Dewey at ALA Annual

The Dewey Breakfast/Update will be held on Saturday, 25 June, 7:00–8:30 am, in the Hilton Riverside Hotel, Marlborough Rooms A/B. The program will feature presentations on DDC 23, WebDewey 2.0, and the use of new and proposed DDC fields in MARC 21 formats. The ALCTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group will meet in the same room directly following the Dewey Breakfast/Update.

Julianne Beall, assistant editor, DDC, is among the speakers at the program "Children's Cataloger's Sandbox: Using Tools of Cataloging Correctly for Kids, 5th edition" on Sunday, 26 June, 4:00–5:00 pm, Morial Convention Center, Room 285. She will address tools for assigning Dewey numbers to children's materials.

Joan S. Mitchell, editor in chief, DDC, will present "DDC 23 in Context" during the meeting of ALCTS CCS Subject Analysis Committee meeting, Monday, 27 June, Hilton Riverside, Grand Salon C.

OCLC Booth 2840

Stop by OCLC Booth 2840 to see print copies of DDC 23 and WebDewey 2.0. Dewey print publications are also on display at the Combined Book Exhibit (Booth 2524).

DDC 23

Edition 23 of the Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index (DDC 23) was published in April 2011. The price for the four-volume set in North America is USD$399. A short webinar on the new edition is available at **http://tinyurl.com/3cyqn7q**. A DDC 23 training workshop will be held immediately preceding the 2011 World Library and Information Conference (IFLA) on 12 August 2011 at Universidad Metropolitana in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Registration is now open at **http://registration.oclc.org/reg/?pc=DDC23IFLAwkshp**.

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, number building assistance, 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 WebDewey interface in Connexion will be available until Abridged Edition 15 becomes available in WebDewey 2.0, at which time users will be redirected to the new service.

Abridged Edition 15 and
200 Religion Class

Abridged Edition 15 and *200 Religion Class* are expected to be published in late 2011. The Dewey editors are to working closely with colleagues at Bibliotheca Alexandrina on additional updates and expansions for Islam to be featured in *200 Religion Class*. A discussion paper on this matter will be posted on the Dewey website on 13 July with comments due 12 August.

International Dewey Users Meeting

OCLC will sponsor the International Dewey Users Meeting (formerly known as the Dewey Translators

Meeting) in conjunction with the World Library and Information Conference (IFLA) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 16 August 2011, 9:00–11:00, Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Center.

Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) held Meeting 134 at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, 8–10 June 2011. The first day's agenda included several minor updates to DDC 23, and review of the proposed content for Abridged Edition 15 and *200 Religion Class*. The rest of Meeting 134 was devoted to strategic planning. Members considered exhibits, demonstrations and presentations related to a wide variety of topics related to the future of the content, representation, development and use of the DDC. We are grateful to colleagues at the national libraries of Germany, Norway and Sweden who provided discussion papers.

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 eleven 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 three million BL 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 their 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.

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 to 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 (BA). 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)—already 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. We are also working on expansions in 340 Law to cover topics with literary warrant in Islamic law. Iman Khairy, currently on leave from BA on a Fulbright to study in the U.S., paid a working visit to the Dewey editorial office 31 May–2 June 2011.

French: In cooperation with Pansoft, we have made a prototype French version of WebDewey 2.0 (using French DDC 22 data) available to a limited group of testers at several francophone national libraries.

German: We are working closely with colleagues at DNB on matters related to data migration and improvements to WebDewey 2.0.

Indonesian: Later in 2011, we expect work to 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. The Norwegian team has launched a website and blog in conjunction with work on the new Norwegian edition: **http://www. nb.no/norsk-webdewey**. Elise Conradi, head of the Norwegian translation team, paid a working visit to the Dewey editorial office 23–26 May 2011.

Swedish: The National Library of Sweden launched the first version of the mixed Swedish-English translation of DDC 22 under the new WebDewey 2.0 interface in early January 2011. Planning is under way to launch DDC 23 mixed data later this year.

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. Work is expected to begin shortly on the translation of DDC 23.

Group Subscriptions for Dewey services

If your library is part of a consortium and wishes to subscribe to WebDewey 2.0, and/or receive a group discount on DDC 23, please contact Libbie Crawford at **libbie_crawford@oclc.org** or 1-800-848-5878, ext. 6346, to explore group 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.

The Library of Congress began assigning numbers from the new edition on 2 May 2011.

Alex Kyrios, a recent MSLS graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science, has joined OCLC as a summer intern based in the Dewey Editorial Office at LC. His primary focus will be on analyzing and editing data in Abridged Edition 15, which is being developed using machine-assistance.

Dewey Editorial Office

Please direct questions, comment, or requests for information on the Dewey Decimal Classification to **dewey@loc.gov**, or:

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(Note: Mail service may be slow to LC due to heightened security precautions.)

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/**
DDC Questions?	**dewey@loc.gov** (Dewey Editorial Office)
	dewey@oclc.org (licensing, group purchases, LIS program)