

**Dewey Section
U.S. General Division**

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During the first half of FY 2012, the Dewey Section of the U.S. General Division (USGEN) continued its mission – to develop, apply, and assist in the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). Editorial work during this period focused on final preparation for the publication of 200 Religion Class in April and providing exhibits to the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) for the Committee’s consideration during EPC Meeting 135. The editorial staff within the Dewey Section also continued to update DDC 23 data in the Editorial Support System (ESS); they focused as well on cleaning up data for WebDewey 2.0. The Section continued to benefit from the use of the AutoDewey program to automatically assign DDC numbers to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors. Dewey’s staff-sharing arrangement within the USGEN Division and a detail arrangement with the Literature Section in USGEN have had positive results on production. Dewey classifiers continued to study the feasibility of one to one mappings between Library of Congress classification and Dewey classification in order to expand the use of AutoDewey.

I. Development of the Classification

The assistant editors, Dr. Julianne Beall and Dr. Rebecca Green, continued to work in the ESS to update data for DDC 23 and 200 Religion Class. They also produced exhibits for DDC 23 and updated data for WebDewey 2.0.

The Dewey editorial staff members continued to assist translation partners in the development of several translations of the Dewey Decimal Classification. They moved forward on the Arabic, Indonesian, and Swedish translations.

II. Exhibits and Electronic Meetings Associated with the 134rd and 135th Meetings of the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The assistant editors prepared several exhibits for consideration by EPC. Editorial work was supported by consulting assistant editor, Mr. Winton E. Matthews. The following exhibits were completed by Dr. Beall and Dr. Green.

134F-13 Lightships (Beall with Giles Martin)

134F-21.3	297.825 Alawis and Alevis (Beall)
135-10.1	T5—94541 Finns (Beall)
135-11	004—006 Computer science (Green)
135-12.1	Sick leave and parental leave (Beall with Winton E. Matthews)
135-13.1	Islamic Law (Beall)
135-13.1.1	340 Islamic Law: Comments (Beall)
135-13.2	346.016 Marriage, partnerships, unions (Beall with Winton E. Matthews)
135-17.1.1	583—584 Angiosperms: Discussion paper (Green with Giles Martin)

The following presentations were given at Meeting 135:

135-23.3	Modeling topics in the DDC (Green)
135-27.1	Training (Green)

III. Application of the Classification

During the period January through June 2012, the Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 29,761 titles, with an additional 2,546 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for July through December 2011 were 25,229, with an additional 2,545 assigned by AutoDewey. Copied DDC numbers (i.e., 082, second indicator 4) processed at the Library of Congress (LC) further supplemented the total number of records receiving DDC numbers, which resulted in 15,510 titles receiving copied numbers for this period.

As a result of the success of the AutoDewey program and cross training, the Section continues to explore other areas of the Dewey classification for expansion that will correlate with the Library of Congress classification and subject headings.

IV. Outreach/Communications/ Publications

The Dewey blog (<http://ddc.typepad.com>) is an increasingly important tool for the Dewey staff to keep interested users aware of changes to the classification. Between January and June 2012, Dr. Beall and Dr. Green added blog entries for the following topics:

The World Wide Web and Special-purpose computer systems

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/01/the-world-wide-web-and-special-purpose-computer-systems.html>

Dewey Breakfast/Update at PLA

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/02/dewey-breakfastupdate-at-pla.html>

Expansions from DDC 22 to DDC 23

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/02/expansions-from-ddc-22-to-ddc-23.html>

Happy retirement, Eve!

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/02/happy-retirement-eve.html>

Add Table Notation in WebDewey (or, DDC Has Not Become Colon Classification)
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/add-table-notation-in-webdewey-or-ddc-has-not-become-colon-classification.html>

DDC 23: Expansions in Table 2 notation 3 Ancient world
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/ddc-23-expansions-in-table-2-notation-3-ancient-world.html>

Dewey at PLA
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/dewey-at-pla.html>

Rhythm and blues
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/rhythm-and-blues.html>

Eponymy and the DDC
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/eponymy-and-the-ddc.html>

Boycotts
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/boycotts.html>

WebDewey and Library of Congress Subject Headings
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/03/webdewey-and-library-of-congress-subject-headings.html>

Evolution
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/04/evolution.html>

Speciation
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/04/speciation.html>

Graham flour, graham bread, graham crackers
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/04/graham-flour-graham-bread-graham-crackers-.html>

Nicotine
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/04/nicotine.html>

Symbiosis and Mutualism
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/05/symbiosis-and-mutualism.html>

Leotards
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/05/leotards.html>

Maya Calendar

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/05/maya-calendar.html>

Updates: Selected Topics in 297.1-.8 Islam

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/05/updates-selected-topics-in-2971-8-islam.html>

Mesmerized!

