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 Abridged Edition 15 (through June 30, 2018), please contact Sandi Jones at **joness@oclc.org** or 1-800-848-5878, ext. 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**.

The Dewey team is hiring!

We're excited to announce that the Dewey editorial team is hiring! We're seeking a new Senior Editor with Dewey expertise to become a part of our editorial team. He or she will help us develop the classification, look for new uses of Dewey data, and promote the DDC through presentations, papers, workshops, and conference participation throughout the world.

We're also looking to hire an intern for the summer. Last year's intern, Rachel Maxwell, worked on reviewing mappings of Dewey numbers to Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) which were previously published in *People, Places & Things* (PPT). The new intern will continue that work to make sure those mappings are up to date with changes to the schedules since.

Apply for these positions online at **oclc.org/en/careers.html.**

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- Library of Congress assignment of Dewey Numbers: dewey@loc.gov
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Dewey News

Get Dewey updates at PLA

The Dewey Update will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018, 2:00–3:00 pm at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Room 407–409. Learn about the latest approved updates to the Dewey Decimal Classification, plus other Dewey news, from Alex Kyrios, Editor, Dewey Decimal Classification, OCLC. Light refreshments will be served.

European DDC Users Group (EDUG) Meeting planned

The European DDC Users Group will meet in Bern, Switzerland at the Swiss National Library, April 26-27, 2018. The most recent annual EDUG meetings were held in Paris, France and Göttingen, Germany, in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Discussion topics at the meetings have included Dewey as linked data, the WebDewey number-building engine, user contribution of Dewey numbers, and mapping of Dewey numbers to other controlled vocabularies. As of 2018, EDUG now has a voting member on the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee (EPC); at the Paris meeting, Elise Conradi of the National Library of Norway was elected as the first EDUG representative.

Dewey Section at the Library of Congress

During FY17 (year ending September 30, 2017), the LC Dewey Program classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 61,108 records; this number includes the 15,576 numbers assigned to CIP e-book records. Northwestern University, Douglas County Libraries, Queens Library, and the U.S. Government Publishing Office, all members of the ECIP Cataloging Partnership Program, assigned DDC numbers to 1,627 CIP records. The AutoDewey program assigned 4,324 DDC numbers semi-automatically, and 3,848 were added to ISSN records. Among the records processed via the copy cataloging work stream, 44,843 records included DDC numbers, identified in the 082 field with a second indicator 4. The FY2017 total for all DDC numbers assigned in LC records was 115,748. At the end of the first quarter of FY2018, the total DDC numbers assigned in LC records was 25,614.

In addition to DDC assignment, Dewey classifiers added Library of Congress Classification to 1,830 ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine. At the end of the first quarter of FY2018, that total was 268 ECIPs. Dewey classifiers also completed the subject cataloging (assignment of LCSH, LC Classification, and shelflisting) for 739 ECIPs. At the end of the first quarter of FY2018, that total was 270 ECIPs.

Caroline Saccucci, CIP and Dewey Program Manager, was also named as a Library of Congress appointee to the IFLA Standing Committee on Subject Analysis and Access.

Dewey Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) reports progress

Since the previous PLA conference, EPC has had two face-to-face meetings: Meeting 139, at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio; and Meeting 140, at the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C. In between, they conducted electronic Meeting 139A; since Meeting 140, they also conducted electronic Meetings 140A and 140B. Topics reviewed and approved at these meetings include:

- Conservatism
- Internet banking
- Dementia
- Heavier-than-air-aircraft
- Martial arts
- Private military companies
- Interethnic marriages, partnerships, unions
- Microorganisms and fungi
- Musical ensembles
- Sustainability
- Religious aspects of child rearing
- The West Bank and Gaza Strip
- Nilo-Saharan peoples and languages
- Big data
- Computer networking
- Artificial intelligence
- Personal improvement and analysis
- Controversies related to public morals
- Phenylketonuria
- History of ancient Europe

Other discussion topics included data-driven methods for determining where to develop the schedules, and indigenous groups and geographic areas.

The editorial team would like to acknowledge the service of three EPC members whose terms ended since the last PLA conference: Andrea Kappler (Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library, Indiana), Caroline Kent (British Library), and Anne Robertson (National Library of Australia). All of them made outstanding contributions during their tenures.

We've also welcomed three new members: Elise Conradi (National Library of Norway), Jo Maxwell (Bibliographic Data Services, Scotland), and Melissa Parent (State Library of Victoria, Australia). The committee reelected Jonathan Furner (University of California, Los Angeles) as chair and Michele Zwierski (Nassau Library System, New York) as vice-chair.

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 by the Numbers

We have adopted a Dewey "scorecard" to give users a quick overview of the Dewey database (2018-03-01):

	Now in DDC 23	New in DDC 23
Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers)	41,421	4,417
Facets (building blocks from Tables 1–6 and internal add tables, added to show languages, geographic areas, ethnic/national groups, genres, etc.)	11,594	686
Relative Index terms	104,841	110,282
LCSH mappings	39,482	45,956
MeSH mappings	380	446

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

International Dewey Users Meetings

The most recent International Dewey Users Meetings were held at the IFLA World Library and Information Congresses in Columbus, Ohio (2016), and Wrocław, Poland (2017). Members of the editorial team presented, as did the CEO of PANSOFT, producer of Dewey software. Attendees heard presentations on:

- Updates to the classification approved by the DDC's international Editorial Policy Committee

- Tips for searching OPACs with Dewey numbers

- Data enhancements to WebDewey

The next International Dewey Users Meeting will be held at this year's congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Stay tuned to the Dewey blog for the exact meeting time and location.

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**.

To order WebDewey, please contact **deweyorders@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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