A Brief Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification

History and Current Use

The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system is a general knowledge organization tool that is continuously revised to keep pace with knowledge. The system was conceived by Melvil Dewey in 1873 and first published in 1876. The DDC is published by OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. OCLC owns all copyright rights in the Dewey Decimal Classification, and licenses the system for a variety of uses.

The DDC is the most widely used classification system in the world. Libraries in more than 135 countries use the DDC to organize and provide access to their collections, and DDC numbers are featured in the national bibliographies of more than 60 countries. Libraries of every type apply Dewey numbers on a daily basis and share these numbers through a variety of means (including WorldCat, the OCLC Online Union Catalog). Dewey is also used for other purposes, e.g., as a browsing mechanism for resources on the web.

The DDC has been translated into over thirty languages. Translations of the latest full and abridged editions of the DDC are completed, planned, or underway in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Icelandic, Italian, Korean, Norwegian, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Development

One of Dewey’s great strengths is that the system is developed and maintained in a national bibliographic agency, the Library of Congress. The Dewey editorial office is located in the Decimal Classification Division of the Library of Congress, where classification specialists annually assign over 110,000 DDC numbers to records for works cataloged by the Library. Having the editorial office within the Decimal Classification Division enables the editors to detect trends in the literature that must be incorporated into the Classification. The editors prepare proposed schedule revisions and expansions, and forward the proposals to the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) for review and recommended action.

EPC is a ten-member international board whose main function is to advise the editors and OCLC on matters relating to changes, innovations, and the general development of the Classification. EPC represents the interests of DDC users; its members come from national, public, special, and academic libraries, and from library schools.

Editions

The DDC is published in full and abridged editions in print and electronic versions. The abridged edition is a logical truncation of the notational and structural hierarchy of the corresponding full edition on which it is based, and is intended for general collections of 20,000 titles or less. WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey, the electronic versions of the full and abridged editions, respectively, are updated frequently and contain additional index entries and mapped vocabulary. The electronic versions and supplemental web postings are the chief sources of ongoing updates to the DDC. On the Dewey web site (www.oclc.org/dewey), selected new
numbers and changes to the DDC are posted monthly, and mappings between selected new Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Dewey numbers are posted biweekly.

**Structure and Notation**

The DDC is built on sound principles that make it ideal as a general knowledge organization tool: meaningful notation in universally recognized Arabic numerals, well-defined categories, well-developed hierarchies, and a rich network of relationships among topics. In the DDC, basic classes are organized by disciplines or fields of study. At the broadest level, the DDC is divided into ten main classes, which together cover the entire world of knowledge. Each main class is further divided into ten divisions, and each division into ten sections (not all the numbers for the divisions and sections have been used). The main structure of the DDC is presented in the *DDC Summaries* following this introduction. The headings associated with the numbers in the summaries have been edited for browsing purposes, and do not necessarily match the complete headings found in the schedules.

The *first summary* contains the ten main classes. The first digit in each three-digit number represents the main class. For example, 600 represents technology.

The *second summary* contains the hundred divisions. The second digit in each three-digit number indicates the division. For example, 600 is used for general works on technology, 610 for medicine and health, 620 for engineering, 630 for agriculture.

The *third summary* contains the thousand sections. The third digit in each three-digit number indicates the section. Thus, 610 is used for general works on medicine and health, 611 for human anatomy, 612 for human physiology, 613 for personal health and safety.

Arabic numerals are used to represent each class in the DDC. A decimal point follows the third digit in a class number, after which division by ten continues to the specific degree of classification needed.

A subject may appear in more than one discipline. For example, "clothing" has aspects that fall under several disciplines. The psychological influence of clothing belongs in 155.95 as part of the discipline of psychology; customs associated with clothing belong in 391 as part of the discipline of customs; and clothing in the sense of fashion design belongs in 746.92 as part of the discipline of the arts.

