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# Dewey Decimal Classification News

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## Forest Press Name and Organizational Changes

OCLC has retired active use of the Forest Press imprint. Publications related to the Dewey Decimal Classification will now be identified by a new OCLC publisher's series: iA Dewey Decimal Classification publication.

Effective February 1, 2003, OCLC will split the business and editorial operations of Dewey Decimal Classification. Joan S. Mitchell continues to lead the editorial operations as editor in chief of the Dewey Decimal Classification. The business operations will move under Bob VanVolkenburg, director of Business and Product Planning at OCLC. Libbie Crawford continues as marketing manager for Dewey products and services, and Eliza B. D. Sproat continues as senior electronic products manager for Dewey.

## OCLC Dewey Decimal Classification Booth 1500

Stop by Booth 1500 for a demonstration of WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey. Also on display are DDC 21, Abridged Edition 13 and other recent Dewey publications, including *People, Places & Things*. Register to win a copy of *People, Places & Things* at the booth. **Drawings held daily!**

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### Library Educators Conference

A special introduction to DDC 22 for library educators will be held May 8-9, 2003, at OCLC. The workshop is designed for and limited to persons actively involved in library and information science education. Mark your calendars now! More information will be posted on our web site as soon as it is available. If you wish to be included in the mailing for this conference, please contact Libbie Crawford ([libbie\\_crawford@oclc.org](mailto:libbie_crawford@oclc.org) or +1 800-848-5878 ext 6436).



## WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey



The WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey services are updated quarterly. The most recent quarterly update was released January 2003. Both services are available to all libraries via annual subscription for single user or site license access. Abridged WebDewey is designed for libraries with 20,000 titles or less. WebDewey is a web-based version of the enhanced DDC 21 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; more than 35,000 of the 50,000+ LCSH found in *People, Places & Things*; links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the Classification and new LCSH mappings, index terms, and built numbers.

You can access WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey through OCLC Connexion, a new cataloging interface that integrates OCLC cataloging and metadata services. Both WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey are available to all librariesó whether or not you use OCLC Cataloging services (if you use Cataloging services, you receive a discount on your WebDewey annual subscription). Dewey-Only sessions (also available via Connexion) extend Connexion's default inactivity timeout of 40 minutes up to 2 hours!


The January 2003 release of WebDewey includes all updates to Dewey Decimal Classification, Edition 21, through December 2002 (corrections, new developments, new built numbers, and additional electronic index terms). Notable additions in this quarterly release include updated and expanded developments for Panama and

Nicaragua, and a new number for East Timor. The release also includes many major holidays from around the world as Relative Index and/or editorially mapped terms. Additionally, all editorially mapped LCSH/DDC from LCSH Weekly Lists through no. 24, 2002, are included in this release.

Finally, new options now allow the return key to submit a Search, quick Search and quick Browse after the default index has been changed; the cursor in the View Record box is now in overstrike mode for easy keyboard navigation of records in results lists; and you now have the ability when viewing records from a results set to return to the same spot in the list, instead of returning to the first screen of results.

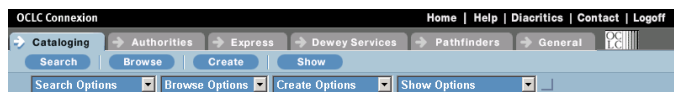
Abridged WebDewey is a web-based version of the enhanced Abridged 13 database. Abridged WebDewey features LCSH that have been intellectually mapped to Dewey headings by DDC editors, including many from the OCLC publication, *Subject Headings for Children*; links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records; mappings between abridged Dewey numbers and subject headings from the latest edition of H.W. Wilson's *Sears List of Subject Headings*; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the DDC, new LCSH mappings, index terms, and built numbers.

WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey are available for demonstration at the OCLC booth (**Booth 1500**).

  
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## WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey continued



Welcome to OCLC Connexion™

Hello ELIZA!

You will be using the service in FULL mode.

#### Message of the day:

030107 - OCLC ILL & Union List Users' Groups will convene in a joint meeting at the ALA Midwinter Conference on Sunday, January 26, 2003 from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Room 103A. Register to attend at <http://www.oclc.org/events/ala/>.

ATTN: 2002 Dec. semimonthly 16-31, Dec. monthly and Oct-Dec. quarterly Accessions Lists are now available on Product Services Web.

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WebDewey

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#### Quick Tip

- Use distinctive keywords.
- Find specific DDC numbers.
- Search multiple indexes at once.

