



DDC 22

Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Edition 22 (DDC 22), the new print version of the DDC, is now available. The web version of the new edition has been available to WebDewey subscribers since June 15, 2003.

DDC 22 contains several major updates, many new numbers and topics, and a few structural changes. There is one important difference between DDC 22 and other recent editions: DDC 22 contains no complete or extensive revisions. In other words, several new developments have been added and many classes have been revised and expanded, but no schedule has been changed so fundamentally that a complete reordering has resulted—good news for Dewey libraries!

There are several major updates in DDC 22:

- **Computer science**
Updated to accommodate new topics that have emerged in the last seven years such as the World Wide Web, virtual reality, and markup languages. Includes a new development for general-purpose application programs at 005.5, to which many programs formerly found in 005.3 plus word processing from 652.5 have been relocated.
- **Religion**
Specific aspects of religion moved from 291 to the 201–209 span vacated in DDC 21 to complete the two-edition plan to reduce Christian bias in the schedule. Includes an expansion for sources of the Bahai Faith at 297.938, and revised and expanded developments in 299.6 for religions originating among Black Africans and people of Black African descent, and in 299.7–.8 for religions of American native origin.
- **Social groups and cultural institutions**
Many near duplicate provisions for groups and institutions consolidated, and revised developments and updated terminology introduced throughout 305–306.
- **Law**
Includes several improvements to 340 Law that relate to the law of nations, human rights, and intergovernmental organizations.
- **Mathematics**
Updated throughout to produce a useful general knowledge organization scheme for mathematics. The most visible change in the 510 schedule is the use of 518—a number that had not been in standard use in Dewey since the 1950s—for a new development for numerical analysis drawn from different parts of 510.
- **Chemistry**
Features a new development for specific methods in analytical chemistry in 543.1–.8 that brings together material that was developed elsewhere in 543, and in 544 Qualitative analysis, 545 Quantitative analysis, and 547.3 Analytical organic chemistry. Classes 544 and 545 have been vacated entirely in DDC 22.
- **Medicine and health**

Updated and expanded developments throughout medicine, and improved indexing for medical topics. Includes (in the web version only) selected mappings between Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and DDC.

- **History and geography**

Interdisciplinary and descriptive works on facilities for travelers moved (at the request of many users and the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee) from 647.94 to 910.46 and to specific area numbers in 913–919. Historical periods updated throughout 930–990 in cooperation with national libraries and translation partners. Also includes an important new expansion for the Holocaust at 940.5318.

- **Tables**

Discrimination or racism in relation to a topic is now expressed through use of notation 08 from Table 1 applied to the interdisciplinary number for the topic. Table 2 features updated geographic provisions developed with the advice of national libraries and translation partners. Notation 3 from Table 3C has been revised to provide a better arrangement that more closely parallels the grouping of the topics in the DDC schedules themselves. The name of Table 5 has been changed from “Racial, Ethnic, National Groups” to “Ethnic and National Groups,” and the development for races at the beginning of the table has been revised to reflect the de-emphasis on race in current scholarship. Table 5 includes expanded provisions for American native peoples, and Table 6 includes the corresponding expansions for American native languages. Also in Table 6, Ndebele (South Africa) has been relocated from —963977 to —963989.

Throughout DDC 22, there are many new numbers for a wide variety of topics. These range from new geographic provisions, e.g., the updating of administrative regions in Quebec, to new numbers throughout the DDC for emerging topics beyond the updates mentioned above. Examples include 302.231 Digital media, 381.177 Online auctions, 523.24 Extrasolar systems, 621.38807 Digital television, 651.792 Intranets, and 658.3123 Telecommuting. DDC 22 also includes a new number for digital photography at 775, and a new number and subdivisions for computer art at 776. Many new built number entries and additional terms have been added to the Relative Index to cover sought topics and provide a wider base of entry vocabulary.

DDC 22 also features several structural changes: the removal of Table 7, the streamlining of the Manual, and the updating of selected captions. Table 7 has been replaced with direct use of notation already available in the schedules and in notation 08 from Table 1. We have streamlined the Manual with an eye toward classifier efficiency. Information easily accommodated in notes in the tables and schedules has been transferred from the Manual, and redundant information already in the schedules and tables has been eliminated from the Manual. We have converted the Library of Congress Decimal Classification Division application policies previously described in the Manual into standard DDC practice. We have moved basic instructions on the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification to the Introduction, and background information to *Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application*. We have revised the remaining Manual entries in a consistent style to promote quick understanding and efficient use. The

Manual can be found in a new location in the print version of DDC 22—in volume one, directly preceding the tables.

Finally, we've taken the opportunity of the new edition to update many captions in the DDC Summaries, and some in the DDC schedules themselves. Examples of the latter include the change in the caption for class 000 from "Generalities" to "Computer science, information, general works"; and the change in the caption for class 610 from "Medicine Medical sciences" to "Medicine and health."

Abridged Edition 14

Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Edition 14, will begin shipping in the first quarter of 2004. The web version of the new abridged edition is already available in Abridged WebDewey.