**Hierarchy**

Hierarchy in the DDC is expressed through structure and notation. Structural hierarchy means that all topics (aside from the ten main classes) are part of all the broader topics above them. Any note regarding the nature of a class holds true for all the subordinate classes, including logically subordinate topics classed at coordinate numbers.

Notational hierarchy is expressed by length of notation. Numbers at any given level are usually subordinate to a class whose notation is one digit shorter; coordinate with a class whose notation has the same number of significant digits;
and superordinate to a class with numbers one or more digits longer. The underlined digits in the following example demonstrate this notational hierarchy:

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<td>Agriculture and related technologies</td>
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“Dogs” and “Cats” are more specific than (i.e., are subordinate to) “Animal husbandry”; they are equally specific as (i.e., are coordinate with) each other; and “Animal husbandry” is less specific than (i.e., is superordinate to) “Dogs” and “Cats.”

Sometimes, other devices must be used to express the hierarchy when it is not possible or desirable to do so through the notation. Special headings, notes, and entries indicate relationships among topics that violate notational hierarchy.

**Arrangement of the DDC**

The print version of the latest full edition of the DDC, Edition 22, is composed of the following major parts in four volumes:

**Volume 1**

(A) New Features in Edition 22: A brief explanation of the special features and changes in DDC 22

(B) Introduction: A description of the DDC and how to use it

(C) Glossary: Short definitions of terms used in the DDC

(D) Index to the Introduction and Glossary

(E) Manual: A guide to the use of the DDC that is made up primarily of extended discussions of problem areas in the application of the DDC. Information in the Manual is arranged by the numbers in the tables and schedules

(F) Tables: Six numbered tables of notation that can be added to class numbers to provide greater specificity

(G) Lists that compare Editions 21 and 22: Relocations and Discontinuations; Reused Numbers

**Volume 2**

(H) DDC Summaries: The top three levels of the DDC

(I) Schedules: The organization of knowledge from 000–599
Brief Introduction to the DDC

Volume 3

(J) Schedules: The organization of knowledge from 600–999

Volume 4

(K) Relative Index: An alphabetical list of subjects with the disciplines in which they are treated subarranged alphabetically under each entry

Entries

Entries in the schedules and tables are composed of a DDC number in the number column (the column at the left margin), a heading describing the class that the number represents, and often one or more notes. All entries (numbers, headings, and notes) should be read in the context of the hierarchy.

In the print version of the DDC, the first three digits of schedule numbers (main classes, divisions, sections) appear only once in the number column, when first used. They are repeated at the top of each page where their subdivisions continue. Subordinate numbers appear in the number column, beginning with a decimal point, with the initial three digits understood.

Some numbers in the schedules and tables are enclosed in parentheses or square brackets. Numbers and notes in parentheses provide options to standard practice. Numbers in square brackets represent topics that have been relocated or discontinued, or are unassigned. Square brackets are also used for standard subdivision concepts that are represented in another location. Numbers in square brackets are never used.

Number Building

Only a fraction of potential DDC numbers are included in the schedules. It is often necessary to build or synthesize a number that is not specifically listed in the schedules. Such built numbers allow for greater depth of content analysis. There are four sources of notation for building numbers: (A) Table 1 Standard Subdivisions; (B) Tables 2–6; (C) other parts of the schedules; and (D) add tables in the schedules.

Number building is initiated only upon instructions in the schedules (except for the addition of standard subdivisions, which may take place anywhere unless there is an instruction to the contrary). Number building begins with a base number (always stated in the instruction note) to which another number is added.

