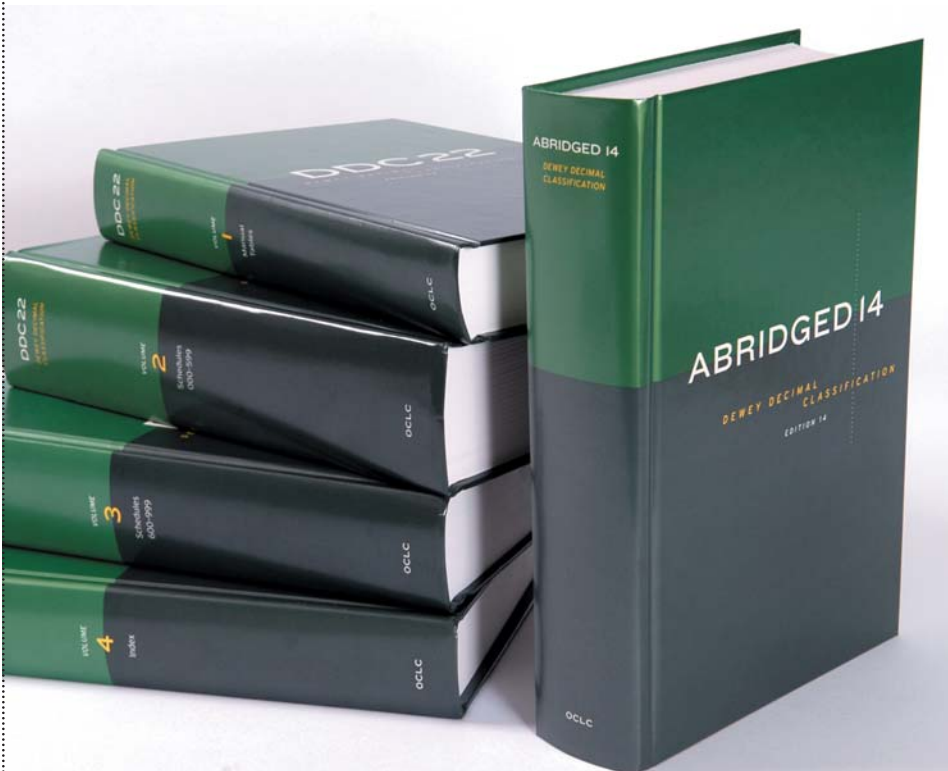




Dewey Decimal Classification News

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DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14 now available



Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Edition 22 (DDC 22), was published in November 2003. DDC 22 contains several major updates, many new numbers and topics, and a few structural changes, but no extensive revisions. This is good news for Dewey libraries!

Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Edition 14, was published in early 2004. Abridged Edition 14 incorporates all applicable revisions of DDC 22—the edition it abridges.

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application published

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application, 3rd. ed., by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell, is now available. This new edition has been completely updated to reflect the changes in DDC 22. Earlier editions were published under the title *Dewey Decimal Classification: A Practical Guide*.

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application offers in-depth advice on how to apply the DDC and how to build class numbers. The text contains background information on the DDC, some of which was previously located in the Manual section of the DDC. *Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application* also includes exercises and answers designed to reinforce, through practice, the examples and explanations given in the text.



WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey interfaces enhanced

The following interface changes are now available in both WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey:

- Previously, the square brackets around discontinued, relocated, and unassigned numbers were displayed only in schedule records, table records and search results. Now they are also displayed in browse results.
- You can now easily search your user notes with the new shortcut <Ctrl><Shift><[> for WebDewey user notes and <Ctrl><Shift><]> for Abridged WebDewey user notes.

The next WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey quarterly release is scheduled for August 2004. We are planning to improve the display of downward hierarchies in the August release.

WebDewey, the Web-based version of the updated and enhanced DDC 22 database, features:

- Thousands of Relative Index terms and built numbers not

available in the DDC print version

- Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) that have been statistically mapped to Dewey numbers from records in WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog) and intellectually mapped by DDC editors
- Selected mappings from Medical Subject Headings (MeSH);
- Links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records
- Quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the DDC, plus new LCSH mappings, index terms and built numbers.