Abridged Edition 14 incorporates all applicable revisions of DDC 22—the edition it abridges. Edition 14 includes major updates throughout the Classification, many new numbers and topics, and some structural changes. Like DDC 22, Abridged Edition 14 does not contain any complete or extensive revisions.

WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey

The latest release of WebDewey includes all the content in DDC 22, additional content only available in the electronic version, and interface improvements. WebDewey is a web-based version of the enhanced DDC 22 database and 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; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the DDC, plus new LCSH mappings, index terms, and built numbers.

Abridged WebDewey is a web-based version of the **new** enhanced Abridged 14 database. Abridged WebDewey 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*; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the abridged DDC, plus new LCSH mappings, index terms, and built numbers. New Features, a summary of the changes in Abridged 14 is available in Help and on the Dewey web site in pdf format at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/abridgededition14/newfeatures.pdf>.

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

- Now access Tables from anywhere in the interface through the Show Options menu list (or press <CTRL><[> for WebDewey or <CTRL><]> for Abridged WebDewey).

- Easily navigate to the MS Excel "Relocations & Discontinuations" file through the Show Options menu list. This file is available for subscribers to download for local use.
- Easily navigate to the Glossary through the Show Options menu list.

Details about recent enhancements are available at www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/enhancements/default.htm. The December 2003 release of Abridged WebDewey is the first release based on Abridged 14. The next WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey quarterly release is scheduled for April 2004.

Julianne Beall, Assistant Editor, DDC, will speak about "Using WebDewey" as part of a program on "Cataloging Using the Internet" during the Public Library Association's national conference in Seattle. The program is scheduled for February 26, 2004, 4:00-5:15 PM.

Group Subscriptions 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.

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application, 3d. ed., by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell, will be available in early 2004. 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.

200 Religion

OCLC will publish a new edition of *200 Religion* based on DDC 22 in spring 2004. This publication is a convenient source of detailed classification numbers for religion. It contains updated versions of the 200 Religion and 170 Ethics (Moral philosophy) schedules from DDC 22, related Manual notes, and an expanded index.

WebDewey Tutorial

Using WebDewey: An OCLC Tutorial is available on the Dewey web site. 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 Software

Library staff may download Dewey Cutter Software from the Dewey web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/support/program. This software program 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 Software should also work on your system; however, these versions of Windows are no longer supported by OCLC.)

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Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) has held four teleconference meetings in 2003. Agenda items included review of the following proposed schedules for Abridged Edition 14: Abridged 300–307 Social sciences, sociology, and anthropology; Abridged 510 Mathematics; and Abridged 640 Home and family management. EPC also approved the addition of the following numbers to Abridged Edition 14: 174.2 [Occupational ethics of] Medical professions; 623.74 [Military] Aircraft; 623.82 Nautical craft (plus three new subdivisions); and 623.87 Power plants of nautical craft. The committee reviewed the Abridged Edition 14 Manual, and drafts of the front matter for Abridged Edition 14. EPC also brainstormed topics and developed a draft agenda for the upcoming Dewey planning retreat, to be held at OCLC in March 2004.

EPC members Mary Carroll (Libraries and Archives Canada) and Helena Van Deroef (Lucent Technologies) left the committee in December 2003. Chiat Naun Chew (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) is joining EPC as a new member in January 2004.

Dewey around the World

Work is underway at Die Deutsche Bibliothek on the first German translation of the DDC. The translation is based on DDC 22, and will be the first outside of the English-language standard edition to be published simultaneously in web and print versions. The Dewey editorial team worked closely with Die Deutsche Bibliothek staff in Germany and colleagues in Switzerland and Austria to improve the geographic tables and history developments for those areas in DDC 22. The Table 2 developments for Germany and Austria in DDC 22 are a true abridgment of a fuller development that will appear in the German-language version.

During IFLA 2003, OCLC, in cooperation with Die Deutsche Bibliothek and Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, hosted an invitational meeting on technical issues related to translations of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system at Staatsbibliothek zu

Berlin. The meeting included an update on the status of the English-language standard edition and current translations, and the presentation of revised translation guidelines for DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14. Participants discussed the use of translations in national bibliographies and on subject gateways, database management systems and representation formats for translations, models for sharing extensions and built numbers across translations and the English-language standard edition, models for associating other terminologies with the DDC, and priorities for future extensions and updates to the English-language standard edition. Participants also discussed the best method of soliciting ongoing advice from translation teams. Plans are underway for a follow-up meeting focusing on the 340 Law schedule at IFLA 2004.

Work has begun at the National Library of Vietnam on a translation of Abridged Edition 14 into Vietnamese.

Effective January 1, 2004, the British Library has begun assigning DDC 22 numbers. Libraries and Archives Canada has begun assigning DDC 22 numbers effective January 5, 2004.

Dewey Application at the Library of Congress

Application of DDC 22 numbers began at the Library of Congress on July 1, 2003.

The Library of Congress recently added two new classification specialists to the Decimal Classification Division staff, Carolyn Turner and Nathan Evans. Dennis McGovern has been serving as acting chief of the Decimal Classification Division since the retirement of David A. Smith from that position in spring 2002.

Dewey Editorial Office

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