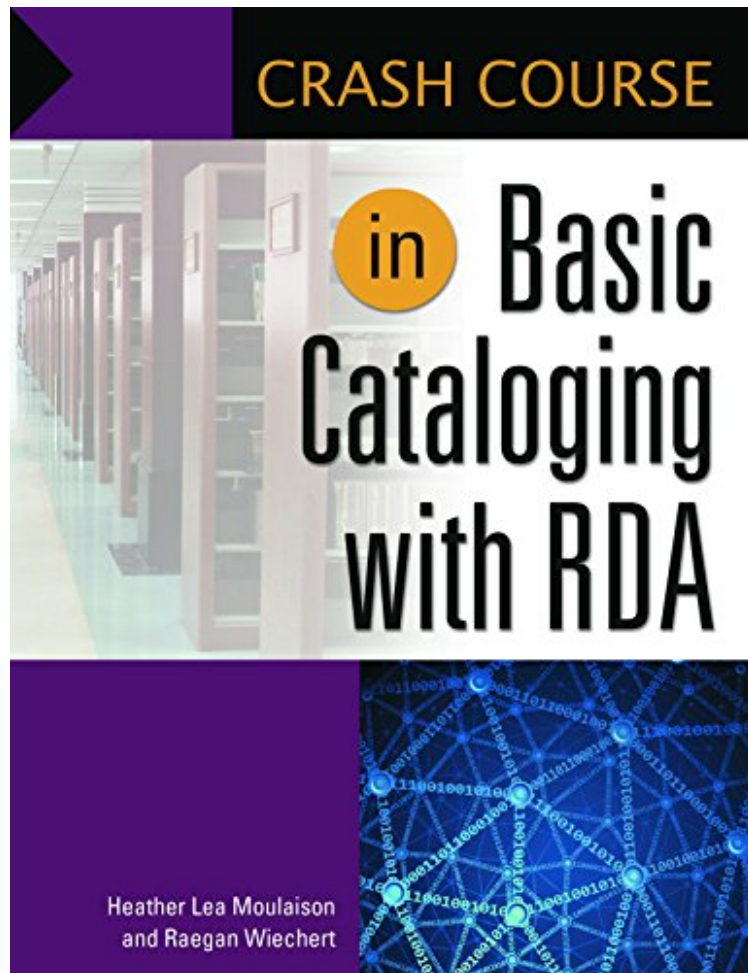


Crash Course in Basic Cataloging with RDA

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Heather Lea Moulaison, Raegan Wiechert Assistant Professor : Crash Course in Basic Cataloging with RDA before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crash Course in Basic Cataloging with RDA:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A valuable introduction to a complicated subject By Karl Janssen I recently took a course in cataloging and classification as part of a masters of library science degree program. This Crash Course manual from Moulaison and Wiechert was our primary text for the class. The book provides a thorough introduction to creating bibliographic records with the RDA content standard and conveying that information through the MARC encoding language, but it never gets so deep as to become overwhelming. It starts with general information about cataloging and defines the requisite terminology. It then goes into how RDA is related to the FRBR model (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records), how the two work together to describe the fundamental characteristics of the FRBR group I entities (work, expression, manifestation, and item), and the corresponding MARC

fields used to encode that information. The second half of the book discusses the basics of assigning subject headings using controlled vocabularies and determining call numbers for the Library of Congress Classification or Dewey Decimal Systems. An appendix includes sample MARC/RDA records that are helpful for reference. When you're actually cataloging, you'll be using mostly online tools like the RDA Toolkit, Cataloger's Desktop, Classification Web, the Library of Congress Authorities, or the MARC21 Standards, but you can't just dive in and hit the ground running in those resources without knowing what you're looking for. It's like if you try to learn Chinese writing, you probably have to study for at least a year before you can even figure out how to use a Chinese dictionary. This book lays the foundation upon which you can build further cataloging knowledge using more advanced resources. As much as possible for a metadata language, the text is written in plain English that is easy for the novice to understand, rendering an intimidating subject manageable. I had no prior experience cataloging, but by the end of the semester I felt confident in my ability to create bibliographic records in RDA and MARC.

Covering tools, terminology, and the FRBR-based RDA approach to description, this book explains the current principles of organization of information and basic cataloging practices for non-catalogers, enabling readers to understand elements of the cataloging process and interact with records in a basic manner. Provides an easy-to-follow, basic understanding of organization of library information and cataloging practice that explains how records are created and offers assistance in applying RDA. Offers valuable insight for non-catalogers (and even non-librarians) into the practices and tools used in organization of information and cataloging by documenting the work that catalogers are now doing. Explains the approaches to organizing different formats of materials in libraries and accounts for the effects of RDA on current cataloging practices.

"This book is a good introduction to current standard cataloging and can serve as a handy supplement to whatever other learning opportunities are available." - Technicalities
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