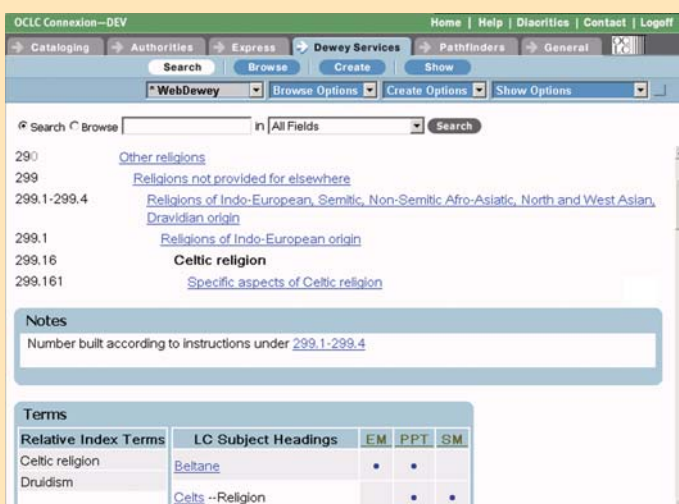
Abridged WebDewey, the Web-based version of the updated and enhanced Abridged 14 database, features:

- LCSH that have been intellectually mapped to Dewey numbers by DDC editors, including mappings to Abridged Edition 13 numbers from the OCLC publication *Subject*

Headings for Children

- Links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records
- Mappings between Abridged Dewey numbers and subject headings from the new 18th edition of H.W. Wilson's *Sears List of Subject Headings*
- Quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the Abridged DDC, plus new LCSH mappings, index terms and built numbers.

More information about WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey is available at www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/default.htm. Details about recent enhancements are available at www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/enhancements. To order WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey, visit the Dewey Web store at <https://www3.oclc.org/dewey>.



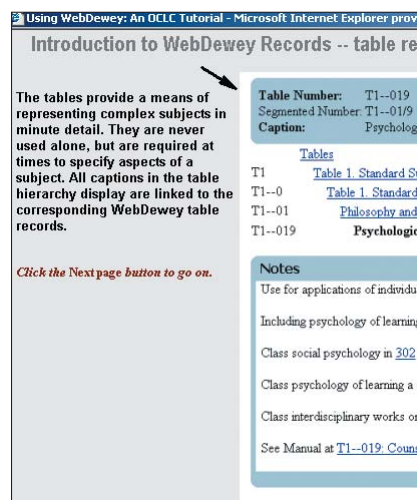
Complete details on revisions and changes to DDC 22 are available at www.oclc.org/dewey/updates

Group subscriptions available for Dewey Services

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

Get a quick start with the WebDewey tutorial

Using WebDewey: An OCLC Tutorial is available on the Dewey Web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/tutorial. This tutorial introduces you to searching and browsing, teaches you how to create user notes and shows you how to build numbers accurately and efficiently with WebDewey.

