

Proposal for DCRM(C)
Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Cartographic)

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We propose that a manual for the treatment of early and rare cartographic materials be developed as part of the DCRM suite. The Library of Congress's Cataloging Policy and Support Office (CPSO) has expressed support of this project.

Background:

Descriptive cataloging of early and rare cartographic materials in libraries and other institutions currently relies on chapter 3 of AACR2 and *Cartographic Materials, a Manual of Interpretation for AACR2*, 2nd edition, prepared by the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic Materials and edited by Elizabeth U. Mangan. *Cartographic Materials* (CM) is a comprehensive, general work which includes suggestions for the treatment of early and rare materials, much of it drawn from DCRB, which has now been superseded by DCRM(B).

With an increased focus on the security of rare cartographic materials, there is a need for a stand alone set of rules that covers the treatment of atlases, maps, and globes, both printed and manuscript, including the analysis of cartographic works in books or other resources, and can be used by any institution that houses these materials. The creation of a standard will eliminate the need for each institution to develop extensive local practices for the treatment of rare cartographic works, and will make it possible for institutions with smaller collections to benefit from both the sophisticated tradition of rare materials cataloging and the awareness of the cartographic community of the particular qualities of our materials

We approached Deborah J. Leslie, then chair of the Bibliographic Standards Committee, during the revision of DCRB, to help us with our MAGERT (ALA Map and Geography Roundtable) preconference in June 2007 on rare and early cartographic cataloging with the idea that the program might lead to discussions about the development DCRM(C). These discussions did occur, and we have been supported in going forward by Elizabeth Mangan and Mary Larsgaard (former chair of CC:DA) as well as CPSO and other members of MAGERT and the cartographic and rare materials communities.

Initial plan of action:

A team of experienced catalogers will review DCRM(B) and CM, with reference also to DCRM(M) for its content based model incorporating both printed and manuscript items, to identify:

- areas of conflict between CM and DCRM(B)
- lacunae in CM, whether or not they are addressed in DCRM(B)
- areas where existing guidance from practices and other sources such as LC's Map Cataloging Manual usefully addresses conflicts and lacunae.

The initial team includes:

- Todd Fell (Catalog Librarian, Beinecke Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT)
- Carolyn J. Kadri (Special Collections Cataloger, University of Texas at Arlington Library, Arlington, TX)
- Nancy Kandoian (Map Cataloger, New York Public Library, New York, NY)
- Seanna Tsung (Senior Cataloging Specialist, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC)

We propose that the review process would be supported and made more inclusive by review via a wiki from interested members of both the rare materials and cartographic communities, and would hope to garner examples thusly as well.

We propose that the eventual editorial team include consideration of the members of the initial team named above, plus the following as needed:

- further representation from the rare book cataloging community
- further representation from the cartographic cataloging community
- representation from the Cataloging Policy and Support Office of the Library of Congress

We hope to discuss the formation of the editorial team, including the selection of a chair, at the RBMS meeting in Anaheim in June 2008 so that we can begin the review.