More Information

The Dewey web site (www.oclc.org/dewey) contains up-to-date information about the DDC, DDC products and services, and DDC licensing. For more information about the structure and application of the Dewey Decimal Classification, consult the introduction in volume 1 of DDC 22 (also available online in WebDewey and on the Dewey web site). A more in-depth introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification may be found in Dewey Decimal Classification: Principles and Application, 3d ed., by Lois Mai Chan and Joan S. Mitchell (Dublin, Ohio: OCLC, 2003).
Summaries
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First Summary
The Ten Main Classes

000 Computer science, information & general works
100 Philosophy & psychology
200 Religion
300 Social sciences
400 Language
500 Science
600 Technology
700 Arts & recreation
800 Literature
900 History & geography

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# Second Summary

## The Hundred Divisions

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### Third Summary

*The Thousand Sections*

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| 032 | Encyclopedias in English                      | 082 | Collections in English       |
| 033 | In other Germanic languages                   | 083 | Collections in other Germanic languages |
| 034 | Encyclopedias in French, Occitan & Catalan    | 084 | Collections in French, Occitan & Catalan |
| 035 | In Italian, Romanian & related languages      | 085 | In Italian, Romanian & related languages |
| 036 | Encyclopedias in Spanish & Portuguese         | 086 | Collections in Spanish & Portuguese |
| 037 | Encyclopedias in Slavic languages             | 087 | Collections in Slavic languages |
| 038 | Encyclopedias in Scandinavian languages       | 088 | Collections in Scandinavian languages |
| 039 | Encyclopedias in other languages              | 089 | Collections in other languages |

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| 041 | [Unassigned]                                  | 091 | Manuscripts                  |
| 042 | [Unassigned]                                  | 092 | Block books                  |
| 043 | [Unassigned]                                  | 093 | Incunabula                   |
| 044 | [Unassigned]                                  | 094 | Printed books                |
| 045 | [Unassigned]                                  | 095 | Books notable for bindings   |
| 046 | [Unassigned]                                  | 096 | Books notable for illustrations |
| 047 | [Unassigned]                                  | 097 | Books notable for ownership or origin |
| 048 | [Unassigned]                                  | 098 | Prohibited works, forgeries & hoaxes |
| 049 | [Unassigned]                                  | 099 | Books notable for format     |

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### Dewey Decimal Classification

**100 Philosophy & psychology**

- 100 Philosophy & psychology
- 101 Theory of philosophy
- 102 Miscellany
- 103 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
- 104 [Unassigned]
- 105 Serial publications
- 106 Organizations & management
- 107 Education, research & related topics
- 108 Kinds of persons treatment
- 109 Historical & collected persons treatment
- 110 Metaphysics
- 111 Ontology
- 112 [Unassigned]
- 113 Cosmology
- 114 Space
- 115 Time
- 116 Change
- 117 Structure
- 118 Force & energy
- 119 Number & quantity
- 120 Epistemology, causation & humankind
- 121 Epistemology
- 122 Causation
- 123 Determinism & indeterminism
- 124 Teleology
- 125 [Unassigned]
- 126 The self
- 127 The unconscious & the subconscious
- 128 Humankind
- 129 Origin & destiny of individual souls
- 130 Parapsychology & occultism
- 131 Parapsychological & occult methods
- 132 [Unassigned]
- 133 Specific topics in parapsychology & occultism
- 134 [Unassigned]
- 135 Dreams & mysteries
- 136 [Unassigned]
- 137 Divinatory graphology
- 138 Physiognomy
- 139 Phrenology
- 140 Specific philosophical schools
- 141 Idealism & related systems
- 142 Critical philosophy
- 143 Bergsonism & intuitionism
- 144 Humanism & related systems
- 145 Sensationalism
- 146 Naturalism & related systems
- 147 Pantheism & related systems
- 148 Eclecticism, liberalism & traditionalism
- 149 Other philosophical systems
- 150 Psychology
- 151 [Unassigned]
- 152 Perception, movement, emotions & drives
- 153 Mental processes & intelligence
- 154 Subconscious & altered states
- 155 Differential & developmental psychology
- 156 Comparative psychology
- 157 [Unassigned]
- 158 Applied psychology
- 159 [Unassigned]
- 160 Logic
- 161 Induction
- 162 Deduction
- 163 [Unassigned]
- 164 [Unassigned]
- 165 Fallacies & sources of error
- 166 Syllogisms
- 167 Hypotheses
- 168 Argument & persuasion
- 169 Analogy
- 170 Ethics
- 171 Ethical systems
- 172 Political ethics
- 173 Ethics of family relationships
- 174 Occupational ethics
- 175 Ethics of recreation & leisure
- 176 Ethics of sex & reproduction
- 177 Ethics of social relations
- 178 Ethics of consumption
- 179 Other ethical norms
- 180 Ancient, medieval & eastern philosophy
- 181 Eastern philosophy
- 182 Pre-Socratic Greek philosophies
- 183 Socratic & related philosophies
- 184 Platonic philosophy
- 185 Aristotelian philosophy
- 186 Skeptic & Neoplatonic philosophies
- 187 Epicurean philosophy
- 188 Stoic philosophy
- 189 Medieval western philosophy
- 190 Modern western philosophy
- 191 Philosophy of United States & Canada
- 192 Philosophy of British Isles
- 193 Philosophy of Germany & Austria
- 194 Philosophy of France
- 195 Philosophy of Italy
- 196 Philosophy of Spain & Portugal
- 197 Philosophy of former Soviet Union
- 198 Philosophy of Scandinavia
- 199 Philosophy in other geographic areas