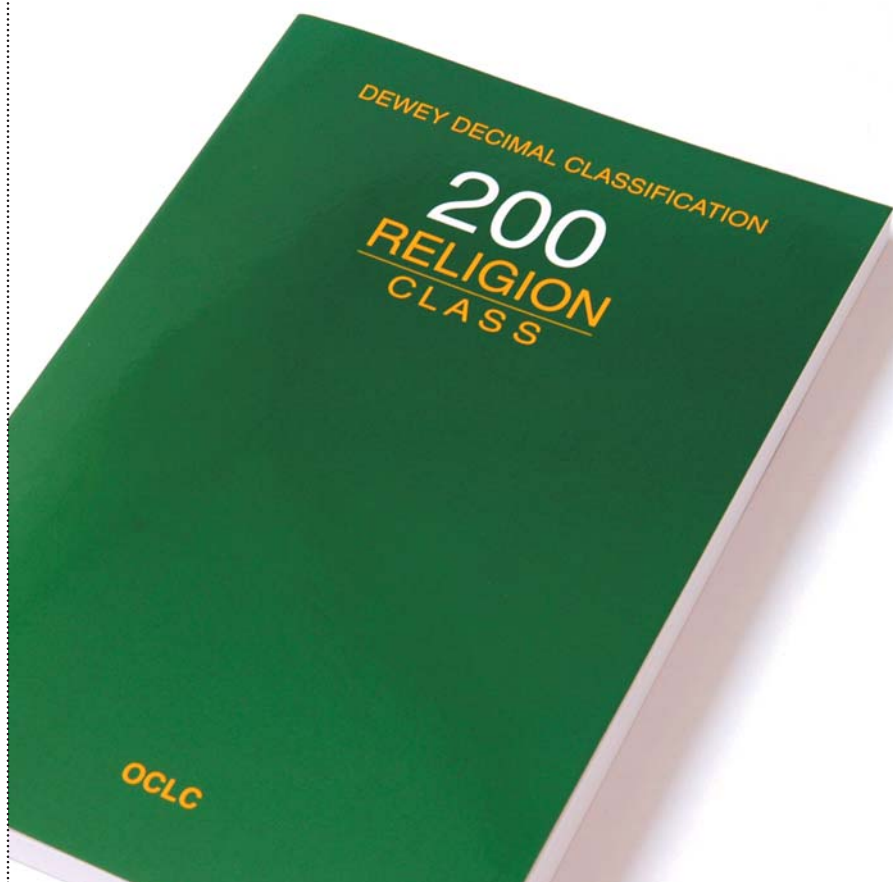


Dewey Cutter Program saves time

Library staff may download the Dewey Cutter Program from the Dewey Web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/support/program. This software automatically provides Cutter numbers from the OCLC Four-Figure Cutter Tables upon input of text. The OCLC Four-Figure Cutter Tables are revised and expanded versions of the Cutter Three-Figure Author Table and the Cutter-Sanborn Three-Figure Author Table and are compatible with the existing two-figure or three-figure schemes. The software works with Windows Millennium, 2000 and XP. (Note: If your library uses Windows 95, 98 or NT, the Dewey Cutter Program should also work on your system; however, these versions of Windows are no longer supported by OCLC.)

200 Religion reprinted from DDC

OCLC just published the new edition of 200 Religion Class, an updated reprint from DDC 22. This publication is a convenient source of detailed classification numbers for religion. It includes the 200 Religion schedule, the Manual notes for 200 Religion, an extended index to 200 Religion and 170 Ethics schedule. 200 Religion Class is intended for use by libraries with in-depth religious collections and small general collections.



Dewey Staff news

Gregory New retires

Gregory R. New, assistant editor of the DDC since 1985, retired on April 30, 2004, after 56 years associated with the Library of Congress. He began his career at LC as a deck attendant (library page) on April 13, 1948, and became card filer in 1950. He left LC briefly for two years of military service (1951–53), and then an additional 15 months to obtain a master's degree in library science from Emory University (1953–54). After returning to LC in 1955, he held a succession of positions as telephone reference assistant, head of the filing section, assistant editor of the Library of Congress book catalogs, cataloging editor in the *Union List of Serials* project, cataloger for the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* and assistant editor of *New Serial Titles*.

In March 1968, Mr. New joined the Decimal Classification Division as decimal classifier, adding Dewey numbers to Library of Congress bibliographic records. During this time he was given increasing editorial responsibilities, notably in work on revisions in the life sciences, public administration and education schedules that eventually bore fruit in Edition 21 published in 1996. He also had a major role in preparation of Manual on the *Use of the Dewey Decimal Classification*, first published in 1982. In 1985, Mr. New was promoted to assistant editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification. He served as Dewey's liaison to the school and children's library community, and was a prime mover in the preparation of ALA's popular *Cataloging Correctly for Kids*. He

also served as chief respondent to classification questions from Dewey users.

Mr. New's crowning achievement, however, remains the three major revisions mentioned above. As editor-in-chief Joan Mitchell observed in the acknowledgments of that edition, she was tempted to call Edition 21 the "New" edition in recognition of his contributions.

