Review:

With recent attention to RDA and RDF respectively, a strong collection of research has emerged. In RDA, librarians are at the forefront with the RDA Toolkit and numerous sites, blogs, videos, and monographs on transitioning to and understanding RDA. A few open source resources include the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) webinar series (2012), the Tennessee Libraries Association RDA guide (Baskett, Underdown-DuBois, & Busch, 2013), Mark K. Ehlert’s RDA brief (2013); and the University of North Florida’s RDA training booklet (Veve, 2014). The RDA Toolkit, as well as resources like Mering’s (2014) student-focused RDA Workbook and Maxwell’s (2013) detailed examples of RDA cataloging, are also great resources but are not open source.

A few notable articles on RDA, RDF, and linked data in libraries include Alemu, Stevens, Ross, and Chandler (2012), which supports the use of RDF within the library; Baker, Coyle, and Petiya (2014), which compare FRBR, RDA, and BIBFRAME; Coyle (2010), which expressly maps RDA to RDF fields in a library case study; Panchyshyn & Park (2014), which describe how RDA will enable hybridized cataloging; Tillett (2013), which covers RDA and the linked data environment in libraries; Wacker, Han, and Dartt (2011), which test how RDA can be used in Metadata Object Description Standards (MODS), Encoded Archival Description (EAD), and Dublin Core (DC). Most of these studies include a brief overview of RDA, linked data, or RDF and all describe, at least in
brief, why linked data is so important for supporting strong information retrieval and connecting information within libraries.

When reading literature on RDA, linked data, or RDF, a suggested relevancy cutoff date would be no earlier than late 2012 into early 2013. The reason for this cutoff is that RDA and RDF continue to change and reading anything older than 2012 could potentially be outdated. That said, there are a number of blogs one should monitor in order to stay abreast of RDA, like Haider’s RDA blog (2015) and the RDA Toolkit blog (2014), and resources for RDF, like the W3C’s RDF primer page (2014). A few example resources for FRBR are its use with the various editions and adaptations of Bram Stoker’s Dracula (City of Mountain View, 2010) and Riley’s work on interoperable (linking) FRBR-based data (2010). The Linked Library Data Interest Group (LITA/ALCTS) is also a solid resource to watch. Books such as Coyle’s (2012) Linked data tools: connecting on the web as well as van Hooland and Verborgh (2012) Linked data for libraries, archives and museums: how to clean, link and publish your metadata are also helpful for exploring the opportunities of linked data in the library as well as outlining a few linked data techniques and tools.

There are also a number of general linked data, and linked open data (LOD) blogs available to stay abreast of what is going on, such as Linked Open Data in Libraries Archives and Museums (LODLAM) (LODLAM, 2015); the LOD2 project blog which seeks to create knowledge out of interlinked data (LOD2, 2015); the W3C blogs such as the Building the Web of Things blog (W3C, 2015); the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) TechConnect blog which focuses on linked data within the library sphere (TechConnect, 2015); and Chris Bourg, Director of Libraries at MIT, has a
fun and interesting blog that sometimes delves into linked library data called the *Feral Librarian* (Bourg, 2015). These blog often are also associated with groups working on linked data. A few other groups working with linked data are the W3C Library Linked Data Incubator Group (2012), the LITA Linked Library Data Interest Group (2015), and The Digital Library Federation Linked Open Data interest group (2015).

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