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300 Social sciences
301 Sociology & anthropology
302 Social interaction
303 Social processes
304 Factors affecting social behavior
305 Social groups
306 Culture & institutions
307 Communities
308 [Unassigned]
309 [Unassigned]
310 Collections of general statistics
311 [Unassigned]
312 [Unassigned]
313 [Unassigned]
314 General statistics of Europe
315 General statistics of Asia
316 General statistics of Africa
317 General statistics of North America
318 General statistics of South America
319 General statistics of other areas
320 Political science
321 Systems of governments & states
322 Relation of state to organized groups
323 Civil & political rights
324 The political process
325 International migration & colonization
326 Slavery & emancipation
327 International relations
328 The legislative process
329 [Unassigned]
330 Economics
331 Labor economics
332 Financial economics
333 Economics of land & energy
334 Cooperatives
335 Socialism & related systems
336 Public finance
337 International economics
338 Production
339 Macroeconomics & related topics
340 Law
341 Law of nations
342 Constitutional & administrative law
343 Military, tax, trade & industrial law
344 Labor, social, education & cultural law
345 Criminal law
346 Private law
347 Civil procedure & courts
348 Laws, regulations & cases
349 Law of specific jurisdictions & areas
350 Public administration & military science
351 Public administration
352 General considerations of public administration
353 Specific fields of public administration
354 Administration of economy & environment
355 Military science
356 Infantry forces & warfare
357 Mounted forces & warfare
358 Air & other specialized forces
359 Sea forces & warfare
360 Social problems & services; associations
361 Social problems & social welfare in general
362 Social welfare problems & services
363 Other social problems & services
364 Criminology
365 Penal & related institutions
366 Associations
367 General clubs
368 Insurance
369 Miscellaneous kinds of associations
370 Education
371 Schools & their activities; special education
372 Elementary education
373 Secondary education
374 Adult education
375 Curricula
376 [Unassigned]
377 [Unassigned]
378 Higher education
379 Public policy issues in education
380 Commerce, communications & transportation
381 Commerce
382 International commerce
383 Postal communication
384 Communications; telecommunication
385 Railroad transportation
386 Inland waterway & ferry transportation
387 Water, air & space transportation
388 Transportation; ground transportation
389 Metrology & standardization
390 Customs, etiquette & folklore
391 Costume & personal appearance
392 Customs of life cycle & domestic life
393 Death customs
394 General customs
395 Etiquette (Manners)
396 [Unassigned]
397 [Unassigned]
398 Folklore
399 Customs of war & diplomacy

