Dewey Services

Dewey Decimal Classification System

The world’s most widely used classification system can organize every item in your library’s unique collection.

We are a worldwide library cooperative, owned, governed and sustained by members since 1967. Our public purpose is a statement of commitment to each other—that we will work together to improve access to the information held in libraries around the globe, and find ways to reduce costs for libraries through collaboration.
The Dewey Decimal Classification® system continues to evolve to reflect the changing world around us—from scientific discoveries and shifting geographies to emerging cultures and lifestyle trends. Easier than ever to use, Dewey® products and services work the way you do—online or by the book. The current edition of Dewey, DDC 23, is dedicated to Dewey users around the world.

**DDC 23: Revised and updated to reflect today’s world**

This four-volume print version is the entire, updated Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC®) system. Published in 2011, this edition includes many new topics and significant updates to selected fields, new numbers informed by input with the worldwide Dewey community, revisions to several standard subdivisions, and other enhancements—all carefully incorporated to make classification and access easier than ever.

**Making room for advances in the world’s knowledge**

Updated topics in this edition include Orthodox Church and Islam, food and clothing, graphic and decorative arts, law, computer science, historical periods, cinematography and videography, and much more.

Over its lifetime, Dewey has been translated into 30+ languages and is currently used by libraries in 138 countries.

**Enhanced for 21st century libraries**

In DDC 23, you’ll find enhancements like an improved international framework for education topics. You’ll also see significant expansions for topics like athletic and outdoor sports and games. These changes more accurately reflect regional differences around the world, and give you the means to better serve your library users.

**Abridged 15: Ideal for smaller collections**

For libraries with collections of 20,000 or fewer titles, the abridged edition of the DDC system provides the level of detail needed to classify the materials in those collections. Abridged Edition 15 reflects the many changes to the body of human knowledge that have occurred since the publication of Abridged Edition 14 in 2004.

One convenient, print volume provides Dewey numbers that are compatible with the unabridged DDC 23 should a collection expand and require deeper collection detail.

**WebDewey: Web-based service with continuous updates**

WebDewey® 2.0 is an online version of the complete Dewey Decimal Classification system. Using a standard Web browser, you have unlimited access to an enhanced version of the DDC 23 database.

Because WebDewey is a subscription-based service, you automatically receive updates to the DDC system. The changes include new Library of Congress Subject Heading mappings, index terms and built numbers. WebDewey also includes a Number Building Engine that works with established editorial rules.

**More local and simplified**

Add your own online notes in WebDewey 2.0 to reflect your local classification practices. This annotation feature allows you to share those notes with others in your library.

WebDewey is also more than a cataloging tool—it’s a productivity tool as well. Use it to eliminate repetitive tasks and reduce time-consuming ones with automated features and faster keyboard navigation.
Provide greater access to your collections

As the world changes, so do the demands of library users. They search new topics, use new languages and approach traditional knowledge resources with a new set of questions.

Keeping pace with knowledge and helping you organize it is what the DDC system is all about. Our editorial staff and international policy committee work closely with librarians to ensure the revisions, expansions and additions we make to DDC truly reflect the needs of today’s library users. It’s input from experts like you that continues to make Dewey timely, relevant and indispensable.

Dewey also keeps pace with the way you work. While the print version remains as popular as ever, most libraries today want both a print and an online version. The print version is a ready resource for librarians who prefer using hard copy, while the WebDewey service offers all the advantages of online information access, plus regular updates throughout the year.

More information on these and other Dewey resources is available online: www.oclc.org/dewey/

Abridged DDC 15

Perfect for libraries with fewer than 20,000 titles, this condensed version of the DDC system covers all classes and key index terms.

Now available!

200 Religion Class

Developed for libraries with extensive religion collections, this book covers all of the relevant information required to classify your religion works. It’s the complete Dewey 200 Religion Class from the full Dewey.

Now available!

Combination Package: 200 Religion Class and Abridged 15

Provide better access to your religion collections with the two most useful classification tools available in one package. Ideal for churches, synagogues, seminaries, mosques and other religious institutions.

Now available!
Benefits

- **Works the way you do.** The classification system is available in online and print formats. Both are valuable assets to have on-hand.

- **Streamlines your workflow.** Edition 23 includes structural changes to improve usability and simplify classification tasks.

- **Improves your service.** Careful consideration is put into each revision and addition to help libraries better classify works for easier access.

- **Helps you stay current.** WebDewey subscribers automatically receive updates to the classification system.

Features (WebDewey)

- Thousands of Relative Index terms and built numbers not available in print
- Online annotation for incorporating and sharing local classification preferences
- Library of Congress Subject Headings and BISAC mapped to Dewey numbers
- Updated continuously with annual subscription

WebDewey Requirements

- **Hardware:** current models; display resolution 1024 x 768 or higher
- **Web browser:** latest version of most browsers
- **Internet connection:** high-speed connections recommended

Web Resources

- [www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/](http://www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/)  
  Featured revisions, additions and enhancements to Dewey
- [www.oclc.org/dewey/](http://www.oclc.org/dewey/)  
  Complete details about Dewey resources
- [www.oclc.org/dewey/ordering/](http://www.oclc.org/dewey/ordering/)  
  Order all Dewey products and services online
- [http://ddc.typepad.com](http://ddc.typepad.com)  
The Dewey blog, an interactive source for news and tips on classification issues

Related Services

- **Connexion** is a flexible suite of cataloging tools and services that helps librarians get more done in less time  

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The added benefit of WorldCat

When you work with OCLC, you contribute to WorldCat®, the most comprehensive bibliographic database available. WorldCat connects librarians, students, researchers and other library users to 6,000 years of recorded knowledge. Updated at a rate of one new record every 10 seconds, WorldCat contains more than 290 million bibliographic records contributed by more than 10,000 libraries around the world.