Dewey Update Breakfast

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Agenda

• Dewey news  
  – Alex Kyrios

• Community involvement in the editorial process  
  – Violet Fox

• **EPC: A Retrospective, or, What Exactly Dewey Do?**  
  – Deborah Rose-Lefmann

• The European Dewey Users’ Group (EDUG)  
  – Elise Conradi
Schedule updates (1)

• Revamp of the Introduction
• Computer programming → Software development
• Optional arrangement of the 200s
• LGBT and transgender identity
• Two-Spirit people
• Asexuality
Schedule updates (2)

- Scouts
- Autonomous vehicles
- Spices
- Chess openings
- Space flight and travel
WebDewey enhancements

- Update notification
- Synthesized number components
- More Advanced Search options
- Enhanced hierarchy box
Join the new English-language WebDewey community in the OCLC Community Center

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new community within the OCLC Community Center focused on the English-language version of WebDewey.

To get started:

• Fill out the WebDewey community request form (https://oc.lc/webdewey-community-request)
• You will receive an email that includes your username and instructions to create your password. Please allow 4 – 5 business days for this information to arrive.
Community involvement

- How Dewey users have helped shape the DDC
- Why integrate more community engagement now
Opening up the process

[oc.lc/DeweyExhibits]

- Overview of proposal process
- Editorial rules
- EPC exhibits
Pilot projects

- Geosciences expansion, University of Oslo
- Graphic design revision, Corcoran School of the Arts & Design
- Multiple subjects, Library of Congress
Your contributions matter!

- Regular polls to ask for your priorities
- More development projects with those who have indicated interest
- New projects to meet your needs
- Your ideas about new ways to contribute
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EPC:
A retrospective;
or,
What exactly Dewey do?
What is the EPC?

The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) is a ten-member international joint committee of OCLC and ALA whose main function is to advise the DDC editors and OCLC on matters relating to changes, innovations and the general development of the DDC to make it work better for you and your library users....[Members] represent the interests of libraries around the world as they guide the ongoing development of the DDC.

– OCLC web site
Where are EPC members from?
In order to identify individual spices with literary warrant for continuations, we thus checked the number of spices and hot spices in both the food and agriculture schedules, as well as those in the hierarchies of 641.8 Cooking specific foods and 664 Food technology.

Proposed continuations:

There are five topics each named in the indexing notes at 633.81 Spices and 633.84 Hot spices. We investigated these and looked at usage in WorldCat to see if there were other spices that should be added to these indexing notes or given classes of their own. The following spices have sufficient literary warrant for their own class (searches performed July 17 via ESS)

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<td>Ginger</td>
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<td>Black pepper</td>
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<td>Chili peppers</td>
<td>496</td>
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<td>Mustard</td>
<td>60</td>
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*Note: Currently, “chili” is the topic in the indexing note at 633.84. However, all other instances of the term “chili” in Dewey refer to the American dish also known as chilli con carne. This exhibit proposes using “chili peppers” instead, to match an extant Relative Index term.

Since 633.83 and 633.84 have not been previously subdivided, there is no clear way to choose which numbers to authorize for the individual spices we propose continuing. While plants and animals in the 650s are not primarily organized by taxonomy, it might make sense to put spices from more closely related plants together. Thus there are no close relationships between the plants that produce black pepper, chili peppers, or mustard; thus, we simply propose developing chili peppers and black peppers nearby since they fill similar culinary roles.

Grouping related spices together allows us to leave space for future development—and to move some spaces out of standing room at 633.83 even if there isn’t sufficient literary warrant for continuing to their own number. Ginger clearly does have such levels of literary warrant, while cinnamon (10 titles) and turmeric (15 titles) do not. But since cardamom, ginger, and turmeric are closely related, all coming from plants in the same family (Zingiberaceae), we propose continuing all three topics to a new number, 633.832. A standard-subdivision-an-added note will indicate that standard subdivision can be added for ginger alone, as well as for the three spices treated together.

Similarly, we recommend continuing cinnamon (mentioned in the indexing note) and cassia (presumably in standing room) from 633.83 to a new number 633.834. Both of these spices come from the bark of plants from the genus Cinnamomum. Though not true synonyms, the same product may be called “cassia” or “cinnamon” depending on context.
Proposed additions to including notes

Additionally, we identified two spices currently in standing room at 633.83 with sufficient literary warrant to be added to the including note there: saffron (8 titles) and stevia (7 titles). There were no such spices from standing room at 633.84.

Other indexing matters

Currently, there is a Relative Index term “Saffron (Spice)” indexed to 584.75 Iridaceae, in the botany schedules. This is misleading, since works on spices themselves belong in the 600s. With the addition of saffron to the including note at 633.83, we recommend moving the index term there, and establishing a term “Saffron (Spice)—botany” for 584.75.

Sadly, there is not sufficient literary warrant for continuing caraway or cumin, nor for adding them to an including note. They tend not to be covered individually in the literature. Nevertheless, there is an existing RI term for Caraway. Given the minimal literary warrant, it would be more appropriate to mark it as electronic-only; removing it altogether would run counter to users’ interests.

The rest of the exhibit—a short one!
Angiosperms — 583-584
Manual note showing APG III as source of the subdivisions of 583-584
The final print edition (2011)!
Dewey on the shelf!
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European Dewey Users’ Group (EDUG) aims:

- To promote professional interests of all users of the DDC in Europe by the exchange of experience in the use of the DDC;
- To coordinate proposals for the development of the DDC according to the bibliographic needs of European libraries and users in collaboration with the Dewey Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) and OCLC;
- To encourage the development and dissemination of techniques, applications, software, documentation and procedures in the areas of translation and access;
- To encourage and promote co-operation in the translation of the DDC into European languages.
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- Peter Werling, Pansoft GmbH

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- Bibliotheca Alexandrina (?)
Bringing the European perspective into Dewey...

- Law
- Education
- Archaeology

... and helping out in other areas

- Geosciences
Technology issues

- Mapping
- Linked Data
- Dewey and Machine Learning
thank you

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