



Dewey Decimal Classification News

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Dewey at ALA Midwinter

The Dewey Breakfast/Update is back! Please join us on Saturday, January 15, 7:00–8:30 a.m., Wellesley Room, Boston Marriott Copley Place. The meeting agenda includes updates on DDC 22 and WebDewey, a briefing on Dewey research projects and a discussion of the draft development for graphic novels.

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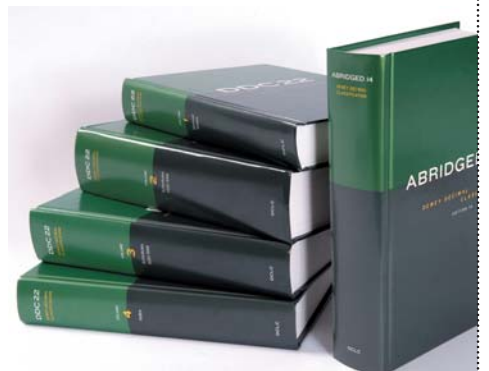
Stop by OCLC Booth 2526 to see DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14 in print and Web versions. Other recent Dewey Decimal Classification publications are also on display. Dewey print publications are also on display in the Combined Book Exhibit, Booth 1718.



DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14

Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, Edition 22 (DDC 22), was published in October 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—good news for Dewey libraries!

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



WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey

WebDewey is the most up-to-date, authoritative source for DDC content. WebDewey contains the latest version of the schedules, tables, Manual and Relative Index entries from the enhanced DDC 22 database. The latest release of WebDewey also includes additional content available only in the electronic version. WebDewey 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 updated and 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.

The user interface in WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey includes search and browse functions, plus a user notes feature that lets you annotate any schedule or table record, or create a generic note for general use. A recent interface enhancement is the improved display of upward and downward hierarchies associated with table and schedule records. Also, standard subdivisions and other subdivisions beginning with a zero that are explicitly listed in the DDC are now included in the display of downward hierarchies associated with table and schedule records.

The next WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey quarterly release is scheduled for February 2005. 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>.

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application

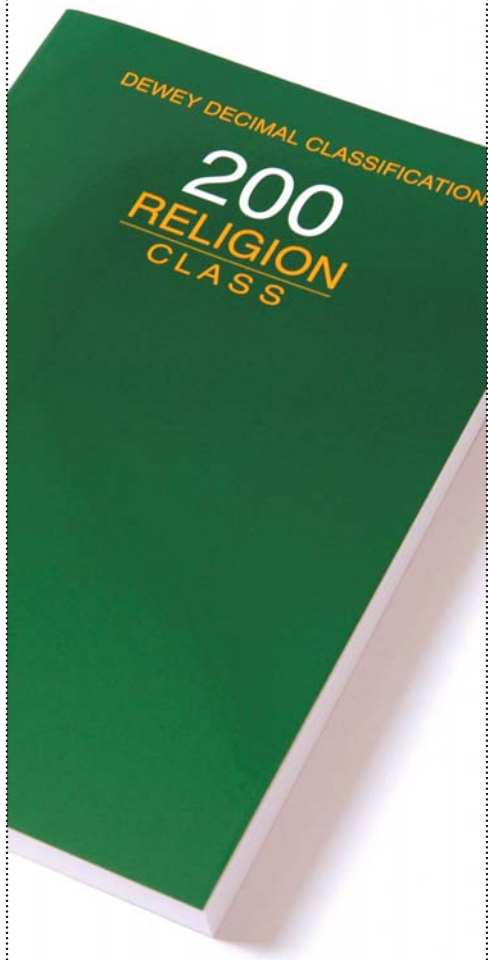
Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application, 3rd. ed., by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell, is now available. This new edition has been completely updated to reflect the changes in DDC 22. Earlier editions were published under the title *Dewey Decimal Classification: A Practical Guide*.

Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application offers in-depth advice on how to apply 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 recently 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 libraries with in-depth religious collections and small general collections.



WebDewey Tutorial

An updated version of *Using WebDewey: An OCLC Tutorial* is now 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.

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Dewey Cutter Program

Library staff may download 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.)

Graphic Novels in the DDC

The draft schedule 741.5 Cartoons, caricatures, comics, graphic novels, fotonovelas is now available on the Dewey Web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/discussion/GraphicTestNov2004.htm. Interested libraries are invited to test all or parts of the draft schedule and send comments before the schedule is finally approved for implementation. Please send comments and suggestions by March 31, 2005 to: Julianne Beall, Assistant Editor, DDC, jbea@loc.gov.

Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC), the ten-member international advisory board for the DDC, met October 20–22, 2004 at the Library of Congress. EPC began to address the issues raised during the March 2004 retreat. It recommended that the Dewey editorial work plan, reflecting the current priorities for updates, be placed on the Dewey Web site, with a request for responses. EPC approved updates to Tables 5 and 6, changes to options A and B in 342–349, and expansions to historical periods in Abridged Edition 14. It approved for testing a revised and expanded schedule 741.5 Cartoons, caricatures, comics, graphic novels, fotonovelas. Anne Robertson (Australian Committee on Cataloguing) was elected vice-chair, replacing Lucy Evans (British Library), who left the committee on October 31, 2004. Caroline Kent (British Library) has succeeded Lucy Evans as the U.K. representative. The committee also bade farewell to Richard Baumgarten (Johnson County Library and Longview Community College), whose term ended in December 2004. (University of Illinois) were first-time attendees.

Dewey around the World

At IFLA 2004 in Buenos Aires, OCLC held a special invitational meeting for DDC translators and representatives of national libraries and bibliographies using the DDC. The main focus of the meeting was the accommodation of legal systems based on civil law in the 340 Law schedule. Attendees approved the recommendations for improvements to 340 Law and proposed two additional areas for review: criminal procedure from a civil law viewpoint, and the treatment of secular Islamic law.

ASTED is working on a French translation of Abridged Edition 14, to be published in early 2005. Discussions are also underway on print and electronic versions of the full edition in French. Electre recently completed work on *Guide de la Classification décimale de Dewey*. Publication is expected in early 2005.

Work is underway at Die Deutsche Bibliothek (DDB) on the first German translation of the DDC. Michael Preuss, head of the team translating DDC 22 into German, paid a one-week working visit to the Dewey Editorial Office at the Library of Congress in July 2004. Dr. Lars Svensson, also of Die Deutsche Bibliothek, visited OCLC in October 2004 to discuss cooperative system development to support the DDC.

In December 2004, Dewey editorial staff met with representatives of the Royal Library of Sweden to explore introduction of the DDC in Sweden and a possible translation into Swedish.

Work is underway 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.

Group Subscriptions for Dewey Services

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

Dewey Application at the Library of Congress

Decimal Classification Division classifiers at the Library of Congress have assigned Dewey Decimal Classification numbers to 107,911 titles at a productivity rate of 9.10 titles per hour during fiscal year 2004 (October 2003–September 2004). Comparable rates for the fiscal year 2003 were 96,906 and 10.11.

Maybe a charts showing the above stats. ???

Dewey Staff news

Terminology Mappings to DDC

In cooperation with Library and Archives Canada, the Dewey editors began mapping new Canadian Subject Headings (CSH) to Dewey numbers in January 2004. The CSH/DDC mappings are posted monthly on the Dewey Web site, and are available at www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/cshnumbers/default.htm.

Beginning with *Library of Congress Subject Headings Weekly List 2004*, no. 4, the Dewey editors are mapping all new subject headings (except family names and fictitious characters associated with Easy [E] books) proposed by non-U.S. libraries through the Library of Congress Subject Authority Cooperative Program (SACO). These headings are included in the list of selected LCSH-DDC mappings that are posted biweekly on the Dewey Web site at www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/numbers/default.htm.

Canadian Subject Headings	DDC 22
Art, French-Canadian--Québec (Province)--19th century	709.714
Channels (Hydraulic engineering)--Canada	627.230
Chip Lake (Alta. : Lake)	T2--712
Friendly Cove (B.C. : Cove)	T2--164
Grande Entrée Channel (Québec)	T2--163
Kitwanga Fort National Historic Site (Kitwanga, B.C.)	T2--714
Listuguj Indian Reserve (Québec)	T2--714
Minorities--Employment--Canada	331.609
Nootka Lighthouse (Yuquot, B.C.)	387.155
Wabaseemoong Indian Reserve (Ont.)	T2--713
Wages--Immigrants--Canada	331.62
Winnipeg, Lake (Man.)	T2--712
Winnipeg Region (Man.)	T2--712

Jonathan Furner has been appointed Assistant Editor, Dewey Decimal Classification.

He will join the Dewey editorial team in April 2005 as an OCLC employee based in the Dewey Editorial Office at the Library of Congress. Since 1998, Dr. Furner has been an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. His teaching and research interests include classification research, subject cataloging theory, thesaurus construction and the history and philosophy of knowledge

organization. He recently received the UCLA Department of Information Studies' inaugural Distinguished Teaching Award.

Dr. Furner is the author of more than 40 scholarly publications, and has served on the committees of 20 international conferences and workshops, including those of the International Society for Knowledge Organization and the American Society for Information Science and Technology's Special Interest Group on Classification Research. He has an M.A. in Philosophy and Social Sciences from the University of Cambridge, and an M.Sc. in Information Management and a Ph.D. in Information Studies, both from the University of Sheffield.

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