#### Quick Tip

To search or browse for a Table record, type 2 hyphens (--) after the Table number. Example: 47--071.

#### Quick Tip

To include plurals, type an \* at the end of a term.

Go to: [Main Classes](#) or [Tables](#)

Group pricing is an option for all Dewey web services. Contact Libbie Crawford ([libbie\\_crawford@oclc.org](mailto:libbie_crawford@oclc.org) or +1 800-848-5878 ext 6436) for pricing information. If a library is not a member of a group, licenses to WebDewey services are available by annual subscription on either a single-user or site-specific-network basis.

Ask about a free trial to WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey.

## WebDewey Tutorial

*Using WebDewey: An OCLC Tutorial* is now available on the Dewey web site. This new 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.

**New version to be released February 1, 2003!**

## Preconference on DDC 22

A full-day preconference to introduce DDC 22 will be sponsored by ALCTS and held on Friday, June 20, at the ALA 2003 Conference in Toronto. Co-sponsors include the Public Library Association and the Technical Services Interest Group of the Canadian Library Association.



## Dewey Cutter Software

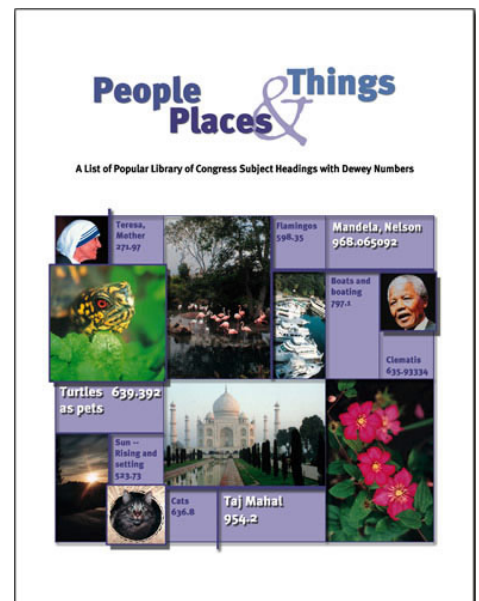
Dewey Cutter Software may be downloaded by libraries from the Dewey web site at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/products/cutter>. This software program automatically provides cutter numbers from the OCLC Four-Figure Cutter Tables upon input of text. The OCLC Four-Figure Cutter Tables are revised and expanded 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 95, 98, NT, XP, and 2000.

## People, Places & Things

*People, Places & Things: A List of Popular Library of Congress Subject Headings with Dewey Numbers* provides a list of over 50,000 Library of Congress Subject Headings paired with corresponding Dewey Decimal Classification numbers. Library users will find this new publication guides them to the right places to browse for information on topics that interest them. Classifiers will find that it can help them to apply the DDC. Librarians in all types of libraries will find *People, Places & Things* a convenient aid to browsing and subject heading application.



**Register to win a copy of *People, Places & Things!***  
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Registration forms are at Booth 1500.





## DDC 22 Preview

We expect to release DDC 22 in print and electronic form in July 2003. Edition 22 includes structural changes, many new numbers and topics, and significant updates to selected fields. The new edition is designed to aid in classifier ease and efficiency. Dewey users will be happy (and relieved) to learn that this edition features no major revisions!

The structural changes include the removal of Table 7 and the streamlining of the Manual. We have removed Table 7 and replaced it with direct use of notation already available in the schedules. We have overhauled the Manual by reviewing each Manual entry. We moved information that is easily accommodated in notes in the tables and schedules to notes in those tables and schedules. Redundant information already in the schedules and tables has been eliminated from the Manual. We have moved basic instructions on the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification to the Introduction, and background information to *Dewey Decimal Classification: A Practical Guide*. We have revised the remaining Manual entries in a consistent style to promote quick understanding and efficient use.

Edition 22 contains many new numbers and 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 in fields such as computer science and engineering, sociology, medicine, and history. 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.

