Status Report on 3R project

Since the announcement of the 3R project last October and several important planning steps have taken place.

- RSC meeting in Frankfurt where the project was discussed with specific focus on desired functionality for the Toolkit.
- Formation of a six-person 3R User Group which has provided user stories, reviewed those stories, and provided comments on project goals and priorities.
- Face-to-face meetings with development partners, Dakota Systems and GVPi.

From these meetings a clearer picture of the goals and features has emerged.

The 3R project will include…

- A responsive design
  - o Primary target is usability of toolkit on tablets
- Compliance with access standards
  - o Targeting AA rating on W3C accessibility standard
- Conversion of RDA Toolkit repository to DITA format
  - o Introduce modularity to toolkit data
  - o Allow for flexibility of instruction display
  - o Provide accessibility to metadata for toolkit contributors
- Implementation of Trados translation software (by March 2017)
  - o Improve translation workflow
- Synchronization of Toolkit and Registry data across translations
  - o Synch of glossary already in place
  - o Synching of vocabulary lists for April 2017 release
  - o Extending synch process to translations by August 2017
- 3 "views" of RDA
  - o Workflow view
  - o Element view
  - o Policy Statement view
- Updated user-content creation tool and navigation
  - o Significant improvements to the HTML editor tool
  - o Solution for shared ownership of documents
  - o New display of globally shared documents and ability to subscribe to authoring institutions
- Improved login and time-out functions
  - o No more double login to reach user profile
  - o My Toolkit landing page for login

- o   After time-outs, user can login at page last visited
- Improvements to Admin system
  - o   Allow subscription administrators to set preferences
  - o   Allow subscription administrators to manage user profiles

The 3R project will address the following issues, but specific solutions have yet to be identified…

- A Revision History solution that works for all language versions and includes
  - o   a clear definition from RSC about what constitutes a trackable change
  - o   a one-stop summary document of changes in a release
  - o   a "track changes" view of the change
  - o   a link to or summary of (or both) the explanation for a revision
- A mappings solution that works for all encodings and includes…
  - o   a single entry point for encodings
  - o   accessibility for developers to use the data
  - o   ability to export to table for toolkit display
  - o   ability to include data in a potential data profile associated with an instruction
- An approach to the display of instructions that…
  - o   supports the display of two different identifiers (current numbering system and new alpha-numeric system)
  - o   integrates the display of RDA instructions with related documents (examples, policy statements, etc.)
  - o   includes a data profile (contents to be determined) and perhaps a link to revision history
  - o   includes the ability to personalize the display
- An approach to navigation that…
  - o   helps distinguish entities related to instructions and which instructions are guidelines for actions to be taken
  - o   incorporates a graphic solution to related instructions (methods map or something similar)
  - o   includes multiple browse options
- A revised element view
- A new function for querying large tables and lists

The following features of the current Toolkit will not continue after the 3R project is completed…
- Blue floating heads
- Print table of contents
- Print Index

- All search metadata except to Numerical label and Core designation

Next Steps

ALA Publishing will continue to meet with primary stakeholders and the broader public in the coming months in order to finalize our goals for the redesign. This interactions includes…
- Bi-weekly meetings with RSC leadership to determine RDA revision plan.
- RDA Forums and public interactions at ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference.
- Two RSC meetings in 2017: on in Chicago in May, and one in Madrid in November.
- May meeting with the RDA Board.
- ALA Publishing will attend EURIG meeting in Florence in May for added perspectives on the project.
- 2-3 User group meetings to gather feedback on direction of project.
- February will include 1-2 online meetings with Dakota and GVPi to finalize goals and review costs.