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/05/mesmerized.html>

EPC Meeting 135

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/06/epc-meeting-135.html>

Transits of Venus

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2012/06/transits-of-venus.html>

V. Meetings/Conferences/Workshops/Presentations

Dr. Beall attended the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, TX. At the Dewey Breakfast/Update on January 21st, she gave a presentation "DDC Translations: An Update"; it is available at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/news/conferences/default.htm>. Also on January 21st, Joan Mitchell, Michael Panzer, and Juli Beall met with Jay Weitz (OCLC) and Reinhold Heuvelmann (Deutsche Nationalbibliothek [DNB]) about indexing MARC fields 083 Additional Dewey Decimal Classification Number and 085 Synthesized Classification Number Components in WorldCat. DNB has added ca. 500,000 bibliographic records with 083 / 085 fields to WorldCat. On January 22nd, she gave a brief update at the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee meeting.

Dr. Beall met with Diane Vizine-Goetz of the OCLC Research Office on February 7th to discuss problems with mapping BISAC Subject Headings for literature to DDC numbers.

Dr. Beall and Dr. Green twice gave webinar presentations ("DDC 23 Update" and "DDC Abridged 15 Sneak Preview," respectively) on February 7th at OCLC in Dublin, OH. The WebEx recordings are available at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/news/conferences/default.htm>.

Dr. Beall and Dr. Green participated with the Dewey editorial team and members of the OCLC Research Office in full-day strategic planning sessions for DDC on February 8th and April 19th at OCLC in Dublin, OH. Dr. Green gave a presentation on data-modeling-of-topics. There was also a follow-on meeting the morning of June 13.

On February 9th the OCLC editors conducted a focus group/demo of the proposed number-building assistant, which will be very useful for training new classifiers to build numbers in Web Dewey.

Dr. Green attended the Dewey Breakfast/Update at the PLA Conference in Philadelphia on March 15th and also gave the following presentations:

Abridged Edition 15: It's Here!
DDC 23: What's New + Helpful Hints (not from Heloise)

On March 15th, Dr. Green met with researchers (Xia Lin, Eileen Abels, Catherine Hall, Mick Khoo) from Drexel University, who are working on mappings between IPL vocabularies and the DDC.

Dr. Beall attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA. At the Dewey Breakfast/Update on 23 June she gave the presentation "Islam and Islamic Law"; it is available at <http://www.oclc.org/multimedia/2012/files/beall.pdf>. She also gave brief reports at meetings of the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee and Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials (both June 24th).

Ms. Caroline Saccucci attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA. She attended the Dewey Breakfast/Update on June 23rd where she was introduced as the incoming Section Head of Dewey. On June 24th, she attended the OCLC Breakfast/Update, the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee, the Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials, and the Children's Cataloging Committee.

VI. Details/Internships/Staff Sharing

Ms. Ruby T. Woodard completed a 120-day detail as Acting Dewey Section Head with full supervisory responsibilities over the Section.

Ms. Caroline Saccucci was appointed head of the Dewey Section, effective June 25, 2012.

Dr. Green participated in the process to interview and select an editorial intern as part of an OCLC summer internship program.

Mr. Robert Spalding of the Literature Section (USGEN) continued a staff sharing arrangement classifying in the Dewey Decimal Classification. He completed his second 120 day detail to learn to classify in Dewey on February 6th. He was made independent for Dewey classification in literature. He is classifying works in Literature (800s) Language (400s) Fine arts (700s) and Performing arts (790s). He is also working in History (900s).

Mr. Nathan Evans was permanently transferred from the Dewey Section to the USGEN Art and Religion Section and where he is in training to do whole-item cataloging in religion. He continues to provide Dewey classification to works on religion.

Mr. Robert Roth of the Geography, Political Science, Education Section (USGEN) continued to assign Decimal Classification numbers to Recreation and performing arts (790s).

Ms. Kimberly Thompson of the History and Military Science Section (USGEN) began Dewey Decimal Classification training twice weekly in the Dewey Section. Ruby Woodard started the initial training, but Kim is currently being trained by Michael Cantlon. Kim is receiving training on works in history, geography and travel, genealogy, and biography (900s).

The USGEN Literature Section continued to assign Dewey numbers using AutoDewey to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors.