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 Sandi Jones at **joness@oclc.org** or +1-614-764-6082 to explore group options.

Dewey blog keeps you informed

The Dewey blog 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. Read the blog: **oc.lc/deweyblog**.

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 the 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 Section at the Library of Congress.

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USEFUL DEWEY LINKS

DDC 23, Abridged 15, 200 Religion Class:
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Dewey webinars & presentations:
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Discussion papers:
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Questions?
- Library of Congress assignment of Dewey Numbers: dewey@loc.gov
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Dewey News

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Get Dewey updates at the International Dewey Users Meeting

The International Dewey Users Meeting and breakfast will be held on Tuesday, 22 August 2017, 8.00–9.30 in Wrocław Centennial Hall, Oval 33. You'll hear presentations from members of the Dewey editorial team and from PANSOFT, producer of Dewey software, on:

- Updates to the classification approved by the DDC's international Editorial Policy Committee
- Tips for searching OPACs with Dewey numbers
- Putting history information in the history box in WebDewey
- New features in Dewey applications

European DDC Users Group (EDUG) Meeting

The European DDC Users' Group met in Paris, France at the Bibliothèque nationale de France (BnF), 27–28 June 2017. The two-day meeting was sponsored by EDUG and BnF. The first day included a presentation on sharing classification data and a panel on desiderata for WebDewey, Dewey linked data, etc. The day ended with a general business meeting, at which an EDUG representative to the DDC Editorial Policy Committee was elected. The symposium on the second day focused on Dewey in France and on Dewey today and tomorrow.

Dewey Section at the Library of Congress

During FY16 (year ending 30 September 2016), CIP and Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 60,097 titles, with an additional 4,357 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for FY15 were 48,867, with an additional 4,696 assigned by AutoDewey. The significant increase can be attributed to the 12,062 CIP e-book records to which Dewey numbers were also assigned. Copied DDC numbers processed at the Library of Congress further supplemented the total number of records receiving DDC numbers, which resulted in 52,955 titles receiving copied numbers for this fiscal year, compared to 43,902 in FY15.

As of April 2017, 63,564 titles processed by the Library of Congress received Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) numbers. This number includes the 2,416 Dewey numbers assigned by AutoDewey.

Dewey staff assigned 1,003 LCC numbers to National Library of Medicine (NLM) ECIPs. Beginning in November 2016, Dewey staff began adding LCSH and LCC to CIP records; as of April 2017, Dewey staff assigned LCSH and LCC as well as DDC to 404 CIP records.

Dewey Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) reports progress

EPC conducted an electronic meeting after Meeting 139. Meeting 139A took place from 23 September to 28 October 2016. Members reviewed and approved five exhibits:

- The instructions at the beginning of Table 1 Standard subdivisions
- Interethnic marriages, partnerships, unions
- Security services of private military companies
- Microorganisms and fungi
- Musical ensembles

The committee also discussed what to call the movement of topics to a subordinate class when no new class is created.

Meeting 140 was held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., June 12–13, 2017. There, EPC members reviewed and approved exhibits on:

- Sustainability
- Regularization of the use of T1—08 Groups of people
- Religious aspects of child rearing
- The West Bank and Gaza Strip
- Nilo-Saharan peoples and languages
- Big data
- Computer networking
- Computer programming (approved in principle)
- Artificial intelligence
- Personal improvement and analysis
- Controversies related to public morals
- Torture
- Nuclear reactions
- Exercises from martial arts
- Phenylketonuria
- History of ancient Europe

A series of developments in the 900s that will make WebDewey aware of the historical periods associated with specific Table 2 notation was presented. The committee continued discussions on Table 2 notation for indigenous nations, the organization of the 200s (Religion), and the movement of topics vs. the provision and elimination of topics within the DDC.

Enhanced data in WebDewey history box

In years past, preparation for a new print edition included a series of decisions on relocations, discontinuations, etc. For example, which indications of where topics had been before being relocated, or of where they had been relocated to, should be removed? Until very recently, the results of this work as done in preparation for the 2011 publication of the print DDC 23 were still visible in WebDewey. But you will no longer see captions, including notes, or class-here notes with "[*formerly* DDC number]," and you will no longer find relocation or discontinuation notes in the Notes box. All of the information about the movement of topics from one Dewey number to another will now be visible only in the History box.

Previously, when the entire contents of a number were moved to another number, the relevant notes would read simply "Relocated to such-and-such number," "Discontinued to such-and-such number," and so forth. Since information in the History box will accumulate over time, it's important to indicate which topics were relocated or discontinued at a specific time. (Always make sure you check the edition and date for when a change occurred.) All notes in the History box that pertain to DDC 23 should now include an explicit topic. Topics will be added to notes from earlier editions as circumstances allow.

Dewey team welcomes intern

We're happy to announce that Rachel Maxwell has joined the Dewey editorial team as a summer intern. A student at the University of Maryland iSchool, Rachel will be reviewing mappings of Dewey numbers to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) which were previously published in *People, Places & Things* (*PPT*). She'll be verifying whether the mappings are valid after years of changes to the Dewey schedules, setting the mappings to be viewable in WebDewey when ready.

Dewey by the Numbers

We have adopted a Dewey "scorecard" to give users a quick overview of the Dewey database (2017-06-01):

	Now in DDC 23	New in DDC 23
Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers)	41,256	4,252
Facets (building blocks from Tables 1–6 and internal add tables, added to show languages, geographic areas, ethnic/national groups, genres, etc.)	12,196	674
Relative Index terms	104,649	7,783
LCSH mappings	30,234	15,499
BISAC mappings	3,681	895
MeSH mappings	380	239

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

Dewey translations

- **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**.

- **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 complete and has been published by Panamerican Technology Group S.A. Contact **luis.torres@ptglatina.com.**