

In implementing the National Library of Viet Nam's professional training plan for the year 2018 approved by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, from October 1 to November 2, 2018, the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) has organized training courses on application of the cataloging rule Resource Description and Access –Vietnamese edition for core cataloguers in the north, central, and south regions of Viet Nam in order to give instructions for the libraries to use the cataloging tools to describe content of the digital resources, as well as the resources in non-digital formats (traditional materials).



*Ms. Kieu Thuy Nga - Director of the NLV delivers the opening speech of the Training Course*

Resource Description and Access (RDA) is an international cataloging standard which is based on the Anglo-American Cataloging Rule (AACR2), has designed for digital environment to meet the change and development of the information resources. The birth of the RDA has marked an important change, a step forward in the cataloging activity and been officially applied in many libraries around the world. The organization of the training courses on application of the RDA cataloging rules for Vietnamese libraries comes from the requirement of modernizing library - information activities with the aim to increase exchanges, share information and promote international integration, especially standardization in processing information and materials.

The training program includes the following contents:

- Overview about RDA, its structure and management principles.

- Relationship with other standards about resource description and access.

- How to use the instructions and guidelines in the RDA for recording attributes of manifestation and item, recording attributes of work and expression, recording attributes of persons, families, and corporate bodies, and recording attributes of concepts, objects, events, and places.

- The basics of relationship between entities in the RDA.

- Explanation about how to record relationships between entities in resources and how to provide access points for information resources.

The training courses have given introductions about all important knowledge about the RDA cataloging rules, helped participants understand principles of description, how to build and exploit resources; applied the rules in RDA to provide descriptions for different types of information resources etc.

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