Group Subscriptions for Dewey Services

If your library is part of a consortium and wishes to subscribe to WebDewey 2.0, and/or receive a group discount on DDC 23 or Abridged Edition 15, please contact Libbie Crawford at libbie_crawford@oclc.org or 1-800-848-5878, ext. 6346, to explore group options.

Dewey Online Training Modules

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Standard Subdivision and Three-Digit Numbers Ending with Zero: Part 2 is now available on the Dewey Blog as a supplement to the WebDewey part of the Dewey Online Training Modules; see, for example:

Dewey Editorial Office

Please direct questions, comment, or requests for information on the Dewey Decimal Classification to dewey@loc.gov, or:
Dewey Editorial Office
Library of Congress
Dewey Program
101 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20540-4292
Fax: 1-202-707-0279
(Note: Mail service may be slow to LC due to heightened security precautions.)

Useful Dewey Links

DDC 23
WebDewey 2.0
dewey.org/webdewey
Abridged Edition 15
200 Religion Class
dewey.info
dewey.info
Dewey webinars & presentations
025.431: The Dewey Blog
ddc.typepad.com
Dewey training courses
www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/teachingsite/courses.en.html
Discussion papers
www.oclc.org/dewey/discussion.en.html
Updates
Classify
classify.oclc.org/classify2/
Questions?
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Dewey Breakfast at ALA

The Dewey Breakfast/Update will be held on Saturday, June 27, 7:00 – 8:30 am at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Yerba Buena Salon 1–3. The program will feature a discussion of how Dewey is applied at the Library of Congress, presented by Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Program Manager, and how a large library system applies Dewey, by Michele Zwierski, Database Manager, Nassau Library System, New York. The ALCTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group will meet in the same room from 8:30–10:00 am directly following the Dewey Update Breakfast.

WebDewey

We continue our work on adding new features to WebDewey. The next one in the pipeline is a Notification Feature. This feature will provide users with a central place to get notification about updates to Dewey that are of interest to them, e.g., “Which classes in the 790s have changed in the last 3 months?” It will also allow users to drill deeper into certain types of updates and also see them in context of specific editorial projects. When this is deployed later this year, WebDewey users will also be able to generate up-to-date versions of the Relocations and Discontinuations tables known from the print edition. Join us for the Dewey Update Breakfast to let us know what else you would like to see in future WebDewey updates!

Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

EPC Meeting 138 took place at the Library of Congress on June 8–9, 2015, at which EPC members reviewed exhibits from across the schedules. The changes they approved involve, for example, the political ideology of Malcolm X, human trafficking, applied linguistics (e.g., language education), angiosperms (flowering plants), diets that exclude specific foods (e.g., gluten-free cooking, dairy-free foods), lacrosse and the period of post-apartheid South Africa. The angiosperms development represents the culmination of a multiyear effort to adopt the taxonomy of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group; it will be posted for worldwide review by the end of the summer. EPC also gave advice on a new long-term effort to represent the sovereign nation status of indigenous peoples. (Anyone wishing or willing to contribute to this effort is asked to contact Rebecca Green, greenre@oclc.org.)

European DDC Users’ Group

The EDUG Meeting and Symposium 2015 took place in Naples, Italy, April 15–17, 2015. EDUG sponsored a full-day international symposium on April 17. The first two days were devoted to a workshop on mapping, in cooperation with the University of Oslo, followed by a general business meeting.

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Translations

Most of the Dewey translations highlighted below are using translation-support software developed by Pansoft. The Pansoft software imports and exports DDC data using the same MARCXML format used to export the English-language DDC data and to represent DDC data in WebDewey 2.0. Pansoft also developed WebDewey 2.0 under an agreement with OCLC.

- **Arabic:** A new Arabic translation of the full DDC is underway at Bibliotheca Alexandrina and is expected to be published in 2015.
- **French:** A full French translation of DDC 23 is underway using Pansoft and is expected to be published in 2015. Shortly after the French printed edition, we expect the launch of the Canadian WebDewey. This will be the very first edition of WebDewey holding two languages (English and French) in the same instance of WebDewey.
- **German:** DNB expects to introduce the German translation of DDC 23 in 2015. An updated translation of DDC Sachgruppen is also under development.
- **Indonesian:** Work continues at the National Library of Indonesia on the Indonesian translation of Abridged Edition 15.
- **Italian:** The Italian translation of Dewey Decimal Classification has been published by AIB (Associazione Italiana Biblioteche) and for the first time in electronic form, in WebDewey based on DDC 23 in 2014. The Italian team plans to introduce the Number Building Engine in the Italian WebDewey during 2015.
- **Norwegian:** The Norwegian team plans to launch the Norwegian WebDewey in September 2015.
- **Vietnamese:** The Vietnamese translation of DDC 23 was completed in 2013. Since then, the National Library of Vietnam has organized a training program, which was kicked off by a conference in October 2014 on application of the Dewey Decimal Classification in Vietnamese libraries.

Dewey by the Numbers

We have adopted a Dewey “scorecard” to give users a quick overview of the Dewey database (2014-06-01):

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<th>Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers)</th>
<th>Now in DDC 23</th>
<th>New in DDC 23</th>
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New addition to the editorial team

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Carol A. Bean as associate editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). Carol comes to us from her position as Senior Research Scientist at the Center for Biomedical Informatics Research at Stanford University, the culmination—so far—of an illustrious career combining medical informatics and knowledge organization.

The medical informatics perspective is evident in positions Carol has held as research information scientist, biomedical informatics program officer, chief enterprise terminology officer within the (U.S.) National Institutes of Health (NIH) and director of the Office for Certification in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC).

The knowledge organization perspective is visible through a faculty appointment in the School of Information Sciences of the University of Tennessee, where Dr. Bean taught courses in cataloging and classification, abstracting and indexing, and health care informatics. Carol’s research and publications have focused on inter alia, relationships in knowledge organization systems (KOS), creating mappings between KOS, semantic interoperability, information extraction from medical texts and topical relevance relationships.

Carol holds graduate degrees in biopsychology (University of Georgia), information science (University of Maryland), epidemiology/biostatistics (University of California) and medical informatics (Columbia University).

Carol is based in the Dewey Editorial Office at the Library of Congress. Please join us in welcoming Carol to the Dewey editorial team.