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Summaries

400

400 Language
401 Philosophy & theory
402 Miscellany
403 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
404 Special topics
405 Serial publications
406 Organizations & management
407 Education, research & related topics
408 Kinds of persons treatment
409 Geographic & persons treatment
410 Linguistics
411 Writing systems
412 Etymology
413 Dictionaries
414 Phonology & phonetics
415 Grammar
416 [Unassigned]
417 Dialectology & historical linguistics
418 Standard usage & applied linguistics
419 Sign languages
420 English & Old English
421 English writing system & phonology
422 English etymology
423 English dictionaries
424 [Unassigned]
425 English grammar
426 [Unassigned]
427 English language variations
428 Standard English usage
429 Old English (Anglo-Saxon)
430 Germanic languages; German
431 German writing systems & phonology
432 German etymology
433 German dictionaries
434 [Unassigned]
435 German grammar
436 [Unassigned]
437 German language variations
438 Standard German usage
439 Other Germanic languages
440 Romance languages; French
441 French writing systems & phonology
442 French etymology
443 French dictionaries
444 [Unassigned]
445 French grammar
446 [Unassigned]
447 French language variations
448 Standard French usage
449 Occitan & Catalan
450 Italian, Romanian & related languages
451 Italian writing systems & phonology
452 Italian etymology
453 Italian dictionaries
454 [Unassigned]
455 Italian grammar
456 [Unassigned]
457 Italian language variations
458 Standard Italian usage
459 Romanian & related languages
460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
461 Spanish writing systems & phonology
462 Spanish etymology
463 Spanish dictionaries
464 [Unassigned]
465 Spanish grammar
466 [Unassigned]
467 Spanish language variations
468 Standard Spanish usage
469 Portuguese
470 Italic languages; Latin
471 Classical Latin writing & phonology
472 Classical Latin etymology
473 Classical Latin dictionaries
474 [Unassigned]
475 Classical Latin grammar
476 [Unassigned]
477 Old, postclassical & Vulgar Latin
478 Classical Latin usage
479 Other Italic languages
480 Hellenic languages; classical Greek
481 Classical Greek writing & phonology
482 Classical Greek etymology
483 Classical Greek dictionaries
484 [Unassigned]
485 Classical Greek grammar
486 [Unassigned]
487 Preclassical & postclassical Greek
488 Classical Greek usage
489 Other Hellenic languages
490 Other languages
491 East Indo-European & Celtic languages
492 Afro-Asiatic languages; Semitic languages
493 Non-Semitic Afro-Asiatic languages
494 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean & Dravidian
495 Languages of East & Southeast Asia
496 African languages
497 North American native languages
498 South American native languages
499 Austronesian & other languages

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- **500** Natural sciences & mathematics
- **501** Philosophy & theory
- **502** Miscellany
- **503** Dictionaries & encyclopedias
- **504** [Unassigned]
- **505** Serial publications
- **506** Organizations & management
- **507** Education, research & related topics
- **508** Natural history
- **509** Historical, geographic & persons treatment

#### 510 Mathematics
- **511** General principles of mathematics
- **512** Algebra
- **513** Arithmetic
- **514** Topology
- **515** Analysis
- **516** Geometry
- **517** [Unassigned]
- **518** Numerical analysis
- **519** Probabilities & applied mathematics

#### 520 Astronomy & allied sciences
- **521** Celestial mechanics
- **522** Techniques, equipment & materials
- **523** Specific celestial bodies & phenomena
- **524** [Unassigned]
- **525** Earth (Astronomical geography)
- **526** Mathematical geography
- **527** Celestial navigation
- **528** Ephemeredes
- **529** Chronology

#### 530 Physics
- **531** Classical mechanics; solid mechanics
- **532** Fluid mechanics; liquid mechanics
- **533** Gas mechanics
- **534** Sound & related vibrations
- **535** Light & infrared & ultraviolet phenomena
- **536** Heat
- **537** Electricity & electronics
- **538** Magnetism
- **539** Modern physics

#### 540 Chemistry & allied sciences
- **541** Physical chemistry
- **542** Techniques, equipment & materials
- **543** Analytical chemistry
- **544** [Unassigned]
- **545** [Unassigned]
- **546** Inorganic chemistry
- **547** Organic chemistry
- **548** Crystallography
- **549** Mineralogy

