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The Dean's Corner:



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Cataloging Librarians (continued)

As RDA will replace AACR2 cataloging rules in January 2013, it is important that our catalogers know what is new and different about cataloging with RDA as opposed to AACR2: as Muriel Nero noted, this workshop is "necessary because old cataloging rules are changing and we must keep up with the current cataloging environment [...] this workshop will provide me with a working knowledge of RDA." Head librarian of cataloging and processing, Vera Finley, noted that while the immediate changes once RDA has been implemented will not be noticed by library users, RDA will "completely change the way we do things [...] cataloging systems such as Voyager will have to change and adapt to accommodate this completely new vocabulary."

The workshop is provided completely online and is composed of weekly modules. These modules include readings, worksheets, quizzes, and weekly assignments. Once completed, the librarians will receive a certificate of completion. Thanks to these librarians who are willing to take this course in addition to their already assigned cataloging duties to better serve the University Library and the university community.

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Movers and Shakers: University Librarians' Professional Activities

Kathy Wheeler is the current newsletter editor for the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries, where she serves on the Executive Board.

Amy Prendergast had four website reviews published in CHOICE.

Carol Ellis participated in a Society of American Archivists' webinar entitled "Information Architecture," which explored ways to make web sites more user friendly. In addition, Carol traveled to Athens, Georgia, in early December to solicit a collection of material related to the Alabama Black Belt in the early nineteenth century, and will travel to Clinton, Mississippi, later this month to examine a collection of black and white negatives made by a local man from 1925 to 1955.

Vera Finley and Muriel Nero participated in an 8 week continuing education workshop entitled RDA:Resource Description and Access: An Introduction to RDA, FRBR, and Linked Data.

Muriel Nero, Elizabeth Rukan, Paula Webb, Mary Duffy, Kathy Wheeler, Angela Rand, Andrea Wright, and Amy Prendergast collaborated in writing a SPARKS! Technology Grant.