OCLC is currently recruiting for the assistant editor position vacated by Gregory New. The new assistant editor will be hired as an OCLC employee but based in the Dewey Editorial Office at the Library of Congress. Details about the job duties and requirements are available at www.oclc.org/careers/openings/default.htm.

Dennis McGovern appointed DCD chief



Dennis McGovern has been appointed as the new chief of the Decimal Classification Division (DCD). He has served ably as the acting chief since February 2002 when the previous chief, David Smith, retired. Mr. McGovern came to DCD from the position of

team leader, Education, Sports and Recreation Team (ESR), Social Sciences Cataloging Division.

Mr. McGovern first joined LC in February 1981 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 in 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, Mr. McGovern 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. Mr. McGovern joined the Education, Sports and Recreation Team when it was formed in 1989 as part of the Whole Book Cataloging Project.

DCD team leader update

The team leader position in the Decimal Classification Division, vacant since the retirement of Virginia Schoepf in 2002, is expected to be filled shortly.

Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee update

In March 2004, the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC), the ten-member international advisory board for the DDC, held a retreat at OCLC in Dublin, Ohio, on the future of the Dewey Decimal Classification. In addition to EPC members, attendees included Dewey editorial staff, invited colleagues from OCLC's Office of Research and Collection Management Services, and invited researchers from the U.S. and Europe working on a variety of knowledge organization initiatives.

Topics addressed included current knowledge organization research, the structure of the DDC, DDC users, literary warrant, editions and translations, the role of EPC, editorial tools and Dewey licensing. EPC will address the issues raised during the retreat at the next EPC meeting, to be held October 20–22, 2004, at the Library of Congress.

EPC also held a business meeting during the retreat. Andrea Stamm (Northwestern University) was reelected to a final term as chair of the committee. Lucy Evans (British Library) continues to serve as vice-chair. EPC members Mary Carroll (Libraries and Archives Canada) and Helena Van Deroef (Lucent Technologies) left the committee in December 2003. Two new EPC members, Deane Zeeman (Library and Archives Canada) and Chew Chiat Naun (University of Illinois) were first-time attendees.

German and Vietnamese translations in progress

Work is underway at Die Deutsche Bibliothek on the first German translation of the DDC. Michael Preuss, head of the team translating DDC 22 into German, will visit the Dewey Editorial Office at LC during the last week of July 2004.

Work has begun at the National Library of Vietnam on a translation of Abridged Edition 14 into Vietnamese. In April 2004, Mr. Vu Van Son, editor of the Vietnamese translation, paid a three-week working visit to the Dewey Editorial Office at LC.

At IFLA 2004 in Buenos Aires, OCLC will host a special invitational meeting for DDC translators and representatives of national libraries and bibliographies using the DDC. The main focus of the meeting will be the accommodation of legal systems based on civil law in the 340 Law schedule. The meeting will also include an update on DDC development and reports on translations from those present.

SALSA de Topicos = Subjects in SALSA : Spanish and Latin-American Subject Access

The SALSA program will feature a dynamic look at subject analysis and classification for Spanish-speaking library patrons, with an emphasis on the fluid boundary between the “domestic” and the “international.” Development of the Spanish version of the DDC will be included in the presentation by Ageo Garcia (Tulane University), “Providing Spanish Equivalents in Context: The Translation of Standards for Bibliographic Access.” The program is cosponsored by the ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Section Subject Analysis Committee and REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and Spanish-speaking persons. The program will be held Saturday, June 26, 2004, 1:30–5:30 p.m., at the Orange County Convention Center, Room 311 E-G.

Discussion paper on graphic novels forthcoming

The Dewey editors are seeking advice on ways to improve treatment of graphic novels in the DDC. “Graphic Novels in DDC: Discussion Paper” will soon be available on the Dewey Web site, with a request for comments by August 16, 2004.

Dewey Application at the Library of Congress

Decimal Classification Division classifiers at the Library of Congress have assigned Dewey Decimal Classification numbers to 71,519 titles at a productivity rate of 9.59 titles per hour during the first eight months of fiscal year 2004 (October 2003–May 2004). Comparable rates for the first eight months of fiscal year 2003 were 61,684 and 9.78.

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Other Dewey Decimal Classification publications are also on display.

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