#### 550 Earth sciences

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| 600 Technology | 650 Management & auxiliary services |
| 601 Philosophy & theory | 651 Office services |
| 602 Miscellany | 652 Processes of written communication |
| 603 Dictionaries & encyclopedias | 653 Shorthand |
| 604 Special topics | [Unassigned] |
| 605 Serial publications | [Unassigned] |
| 606 Organizations | [Unassigned] |
| 607 Education, research & related topics | 657 Accounting |
| 608 Inventions & patents | 658 General management |
| 609 Historical, geographic & persons treatment | 659 Advertising & public relations |
| 610 Medicine & health | 660 Chemical engineering |
| 611 Human anatomy, cytology & histology | 661 Industrial chemicals |
| 612 Human physiology | 662 Explosives, fuels & related products |
| 613 Personal health & safety | 663 Beverage technology |
| 614 Incidence & prevention of disease | 664 Food technology |
| 615 Pharmacology & therapeutics | 665 Industrial oils, fats, waxes & gases |
| 616 Diseases | 666 Ceramic & allied technologies |
| 617 Surgery & related medical specialties | 667 Cleaning, color & coating technologies |
| 618 Gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics & geriatrics | 668 Technology of other organic products |
| 619 [Unassigned] | 669 Metallurgy |
| 620 Engineering & allied operations | 670 Manufacturing |
| 621 Applied physics | 671 Metalworking & primary metal products |
| 622 Mining & related operations | 672 Iron, steel & other iron alloys |
| 623 Military & nautical engineering | 673 Nonferrous metals |
| 624 Civil engineering | 674 Lumber processing, wood products & cork |
| 625 Engineering of railroads & roads | 675 Leather & fur processing |
| 626 [Unassigned] | 676 Pulp & paper technology |
| 627 Hydraulic engineering | 677 Textiles |
| 628 Sanitary & municipal engineering | 678 Elastomers & elastomer products |
| 629 Other branches of engineering | 679 Other products of specific materials |
| 630 Agriculture & related technologies | 680 Manufacture for specific uses |
| 631 Techniques, equipment & materials | 681 Precision instruments & other devices |
| 632 Plant injuries, diseases & pests | 682 Small forge work (Blacksmithing) |
| 633 Field & plantation crops | 683 Hardware & household appliances |
| 634 Orchards, fruits & forestry | 684 Furnishings & home workshops |
| 635 Garden crops (Horticulture) | 685 Leather, fur goods & related products |
| 636 Animal husbandry | 686 Printing & related activities |
| 637 Processing dairy & related products | 687 Clothing & accessories |
| 638 Insect culture | 688 Other final products & packaging |
| 639 Hunting, fishing & conservation | 689 [Unassigned] |
| 640 Home & family management | 690 Buildings |
| 641 Food & drink | 691 Building materials |
| 642 Meals & table service | 692 Auxiliary construction practices |
| 643 Housing & household equipment | 693 Specific materials & purposes |
| 644 Household utilities | 694 Wood construction & carpentry |
| 645 Household furnishings | 695 Roof covering |
| 646 Sewing, clothing & personal living | 696 Utilities |
| 647 Management of public households | 697 Heating, ventilating & air-conditioning |
| 648 Housekeeping | 698 Detail finishing |
| 649 Child rearing & home care of persons | 699 [Unassigned] |

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700 The arts; fine & decorative arts
701 Philosophy of fine & decorative arts
702 Miscellany of fine & decorative arts
703 Dictionaries of fine & decorative arts
704 Special topics in fine & decorative arts
705 Serial publications of fine & decorative arts
706 Organizations & management
707 Education, research & related topics
708 Galleries, museums & private collections
709 Historical, geographic & persons treatment

710 Civic & landscape art
711 Area planning
712 Landscape architecture
713 Landscape architecture of trafficways
714 Water features
715 Woody plants
716 Herbaceous plants
717 Structures in landscape architecture
718 Landscape design of cemeteries
719 Natural landscapes

