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A close reading of the text of Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (Music) (DCRM(M)) took place from May 25 through June 7, 2013. There were twenty-three readers in all, drawn from the RBMS Bibliographic Standards Committee (BSC), MLA Bibliographic Control Committee, and the Library of Congress. Over the summer, the task group has been working through the comments generated through the close reading and incorporating any changes into the document. This should be complete by the end of September.

Also over the summer, the DCRM steering committee, of which I am a member, decided to repurpose Appendix C of the DCRM manuals (currently Core-level records) to instead cover AACR2 capitalization rules, now that AACR2 is not so readily available to everyone. I have recently developed the Appendix C for DCRM(M) and will be bringing to the steering group for approval.

Once this, and few other miscellaneous items are complete, we will be forwarding the manual to various groups for approval. Approvals need to be received from MLA, RBMS and Library of Congress Policy and Standard Division, and then we will be working through the publication process with ALA Editions. It is important to note here that there will be no print version of DCRM(M); it will be electronic only. It will be available on Cataloger's Desktop and as a free PDF on the RBMS website. Links from the document will provide guidance on using DCRM(M) with RDA.

RBMS BSC has begun making plans to adapt the DCRM manuals for use with RDA. A task group, originally created to revise DCRM(B) (i.e. books), decided at ALA Annual that instead of separate manuals for each format, DCRM in RDA would be a single document, mirroring RDA. This was later approved by BSC. Development of the text will likewise involve all formats, with the task group likely dealing with the basic instructions and then farming it out to specialized format groups for any necessary additions/revisions. The formal structure for this has yet to be created, but it is likely this is how it will work.