

Dewey News

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Dewey Editorial Program Manager named

Dr. Rebecca Green, who joined the Dewey editorial team in 2007, has accepted the new position of Dewey Editorial Program Manager.



In her new role, she will:

- Set strategic direction and extend DDC utility throughout the library and extra-library communities
- Supervise the Dewey editorial team
- Serve as the primary contact between OCLC and the Library of Congress, the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee and the Dewey user community.

In addition to developing and maintaining the classification, Rebecca has had specific responsibilities related to DDC training modules and investigation of relationships in the DDC. Prior to joining OCLC, Rebecca was an associate professor in the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, where she had been a faculty member since 1989. She serves on the editorial board of the *International Society for Knowledge Organization*.

Rebecca has a PhD and master's degrees in computer science, and a PhD and MLS in library and information services, all from the University of Maryland. She also holds a master's in linguistics from the University of California, Berkeley and an AB in music from Harvard University.

WebDewey makes Dewey work easier

WebDewey is the easiest way to use the Dewey Decimal Classification® (DDC) system. It includes all content from the print edition and features regular updates and a user interface that suits a broad range of skill levels.

Notification feature: We have been hard at work on a new feature for WebDewey, which we anticipate later this year. It will provide a central place to get notification about updates to Dewey that are of interest to you, e.g., "Which classes in the 790s have changed in the last three months?" It will also allow you to drill deeper into certain types of updates and see them in context of specific editorial projects. In addition with this feature, you will be able to generate up-to-date versions of the Relocations and Discontinuations tables like those found in the print edition. Join us for the Dewey Update Breakfast on June 25 to tell us what you would like to see in future WebDewey updates.

BISAC mappings: The mapping of the 2015 edition of BISAC headings to Dewey numbers is currently under way and should be available in WebDewey later in 2016.

International Dewey Users Meeting announced

OCLC will sponsor the International Dewey Users Meeting in conjunction with the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Columbus, Ohio, USA, on 16 August 2016, 8:00–9:30, Greater Columbus Convention Center in rooms C124 and C125.

No-cost Dewey Online Training Modules available

We have developed an online set of training materials for the DDC focused on the needs of experienced librarians who need Dewey application training. We hope the materials will also be useful as supplementary materials in other Dewey training contexts, such as teaching Dewey to students in library and information science programs. The materials include modules on general principles governing the operation of the DDC as well as modules on the structure and use of specific tables and main classes.

All course materials are available at no charge. The presentations and exercises assume the availability of the latest version of the DDC database (WebDewey) and an experienced Dewey user or trainer who can offer explanations and field questions. Note that WebDewey access is provided without cost as part of OCLC's Library and Information Science Education Program. Others currently without access to WebDewey can sign up for access on a 30-day trial basis. Learn more: oc.lc/deweytraining.

European DDC Users' Group Meeting held in April

The European DDC® Users' Group (EDUG) met in Göttingen, Germany at the Verbundzentrale des GBV, 25–26 April 2016. The two-day symposium was sponsored by EDUG, the Niedersächsische Staats und Universitätsbibliothek, and the Verbundzentrale des GBV. Symposium presentations are available at <http://edug.pansoft.de/tiki-index.php?page=2016+meeting>.

Dewey Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) reports progress

EPC conducted two electronic meetings after meeting 138. Meeting 138A took place from October 23 to November 20, 2015. Members reviewed and approved eight exhibits, on topics such as bibliographies and catalogs, Jewish cooking, and in-car entertainment systems. Meeting 138B took place from January 8 to February 6, 2016. In that meeting, members approved five more exhibits, including those on visual communication, writing therapy, and updates in library science terminology for RDA.

Meeting 139 was held at OCLC's headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, June 6–7. There, EPC members reviewed and approved exhibits on subjects such as subtropics, second-level administrations in Italy, computer security, conservatism, internet banking, nondominant legal systems associated with specific ethnic groups, medieval European law, new chemical elements, organic compounds, dementia, heavier-than-air aircraft, sports biographies, martial arts, historical period notation and open-ended administrations. The committee continued discussions on the representation of the sovereignty of nations of indigenous peoples, private military companies and groups of musical ensembles. An initial picture of what data-driven development could mean for Dewey was also presented.

025.431: Dewey blog keeps you informed

The Dewey blog (<http://ddc.typepad.com/>) is the place to find the most current information about the DDC. The editors provide tips and tricks for using WebDewey, calls for comments on updates to the classification, statistics, and much more. Numerous postings on use of the WebDewey Number Building Tool have been provided to help illustrate its intended use. Recently the editors had a Dewey number palindrome challenge in order to find the longest Dewey number that reads the same forward and backward. See the winners: oc.lc/DeweyPalindrome. And, we're pleased to announce that a Google search box has been added recently to the Dewey blog to facilitate searching for posts.

Dewey Program at the Library of Congress by the Numbers

	FY2015	FY2014
Dewey numbers assigned by Dewey classifiers and others at the Library of Congress	54,748	49,017
Dewey numbers assigned by AutoDewey	4,696	3,466
Copied DDC numbers processed at the Library of Congress (082 /ind2=4)	43,902	34,147
Library of Congress classification numbers assigned to ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine	1,852	1,910

As of June 30, 2016, 89,841 titles processed by the Library of Congress have received Dewey numbers, while Dewey staff have assigned 1,339 LCC numbers to NLM ECIPs.

