

To: ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

From: Task Force on Consistency Across Part I of AACR2
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Subject: Area 6, Series: Analysis

General

Other than Chapter 1, Chapter 4, Chapter 11, and Chapter 12, the chapters had only:
Contents;
Preliminary rule consisting of Punctuation (not including the last sentence re “For the use of the equals sign ...”);
Reference to 1.6 for instructions on how to record series statements; and
Examples.

Specific Comments

- ✓ It is unlikely that these elements would be deleted from the individual chapters unless a similar action is done with the other areas of the record. If that were to be done in the future, some examples of each type of material could be moved to Chapter 1.
- ✓ The examples in Chapters 2-12 have parentheses around them, while the examples in Chapter 1 do not have. **We recommend** adding parentheses to the examples in Chapter 1.
- ✓ The only LCRIs we found were for 1.6 and 12.6, so instructions for series have not been expanded in that manner.
- ✓ Chapter 4 says “This area is not used for manuscripts.”
- ✓ 11.6B1 differs from the other chapters in that it says “Record each series statement relating to a microform as instructed in 1.6. If the original was published in a series, record it in a note (see 11.7B12).”
 - Presumably the “relating to a microform” is added here so the cataloger clearly understand that it is the series for the microform itself that is recorded here, with series relating to the original in a note, as the second sentence says. **We recommend** leaving “relating to a microform”.
 - The reference to 11.7B12 is incorrect. It carries over from the original (1978) edition of AACR2 and refers to 11.7B12 in the 1978 edition, which simply

read “Make notes on series data that cannot be given in the series area.” By the 1988 revision, 11.7B12 read: “Make notes on any microform series in which the microform has also been issued.” 11.6B1 instructs the cataloger to make a note for the series of the *original*; 11.7B12 now refers only to another *microform* series. **We therefore recommend** deletion of the parenthetical reference.

- ✓ **12.6B1** follows Chapters 2-10 for its first sentence, but adds a second sentence (in the 2002 revision) that says “For serials, do not give series numbering if each issue or part is separately numbered within the series.”
 - 1.6G2 gives information on separately numbered parts of a multipart item and refers the cataloger to 12.6B for numbering of a periodical series. Presumably this is because the serial is expected to continue for a longer period of time than a multipart (monographic) item and would cause more handling of the record, even though it reduces the convenience for the user in finding a particular number of a series. **We recommend** that 12.6B1 be looked at to see if it might be made more consistent with 1.6G2 and the practice currently followed for multipart items. By nature serial records are constantly being worked with and revised for many reasons, so why not for this also?
- ✓ **12.6B2** (in the 2002 revision of chapter 12) makes a distinction between serials and integrating resources in the case of title change/new series, etc.
 - These new changes in Chapter 12 have added another layer of inconsistency to the rules.