |
| 300 | Physical Description | |
| | \$a Extent | M |
| | \$b Other physical details | A |
| | \$c Dimensions | M |
| | \$e Accompanying material | A |

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| 490 | Series statement Transcribe here the form of the series statement as it appears on the prescribed source in the item. | A |
| 5xx | Notes that are required by DCRM(B) in particular situations should be included in the BSR for Rare Books. A complete list of required notes is given in the index of DCRM(B). | A |
| 500 | Source of title proper (if other than chief source) | A |
| 500 | Note indicating the original position on the title page of transposed elements | A |
| 501 | With note 501 is defined for use when items are issued and bound together by the publisher. (Notes about items bound together subsequent to publication are to be treated as copy-specific information). | A |
| 502 | Dissertation note | A |
| 533 | Reproduction note | A |
| 546 | Language note Give the language(s) of the described materials if not apparent from the rest of the description. Also describe alphabets, script, or other symbol systems appearing in the item. | A |
| 6XX | Subject and Genre/Form access fields: Use judgment in assessing each item. As appropriate, assign a complement of headings that provides access to at least the primary/essential subject, genre, and/or form of the work at the appropriate level of specificity. Assign such headings from an established thesaurus, list, or subject heading system recognized by the MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data. Follow the conventions of the particular subject heading system being used. | A |
| 700-752 | Added entry fields Use judgment in assessing each item and assign a complement of added entries that covers the primary relationships associated with the manifestation of which the item is a part. The inclusion and importance of added entries are intended to reflect individual cataloger's judgment and/or local institutional policy. | A |
| 8XX | Series added entry If local institutional cataloging policy is to trace a series, include in this field the authorized form of the series as established in or created for the LC Name Authority File. | A |

Implementation Issues

The cataloging environment in which the BSR for Rare Books exists is dynamic and changing at a rapid pace, and to stay up-to-date, the BSR for Rare Books should be reviewed on a periodic basis. One major change is the potential adoption of Resource Description and Access (RDA), which may well prompt modifications to the BSR for Rare Books. A second area undergoing significant change is genre/form headings, with projects underway at the Library of Congress. As national cataloging practice evolves, the BSR for Rare Books needs to evolve to stay abreast of such changes.

Task Group Recommendations to the PCC

1. Prepare documentation and training for the BSR for Rare Books.
2. Prior to implementing RDA, review the impact it might have on the BSR for Rare Books and MAP.
3. Identify and solicit input from appropriate expert rare book catalogers for any future review and changes to the BSR for Rare Books.