



Dewey Decimal Classification NEWS



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Dewey at ALA Midwinter

The Dewey and ALCTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 8, 7:00–8:30 am, in the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, Sapphire Ballroom A. The meeting will be held in conjunction with that of the Public Libraries Association Technical Services Interest Group, which will meet directly following the Dewey portion of the agenda. The Dewey program will feature presentations on WebDewey 2.0, practical applications of our linked data Web service dewey.info, and a sneak preview of DDC 23.

OCLC Booth 2451

Stop by OCLC Booth 2451 to see WebDewey 2.0. Dewey print publications are on display at the Combined Book Exhibit (Booth 1722).

WebDewey 2.0

WebDewey 2.0 is now available. It features an easy-to-navigate, simple user interface with local control over the display of record elements. For the first time, BISAC-DDC mappings are featured in the service. WebDewey 2.0 includes a generic user interface script to support access to Dewey data in different languages, and access to different terminology sets. Future releases of WebDewey 2.0 will include features such as display of the history information associated with each class, and support for WebDewey as a source of user-generated content. Current WebDewey subscribers can access the new system with their existing authorizations and passwords at <http://dewey.org/webdewey>. The existing WebDewey interface will be available until April 1, 2011, at which time users will be redirected to the new service.

DDC 23, Abridged Edition 15, 200 Religion Class

Publication of DDC 23 is expected in mid-2011; the price for the four-volume set in North America is \$399. Abridged Edition 15 and *200 Religion Class* are expected to be published in late 2011. DDC 23 training workshops are tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2011, at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio; and for August 12, 2011, in San Juan, Puerto Rico (venue to be announced in early 2011), immediately preceding the 2011 World Library and Information Conference (IFLA).

DDC Linked Data

Dewey.info

Assignable numbers accompanied by captions from the English, Italian and Vietnamese DDC Abridged Edition 14 data sets have been added as linked data to dewey.info. Dewey.info already contains the top three levels of the DDC in 11 languages; this new addition extends the breadth of Dewey linked data beyond the three-digit level to include approximately 3,500 additional records in each language. The service also includes a new display option besides the standard HTML and various machine-readable displays. The new view generates a shelf label that includes a Dewey number and captions in multiple languages, plus an optional user-defined hyperlink encoded as a QR code.

British Library

The British Library has included DDC linked data in the over 3 million British Library bibliographic records recently released as linked data. A dewey.info URI is used to unambiguously identify the source edition of the Dewey numbers (e.g., <<http://dewey.info/scheme/e22>>); another URI pattern is used as a datatype to distinguish a “regular” number from a “Dewey number.”

Deutsche Nationalbibliothek

Over the course of 2010, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek has released a considerable amount of its authority data in formats compatible with the Semantic Web, mostly as linked data. The linked data version of SWD, the German subject authority data, includes all mappings to the DDC that have been established by the CrissCross project, with links using the URI pattern as implemented in dewey.info. In addition, the DDC-based subjects groups used in the German National Bibliography and an abbreviated version of all class records in the German translation of the DDC are included in the downloadable RDF content. Both sets contain links to equivalent concepts in dewey.info.

Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) held five electronic meetings during the past six months to complete the review of the content of the print edition of DDC 23. Meeting 134, the next face-to-face meeting of the committee, will be held at OCLC June 8–10, 2011. The agenda will include review of the proposed content for Abridged Edition 15 and *200 Religion Class*, plus consideration of several papers on strategic directions for the DDC.

Translations

The Dewey translations highlighted below are all using translation-support software developed by Pansoft. The Pansoft software imports and exports DDC data using the same MARCXML format used to export the English-language DDC data, and represent DDC data in WebDewey 2.0. Pansoft also developed WebDewey 2.0 under an agreement with OCLC.

Arabic: A new Arabic translation of the full DDC is under way at Bibliotheca Alexandrina. An immediate product of the collaboration between the Dewey editorial team and the Arabic translation team is the update to two areas of Islam—historical periods of Islam and Hadith (Traditions)—to be featured in the print version of DDC 23 (plus WebDewey 2.0). Additional updates of Islam will be included in *200 Religion Class* and future releases of WebDewey 2.0.

