

To: ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access
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Subject: Revision of RDA 9.19 to address placement of instructions regarding “Spirit”

Background:

RDA 9.19.1.2 lists a set of qualifiers to add to personal names; currently this includes the term “Spirit”, which appears in the middle of the list. However, in practice the term “Spirit” is always added to the end of the authorized access point to distinguish this entity from the original entity for the person.

Proposed solution:

Move the instruction and related examples about including “Spirit” in an authorized access point from 9.19.1.2 to a new instruction at the end of 9.19.1, so that the addition of this term will always be the last element in the string. Add a reference to the new instruction under the exceptions in 9.19.1.2.

Proposed revision:

9.19.1.2 Title or Other Designation Associated with the Person

Add to the name one or more of the following elements (in this order), as applicable:

- a) a title of royalty (see 9.4.1.4) or nobility (see 9.4.1.5)
- b) the term Saint (see 9.6.1.4)
- c) title of religious rank (see 9.4.1.6–9.4.1.8)
- d) the term Spirit (see 9.6.1.5), unless the Spirit has the same name as another person (see 9.19.1.8)
- d) a term indicating a person named in a sacred scripture or an apocryphal book (see 9.6.1.6)
- e) the term Fictitious character, Legendary character, etc. (see 9.6.1.7)
- f) a term indicating type, species, or breed (see 9.6.1.8)
- g) the profession or occupation (see 9.16) for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person.

EXAMPLE

Anne, Queen of Great Britain

Borselen, Frank van, graaf van Oostervant

Anglès, Jules-Jean-Baptiste, comte

Pius XII, Pope
Dositheos, Patriarch of Jerusalem
Ruricius I, Bishop of Limoges
Arundel, Philip Howard, Earl of, Saint
~~Garland, Judy (Spirit)~~
Messenger Number One from the Secret Love Star (Spirit)
Stone Mountain (Writer)
Big Hand (Musician)
PSK-13 (Rapper)
Adam (Biblical figure)
Holmes, Sherlock (Fictitious character)
Aeneas (Legendary character)
Lauder Lass (Horse)
Henrietta (Cat)

Exceptions

Title of nobility. Add a title of nobility only if the title or part of the title commonly appears with the name in resources associated with the person or in reference sources. In this context, disregard reference sources dealing with the nobility. In case of doubt, add the title.

Saint. Do not add Saint to an access point representing a pope or an emperor, empress, king, or queen.

Title of religious rank. Add a title of religious rank to the name of a person whose given name is recorded as the first element in the preferred name only if the title or part of the title commonly appears with the name in resources associated with the person or in reference sources. In case of doubt, add the title.

9.19.1.8 Spirits

If the access point represents a Spirit that has the same name as another person, add *(Spirit)* to the authorized access point.

EXAMPLE

Garland, Judy (Spirit)
Joel (Biblical prophet) (Spirit)