There are several major updates in Edition 22. In Edition 21, we initiated a two-edition plan to reduce Christian bias in 200 Religion. Edition 22 contains the rest of the relocations and expansions in 200 Religion outlined in that plan. We have updated developments and terminology for social groups and institutions in 305-306, and removed many near duplicate provisions in that schedule. We have introduced several improvements to 340 Law that relate to the law of nations, human rights, and intergovernmental organizations. We have introduced a substantial update in 510 Mathematics, including the relocation of some topics to the new development at 518 Numerical mathematics. We have updated and expanded 610 Medicine and health, and improved indexing for medical topics. We have moved facilities for travelers from 647.94 to 910.46 and to specific area numbers in 913-919, and introduced updated historical periods throughout 930-990. Likewise, we have updated Table 2 Geographic areas, Historical periods, Persons. We have changed the name of Table 5 from 'Racial, ethnic, national groups' to 'Ethnic and national groups' to reflect the de-emphasis on race in current scholarship. We have also updated many provisions in Table 5 and in Table 6 Languages.

**WebDewey subscribers will get the electronic version of the new edition as their quarterly update.**

## Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee held its Meeting 119 at the Library of Congress October 16-18, 2002, under the chairmanship of Andrea Stamm, Northwestern University. Lucy Evans, representing the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP, the successor of the [British] Library Association) was reelected vice chair. The main focus of Meeting 119 was review and approval of front and auxiliary matter, including the Foreword by the chair of EPC, Preface and Acknowledgments, New Features in Edition 22, the Introduction and Glossary, and a draft of an overhauled Manual edited in a more concise and uniform style. EPC also completed the final review of schedules and tables for Edition 22, to be published in July 2003; and four schedules for Abridged Edition 14, to be published in January 2004.

Most of the exhibits were late emerging revisions of previously

approved tables and schedules for Edition 22, such as: Table 2 ó 43-436 Germany and Austria (including the addition of a number of cities); Table 2 ó 71 Canada (worked out in cooperation with the National Library of Canada to reflect recent changes in local jurisdictions, mostly in Quebec); Table 5 (renamed Ethnic and national groups in order to de-emphasize race); 324.243 German political parties (worked out in cooperation with translators of a forthcoming German edition of Edition 22); 930.1 and Table 1 ó 09012 (Prehistoric periods); 371.92 Students with mental disabilities; 778.59 (expanded to cover video art); 792.3 Pantomime (developed to distinguish silent pantomime from the music and dance version of pantomime popular in the United Kingdom); and 910.46 Travel facilities (including a relocation of descriptive works on hotels, inns, etc., from 647.94). For Abridged 14, EPC approved Table 2 Geographic areas and

persons, 004-006 Data processing/Computer science, 200 Religion, and 340 Law.

Final consideration of few small items such as refinements to Manual notes were adjourned to a teleconference ("Meeting 119A") on November 6, and were approved at that time. "Meeting 120" is scheduled as a series of teleconferences scheduled in March, April, and May 2003 (120A, 120B, and 120C, respectively) to consider the final text of Abridged 14. Meeting 121 is tentatively scheduled as a planning retreat during which EPC and invited guests will consider how the rapidly changing environment will affect the DDC and its future editions.

## Dewey Application at the Library of Congress

Decimal Classification Division classifiers at the Library of Congress have assigned Dewey Decimal Classification numbers to 110,290 items for fiscal year 2002 (October 2001 - September 2002) and 15,137 items from October 1-November 30. Two separate job announcements for Dewey classifiers were posted at the Library of Congress on December 26th; these postings closed on January 24th. The position descriptions for the Decimal Classification Division chief, team leader, and program assistant have not yet been approved, but LC hopes that these three key positions will be posted by the time of the ALA Annual meeting.

## Dewey Editorial Office

Questions, comments, or requests for information on the Dewey Decimal Classification may be directed to [dewey@loc.gov](mailto:dewey@loc.gov), or:

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## Translations

DDK5, the fifth Norwegian translation of the DDC, was published in summer 2002. A seminar on the new edition was held in Oslo in August 2002. The first Greek translation of the DDC was also published in summer 2002, and was introduced to Greek librarians at a seminar in Athens in October 2002. The Icelandic translation of Abridged Edition 13 was published in December 2002. A Vietnamese translation of Abridged Edition 13 is underway.

In June 2002, OCLC and Die Deutsche Bibliothek signed an agreement for a German translation of DDC 22. The German translation will be the first outside of the English-language standard edition to be published simultaneously in web and print versions. The editorial team has been working closely with Die Deutsche Bibliothek staff and colleagues in Switzerland and Austria to improve the geographic tables and history developments for these areas. The Table 2 developments for these areas in DDC 22 will be a true abridgment of a fuller development that will appear in the German-language version.

Discussions are currently underway for French and Italian translations of DDC 22.

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