720 Architecture
721 Architectural structure
722 Architecture to ca. 300
723 Architecture from ca. 300 to 1399
724 Architecture from 1400
725 Public structures
726 Buildings for religious purposes
727 Buildings for education & research
728 Residential & related buildings
729 Design & decoration

730 Plastic arts; sculpture
731 Processes, forms & subjects of sculpture
732 Sculpture to ca. 500
733 Greek, Etruscan & Roman sculpture
734 Sculpture from ca. 500 to 1399
735 Sculpture from 1400
736 Carving & carvings
737 Numismatics & sigillography
738 Ceramic arts
739 Art metalwork

740 Drawing & decorative arts
741 Drawing & drawings
742 Perspective
743 Drawing & drawings by subject
744 [Unassigned]
745 Decorative arts
746 Textile arts
747 Interior decoration
748 Glass
749 Furniture & accessories

750 Painting & paintings
751 Techniques, equipment, materials & forms
752 Color
753 Symbolism, allegory, mythology & legend
754 Genre paintings
755 Religion
756 [Unassigned]
757 Human figures
758 Other subjects
759 Historical, geographic & persons treatment

760 Graphic arts; printmaking & prints
761 Relief processes (Block printing)
762 [Unassigned]
763 Lithographic processes
764 Chromolithography & serigraphy
765 Metal engraving
766 Mezzotinting, aquatinting & related processes
767 Etching & drypoint
768 [Unassigned]

769 Prints

770 Photography, photographs & computer art
771 Techniques, equipment & materials
772 Metallic salt processes
773 Pigment processes of printing
774 Holography
775 Digital photography
776 Computer art (Digital art)
777 [Unassigned]
778 Fields & kinds of photography
779 Photographs

780 Music
781 General principles & musical forms
782 Vocal music
783 Music for single voices; the voice
784 Instruments & instrumental ensembles
785 Ensembles with one instrument per part
786 Keyboard & other instruments
787 Stringed instruments
788 Wind instruments
789 (Optional number)

790 Recreational & performing arts
791 Public performances
792 Stage presentations
793 Indoor games & amusements
794 Indoor games of skill
795 Games of chance
796 Athletic & outdoor sports & games
797 Aquatic & air sports
798 Equestrian sports & animal racing
799 Fishing, hunting & shooting

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800 Literature & rhetoric
801 Philosophy & theory
802 Miscellany
803 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
804 [Unassigned]
805 Serial publications
806 Organizations & management
807 Education, research & related topics
808 Rhetoric & collections of literature
809 History, description & criticism
810 American literature in English
811 American poetry in English
812 American drama in English
813 American fiction in English
814 American essays in English
815 American speeches in English
816 American letters in English
817 American humor & satire in English
818 American miscellaneous writings
819 (Optional number)
820 English & Old English literatures
821 English poetry
822 English drama
823 English fiction
824 English essays
825 English speeches
826 English letters
827 English humor & satire
828 English miscellaneous writings
829 Old English (Anglo-Saxon)
830 Literatures of Germanic languages
831 German poetry
832 German drama
833 German fiction
834 German essays
835 German speeches
836 German letters
837 German humor & satire
838 German miscellaneous writings
839 Other Germanic literatures
840 Literatures of Romance languages
841 French poetry
842 French drama
843 French fiction
844 French essays
845 French speeches
846 French letters
847 French humor & satire
848 French miscellaneous writings
849 Occitan & Catalan literatures
850 Italian, Romanian & related literatures
851 Italian poetry
852 Italian drama
853 Italian fiction
854 Italian essays
855 Italian speeches
856 Italian letters
857 Italian humor & satire
858 Italian miscellaneous writings
859 Romanian & related literatures
860 Spanish & Portuguese literatures
861 Spanish poetry
862 Spanish drama
863 Spanish fiction
864 Spanish essays
865 Spanish speeches
866 Spanish letters
867 Spanish humor & satire
868 Spanish miscellaneous writings
869 Portuguese literature
870 Italic literatures; Latin literature
871 Latin poetry
872 Latin dramatic poetry & drama
873 Latin epic poetry & fiction
874 Latin lyric poetry
875 Latin speeches
876 Latin letters
877 Latin humor & satire
878 Latin miscellaneous writings
879 Literatures of other Italic languages
880 Hellenic literatures; classical Greek
881 Classical Greek poetry
882 Classical Greek dramatic poetry & drama
883 Classical Greek epic poetry & fiction
884 Classical Greek lyric poetry
885 Classical Greek speeches
886 Classical Greek letters
887 Classical Greek humor & satire
888 Classical Greek miscellaneous writings
889 Modern Greek literature
890 Literatures of other languages
891 East Indo-European & Celtic literatures
892 Afro-Asiatic literatures; Semitic literatures
893 Non-Semitic Afro-Asiatic literatures
894 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean & Dravidian
895 Literatures of East & Southeast Asia
896 African literatures
897 North American native literatures
898 South American native literatures
899 Austronesian & other literatures

