any library setting.—Shanna Hollich (shollich@gmail.com), Adams County Library System, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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In the twenty years since the last edition of Cataloging Legal Literature was published, the cataloging has changed dramatically. Resource Description and Access (RDA) is the new cataloging standard, and it is impossible to overlook just how much the Internet has radically changed the world of legal literature. New to the publication of this edition is a non-legal cataloger. The authors stress what a cataloger needs to consider during this process. Various electronic formats are covered with sample MARC records for each. Of particular note is that the authors also discuss how to handle the continuing resources, which are covered in Chapter 3. These publications run the gamut from loose-leaf titles to law journals to titles that are revised annually. Surprisingly, the phrase “continuing resources” was first defined in Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, 2nd ed. (AACR2R), but was not carried over into RDA. Within this chapter, the authors rely heavily on examples to show RDA’s impact on legal cataloging. Particularly helpful is a section that lists parts of a MARC record that may need to be added or updated when cataloging serials for different scenarios.

The most notable difference between this edition and the previous version is the increased attention on electronic resources. Previously, there was little focus on electronic resources. Unfortunately since twenty years ago legal literature was mostly print based. Illustrating this point is a quote from the third edition, “To be comprehensive would be impossible, as legal publications are always appearing in wondrous new forms, such as electronic journals and CD-ROM products.” Electronic legal resources have certainly evolved since very few current publications include CD-ROMs. The fourth edition devotes all of Chapter 4 to electronic resources.

While the majority of Chapter 4 focuses on cataloging of electronic resources, there is a section on collection development and a discussion of whether these electronic resources should be cataloged. The authors offer arguments that need consideration during this process. Various electronic formats are covered with sample MARC records for each. Of particular note is that the authors also discuss how to handle the corresponding print resource.

No contemporary cataloging manual would be complete without mentioning the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR). Chapter 6 details how the majority of legal literature falls outside the established RDA and the FRBR models. In fact, the authors state that “legal literature unfortunately consists of many types of publications that are still being defined in the FRBR model” (126). This chapter tries to illustrate which legal publications are true new editions according to RDA and FRBR with extensive MARC examples.

The second part includes an A-Z glossary of terms, including genre/form terms, complete with explanatory MARC records. Comprising just over half of the book, the glossary articulates legal terms in relation to cataloging rules and practices. These are terms that are commonplace to those in the legal field but not necessarily applicable to a non-legal cataloger. The authors stress what a cataloger needs to know about a term and which RDA rules apply. The table of contents lists the page number for each entry in the glossary.

This book is being published both as a softcover publication and electronically. The authors have stated that there...
are plans for at least quarterly updates of the online version, while the print version will be irregularly updated. However, much of the book is written in such a way that the reader would probably prefer the online version as a reference tool. Similar to earlier editions, the authors have provided a plethora of examples that are commonly accompanied by the corresponding Library of Congress (LC) policy statement, AACR2R, or RDA rule. There is one very marked difference in this edition. Each rule is presented as a hyperlink that, if the reader is using the electronic version, links directly to the corresponding rule. While this presentation is less helpful in the print edition, the rule can easily be found for reference. Even in the print edition, the layout and addition of colored text does make for easier reference.

Complete with little bits of humor, such as “How will you maintain your sanity?” (52), this manual is, in this reviewer’s opinion, an essential reference tool for law catalogers. It should not be mistaken for the entire toolbox. As a reference manual, it should be a part of most law library collections but is less essential for libraries with small law collections. It serves as an introduction to basic legal terminology for a beginning law cataloger. However, the manual is still an asset to more experienced legal catalogers as they navigate the changing world of legal publications.—Heather Mitchell (heather.mitchell@rutgers.edu), Rutgers Law Library, Camden, New Jersey

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Some readers may opt to bypass the preface, which provides some interesting background as to the reason these authors decided to create Map Librarianship. The authors state that the goal for their book is to “enhance geoliteracy as well as reference instruction skills by providing details on finding, downloading, delivering, and assessing maps, remotely sensed imagery, and other geospatial resources and services, primarily from trusted government sources” (xiv). They focus on map librarianship and geoliteracy to fill the need for a single resource that helps map librarians promote the importance of libraries in the Geospatial Revolution. The authors comment that libraries and library schools are not recognizing their valuable role within this revolution and are missing out on service opportunities.

The opening chapter iterates some of the themes presented in the preface: the daily reliance on maps, both physically and digitally, the importance of maps, and how libraries need to be in the forefront of the Geospatial Revolution. The authors provide a brief history of geography and cartography, explaining the historical significance of map making throughout the years to demonstrate their evolution into NeoGeography and NeoCartography that we see today.

NeoGeography is described as “the divisions between traditional geographic roles of subject, producer, communicator, and consumer blurring together” due to changes in technology and society, allowing the consumer to perform the traditional geographic roles without formal training (8). NeoCartography is the visual presentation of these works on open-source and GIS/cartography visual platforms, such as Google Maps and Earth. The authors discuss the challenges and positive outcomes of consumer involvement in the Geospatial Revolution, some being the potential for biased data as well as the ability to perform crisis mapping. This is when traditional map librarianship also evolved.

The authors trace the history of map librarianship to explain its evolution into NeoMap Librarianship. NeoMap Librarianship is a “geo-literate librarian who [combines] knowledge of basic map and spatial-data concepts with a solid background in instruction services, reference services, collection development, classification schemes, and cataloging systems” (11). The new NeoMap Librarian will be vital in helping patrons navigate the Geospatial Revolution.

Throughout the rest of the book, the authors define the skill sets of the NeoMap Librarian, merging traditional librarian skills with geoliteracy knowledge. Geoliteracy is defined as the level of geo-education that the National Geographic Society believes that everyone in the 21st century needs to possess to behave responsibly and live well in our interconnected world (17). The authors describe various types of maps that exist, what they are commonly used for, and the basic concepts of map creation so that librarians and library users can “better interpret and use them as well as find maps that serve their specific needs” (69). They examine different digital mapping and geospatial software, citing pros and cons of some of the more popular ones. They comment that librarians need to be knowledgeable of these technologies so that they can develop instructional programs for patrons, as well as understand why and how these new technologies can help us “study the world and plan for future development” (94). With these new technologies come new training needs for librarians to learn how to properly use them.

The authors discuss how there is very little formal training in library schools to develop the necessary geoliteracy skills that the specialized equipment and technology require. By reviewing actual job postings, they seek to demonstrate that the skills being required are not what is being