Indonesian: In early 2011, work will commence at the National Library of Indonesia on the Indonesian translation of the abridged edition.

Norwegian: The National Library of Norway has begun work on a translation of the full DDC in a Web-only version—the previous five Norwegian translations were customized abridged editions.

Swedish: The National Library of Sweden has nearly completed work on the first version of the mixed Swedish-English translation of the full DDC. The Swedish mixed translation will be the first DDC translation to be available under the new WebDewey 2.0 interface; the launch is scheduled for January 17, 2011.

Vietnamese: An agreement for a Vietnamese translation of the full DDC was signed between OCLC and the National Library of Vietnam during the World Library and Information Congress (76th IFLA General Conference and Assembly) in Gothenburg, Sweden, in August 2010.

Cataloging Correctly for Kids

Cataloging Correctly for Kids, 5th edition, has recently been published by ALA Editions. It contains a new chapter, “Dewey Decimal Classification,” by Julianne Beall, assistant editor of the DDC.

Group Subscriptions for Dewey services

If your library is part of a consortium and wishes to subscribe to WebDewey 2.0 and/or Abridged WebDewey 2.0, please contact Libbie Crawford at libbie_crawford@oclc.org or **1-800-848-5878 ext. 6346** to explore group subscription options.

Dewey Section at the Library of Congress

Dewey Section classifiers and others at the Library of Congress assigned Dewey numbers to 66,465 titles during the period October 2009–September 2010. The comparable figure for October 2008–September 2009 was 65,386 titles.

Dennis McGovern, former chief of the Decimal Classification Division (DCD), retired from the Library of Congress on December 30, 2010. He was appointed to the position of Decimal Classification Chief on May 17, 2004, after serving as the acting chief of DCD since February 2002, when previous chief David Smith retired. Mr. McGovern stepped down as DCD chief for health reasons in August 2008. Since that time he has worked a split detail as a Senior Decimal Classification Classifier in the areas of literature, language, sports,

and recreation, and as a senior cataloger of romance language material in the Social Science Cataloging Division and the African, Latin American, and Western European Division. Mr. McGovern first joined LC as an editorial assistant in the Bill Digest Section of the American Law Division, Congressional Research Service. In August of the same year, he joined the LOIS Processing Section in the former Order Division, Acquisitions Directorate, and April 1984 became a CIP publisher liaison in the Cataloging in Publication Division, while he also studied part time for his master's degree in library science at the University of Maryland. After completing library school, he became a cataloger at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library in the District of Columbia Public Library system. He returned to LC as a descriptive cataloger in 1987. He joined the Education, Sports, and Recreation Team when it was formed in 1989 as part of the Whole Book Cataloging Project. Mr. McGovern came to DCD in 2002 from the position of team leader, Education, Sports and Recreation Team (ESR), Social Sciences Cataloging Division. His service at the Library of Congress also included a short detail as acting team leader of the Music and Sound Recordings Team III, and an eight-month detail as acting chief of the Special Material Cataloging Division.

Dewey Editorial Office

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Useful Dewey Links

Dewey Web site	www.oclc.org/dewey/
025.431: The Dewey blog	http://ddc.typepad.com
DeweyBrowser	www.oclc.org/research/researchworks/ddc/browser.htm
Classify	http://classify.oclc.org/classify2/
DDC Projects	www.slainte.org.uk/edugit/projects.htm
DDC Demonstrators	www.slainte.org.uk/edugit/demonstrators.htm
DDC Services	www.slainte.org.uk/edugit/services.htm
Dewey Documentation	www.oclc.org/support/documentation/dewey/
Dewey FAQ	www.oclc.org/support/questions/dewey/
Dewey.info	http://dewey.info
World Digital Library	www.wdl.org/en/
DDC RSS Feeds	www.oclc.org/dewey/syndicated/rss.htm
New & Changed Entries	www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/new/
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