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900 History & geography
901 Philosophy & theory
902 Miscellany
903 Dictionaries & encyclopedias
904 Collected accounts of events
905 Serial publications
906 Organizations & management
907 Education, research & related topics
908 Kinds of persons treatment
909 World history
910 Geography & travel
911 Historical geography
912 Atlases, maps, charts & plans
913 Geography of & travel in ancient world
914 Geography of & travel in Europe
915 Geography of & travel in Asia
916 Geography of & travel in Africa
917 Geography of & travel in North America
918 Geography of & travel in South America
919 Geography of & travel in other areas
920 Biography, genealogy & insignia
921 (Optional number)
922 (Optional number)
923 (Optional number)
924 (Optional number)
925 (Optional number)
926 (Optional number)
927 (Optional number)
928 (Optional number)
929 Genealogy, names & insignia
930 History of ancient world to ca. 499
931 China to 420
932 Egypt to 640
933 Palestine to 70
934 India to 647
935 Mesopotamia & Iranian Plateau to 637
936 Europe north & west of Italy to ca. 499
937 Italy & adjacent territories to 476
938 Greece to 323
939 Other parts of ancient world to ca. 640
940 History of Europe
941 British Isles
942 England & Wales
943 Central Europe; Germany
944 France & Monaco
945 Italian Peninsula & adjacent islands
946 Iberian Peninsula & adjacent islands
947 Eastern Europe; Russia
948 Scandinavia
949 Other parts of Europe
950 History of Asia; Far East
951 China & adjacent areas
952 Japan
953 Arabian Peninsula & adjacent areas
954 South Asia; India
955 Iran
956 Middle East (Near East)
957 Siberia (Asian Russia)
958 Central Asia
959 Southeast Asia
960 History of Africa
961 Tunisia & Libya
962 Egypt & Sudan
963 Ethiopia & Eritrea
964 Northwest African coast & offshore islands
965 Algeria
966 West Africa & offshore islands
967 Central Africa & offshore islands
968 Southern Africa; Republic of South Africa
969 South Indian Ocean islands
970 History of North America
971 Canada
972 Middle America; Mexico
973 United States
974 Northeastern United States
975 Southeastern United States
976 South central United States
977 North central United States
978 Western United States
979 Great Basin & Pacific Slope region
980 History of South America
981 Brazil
982 Argentina
983 Chile
984 Bolivia
985 Peru
986 Colombia & Ecuador
987 Venezuela
988 Guiana
989 Paraguay & Uruguay
990 History of other areas
991 [Unassigned]
992 [Unassigned]
993 New Zealand
994 Australia
995 Melanesia; New Guinea
996 Other parts of Pacific; Polynesia
997 Atlantic Ocean islands
998 Arctic islands & Antarctica
999 Extraterrestrial worlds

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