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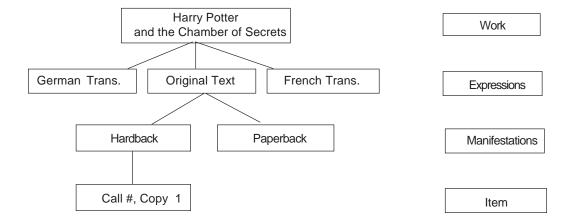
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Dear Tech Talk: Some catalog librarians I know occasionally talk about FRBR and how FRBR might impact their work; now they are also telling me that FRBR is something that I—a reference librarian—should know and care about. What in the world is FRBR and do I really need to care about it? —Finding FRBR Frustrating

Dear FFF: FRBR (often pronounced: fur-bur) sounds like it should be a cute animal in a Disney film, but in reality, it is an acronym for Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records. Because there is quite a bit of noise being

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Currently, the vast majority of cataloging is performed at the "manifestation" level, and each record for a manifestation contains (often repetitive) "expression" and "work" level information. The result for the person using the online catalog is a long list of search results, each representing an individual "manifestation" for this Harry Potter book. With the use of the FRBR model, a cataloger would create a "work" record—a master record—to which expression and manifestation records would be attached as new editions of the work were acquired. Under this model, the person searching the online catalog retrieves one result for the search of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," with



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What can public services librarians do about FRBR? Learn more about it, share information with colleagues, and talk to integrated library system vendors. Monitor FRBR activities by:

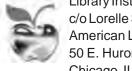
- Watching the FRBR blog (http://www.frbr.org), maintained by William Denton;
- · Checking the FRBR Bibliography (http://infoserv.inist.fr/

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