The AutoDewey program is being extended to include individual sports biography. The software has been successfully tested and is ready for implementation.

Dewey translation updates

- **French:** A full French translation of DDC 23 was published in 2015 by Bibliothèque nationale de France and Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, and is being distributed by the Association for Science and Technical Documentation (ASTED). WebDewey in French was launched, also in 2015. Learn more: asted.org.
- **German:** Deutsche Nationalbibliothek expects to introduce the German translation of DDC 23 in 2016. An updated translation of DDC Sachgruppen is also under development. Learn more: oc.lc/Germantranslation.
- **Indonesian:** The Indonesian translation of Abridged 15 is underway.
- **Italian:** The Italian translation of DDC 23 has been published by Associazione Italiana Biblioteche. The first Italian version of WebDewey, based on DDC 23, was launched in 2014. The Italian team introduced the number building assistant in the Italian WebDewey during 2015. Learn more: oc.lc/Italiantranslation.
- **Norwegian:** Nasjonalbibliokejet, the National Library of Norway, launched Norwegian WebDewey, a full translation of DDC 23, in October 2015. Norwegian WebDewey incorporates both the number building assistant and user contribution of numbers and terms. Learn more: oc.lc/NorwegianWebDewey.
- **Spanish:** The Spanish translation of DDC 22 is underway and is expected to be published late 2016. It will be made available from Panamerican Technology Group S. A. Contact luis.torres@ptglatina.com.

Team Update

Welcome to new colleagues



Marti Heyman
Executive Director,
WorldCat Operations

Marti Heyman recently joined OCLC® as the Executive Director of WorldCat® Operations which includes managing the Dewey editorial team. She comes to OCLC from Cengage Gale and brings a wealth of experience running metadata operations in various organizations including DuPont, Oracle, Deloitte and Dow Jones. She has deep experience in many facets of information and knowledge management, with an emphasis on knowledge capture, storage and retrieval in a manner that facilitates maximum return for the enterprise. She has extensive experience designing, developing, implementing and maintaining controlled vocabularies designed to maximize content discovery and access. She has led pilot projects requiring the adoption and implementation of linked data.

Marti also co-chairs the NISO Content and Collection Management Committee and has been active in numerous efforts to develop NISO Recommended Practices. She earned her MLIS and MBA from Drexel University and is currently an adjunct within Drexel's College of Computing and Informatics teaching graduate level courses on Content Representation and Library Management.



Sandi Jones
Product Manager,
Dewey

Sandi Jones is the new Product Manager for Dewey. Sandi has worked at OCLC for more than 30 years in various roles in cataloging and metadata services, including serving as the product manager for Contract Cataloging and WorldCat Cataloging Partners services, which both integrate Dewey® workflows. She has great experience working with libraries and partners worldwide, and she is excited to join the team.



Alex Kyrios
Dewey Editor

Alex Kyrios was recently appointed as an editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification®. Based at the Library of Congress, he joins us from the Folger Shakespeare Library. Before that, he was a metadata librarian / cataloger at the University of Idaho. Alex is new to the editor role, but not new to Dewey. Four years ago, Alex was an OCLC intern and worked with the Dewey editorial team on Abridged Edition 15.

Alex has an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an undergraduate degree in English from the College of William & Mary. Professionally, he's interested in user-focused research, and how cataloging and classification can be more responsive and accessible to users without sacrificing quality. In his spare time, he enjoys board games, tennis, watching soccer, Wikipedia and playing with his dog, Trevor.

Dewey by the Numbers

We have adopted a Dewey “scorecard” to give users a quick overview of the Dewey database (2016-06-01):

	Now in DDC 23	New in DDC 23
Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers)	40,571	3,567
Facets (building blocks from Tables 1-6 and internal add tables, added to show languages, geographic areas, ethnic/national groups, genres, etc.)	12,493	971
Relative Index terms	103,648	6,782
LCSH mappings	30,076	15,341
BISAC mappings	3,216	420
MeSH mappings	379	238

Watch for quarterly updates on 025.431: The Dewey Blog oc.lc/deweyblog

Ask about group subscriptions for Dewey services

If your library is part of a consortium and wishes to subscribe to WebDewey, and/or receive a group discount on DDC 23 or Abridged Edition 15, please contact OCLC at deweyorders@oclc.org to explore group options.

Save 20% on print editions

Order your copy of the final full or abridged print edition of the DDC, now 20% off the regular price. Order at oc.lc/orderdewey.

You've got questions, we've got answers

Please direct questions, comments, or requests for information on the Dewey Decimal Classification to dewey@oclc.org. Questions about Library of Congress assignment of Dewey numbers should be directed to dewey@loc.gov.

The Dewey Editorial Office is located within the CIP and Dewey Program at the Library of Congress.

 [@DeweyTeam](https://twitter.com/DeweyTeam)



USEFUL DEWEY LINKS

DDC 23, Abridged 15, 200 Religion Class:

oc.lc/deweyversions

WebDewey:

dewey.org/webdewey

Dewey webinars & presentations:

oc.lc/deweyevents

025.431: The Dewey Blog:

oc.lc/deweyblog

Dewey training courses:

oc.lc/deweyresources

Discussion papers:

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Updates:

oc.lc/ddc23updates

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