

Dewey Section
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During the first half of 2013, the Dewey Section of the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division (USPRLL) continued its mission – to develop, apply, and assist in the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC). Editorial work during this period focused on providing exhibits to the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) for the Committee’s consideration during EPC Meeting 136. The editorial staff within the Dewey Section also continued to update data in the Editorial Support System (ESS), thus making it available in the WebDewey 2.0 environment; they also contributed to the testing of new functionality in WebDewey (standard-subdivisions-in-internal-add-ables upgrade to the number building assistant).

Joan Mitchell, DDC editor in chief, retired on January 19, 2013, after 20 years. Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Section Head, organized a retirement party sponsored and attended by many former and current Dewey colleagues. Joan received a framed print of a hallway in the Jefferson Building, signed by her LC colleagues and friends, as well as a broche and card. Dr. Beall posted this tribute on the Dewey blog: "Happy retirement, Joan!" <http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/happy-retirement-joan.html>

Michael Panzer was appointed the new editor in chief of the Dewey Decimal Classification. He plans to come to LC once a month for a day-long visit and otherwise rely on webinars and email communication to keep in touch with the Dewey Section.

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 arrangements within the former USGEN and USPL Divisions have had positive results on production. Dewey classifiers continued to study the feasibility of one-to-one mappings between Library of Congress (LC) classification and Dewey classification in order to expand the use of AutoDewey for other literatures.

Effective June 2, 2013, USGEN and USPL Divisions were reorganized to be the U.S. Arts, Sciences, and Humanities (USASH) and the U.S. Program, Law, and Literature (USPRLL) Divisions. The Dewey Section is now under the USPRLL Division with Karl Debus-López as chief. Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Section Head, was moved into the Supervisory Librarian/Program Manager position; this new position description better

reflects the programmatic work done by Ms. Saccucci in addition to her regular supervisory duties.

I. Development of the Classification

The assistant editors, Dr. Julianne Beall and Dr. Rebecca Green, and the consulting assistant editor, Winton E. Matthews, continued to work in the ESS to update data for distribution in 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 especially on the Norwegian translation of DDC 23 and the Vietnamese translation of DDC 23.

II. Exhibits and Electronic Meetings Associated with the 136th Meetings of the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)

The assistant editors worked on the following exhibits for consideration by EPC:

EPC 136-8.1	Special notation for archaeology: Discussion paper (Beall)
EPC136-10.1	Table 5: Notes about national groups (Beall)
EPC136-10.2	Modern Assyrians (Beall)
EPC 136-12.1	004–006 updates (Green)
EPC 136-12.2	Natural computing (Green)
EPC 136-12.3	Digital media and communications (Green)
EPC 136-13.1	211 Concepts of God (Green)
EPC 136-13.2	289.3 Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) (Green)
EPC 136-13.3	299.675 Voodoo (Green)
EPC 136-14.1	Preference order in 302-307 (Beall)
EPC 136-14.2	Marriage and partnerships (Beall)
EPC 136-16.1	Parental leave (Beall)
EPC 136-18	Military engineering: Discussion paper (Green)
EPC 136-19.2	583–584 Angiosperms: Proposal for discussion (Green)
EPC 136-19.2.1	583–584 Angiosperms: Proposal-related data (Green)
EPC 136-20	641.509 vs. 641.59 Collections of recipes from specific restaurants (Green, Beall)
EPC 136-21	780: Concertos; keyboards vs. accompaniment (Green)
EPC 136-22	878 Latin miscellaneous writings and 888 Classical Greek miscellaneous writings (Beall)
EPC 136-25	Modeling topic relationships (Green)
EPC 136-26	Relative Index: Managing synonyms (Green)

Winton E. Matthews, consulting assistant editor, assisted in the preparation of the following exhibits:

EPC 136-7.1	765 fields
EPC 136-7.1.1	Exceptions to MARC 21's Rules for 765 fields
EPC 136-9.3	St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
EPC 136-16.1	Parental leave
EPC 136-17	Weapons

III. Application of the Classification

During the period January through June 2013, the Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 28,536 titles, with an additional 2,858 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for July through December 2012 were 25,949, with an additional 2,096 assigned by AutoDewey. Copied DDC numbers (i.e., 082, second indicator 4) processed at LC further supplemented the total number of records receiving DDC numbers, which resulted in 21,336 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 important tool for the Dewey staff to keep interested users aware of changes to the classification. Between January and June 2013, Dr. Beall and Dr. Green added blog entries for the following topics:

Interdisciplinary Works

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/interdisciplinary-works.html>

Comprehensive Numbers and WebDewey

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/comprehensive-numbers-and-webdewey.html>

Happy retirement, Joan!

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/happy-retirement-joan.html>

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

Michael Panzer Appointed New DDC Editor in Chief

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/michael-panzer-appointed-new-ddc-editor-in-chief.html>

Urban Gardening

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/01/urban-gardening.html>

Saved Libraries of Timbuktu

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/02/saved-libraries-of-timbuktu.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Standard Subdivisions Improvements Now Available

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/02/webdewey-number-building-tool-standard-subdivisions-improvements-now-available.html>

Papal resignation, papal election

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/02/papal-resignation-papal-election.html>

Inflammation

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/03/inflammation.html>

Prairie Dogs

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/03/prairie-dogs.html>

New Provisions for Islamic Law in WebDewey

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/04/new-provisions-for-islamic-law-in-webdewey.html>

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/04/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

Signs of Spring

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/04/signs-of-spring.html>

Architecture Examples: Using the WebDewey Number Building Tool with Add Tables and Standard Subdivisions

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/04/architecture-examples-using-the-webdewey-number-building-tool-with-add-tables-and-standard-subdivisi.html>

What If I Am Using the WebDewey Number Building Tool and Click START or ADD Then--Oops!--Regret It?

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/05/what-if-i-am-using-the-webdewey-number-building-tool-and-click-start-or-add-then-oops-regret-it.html>

Extrasolar Planets

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/05/extrasolar-planets.html>

Hoodoo is not Vodou, and Vice-Versa

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/06/hoodoo-is-not-vodou-and-vice-versa.html>

Recipes from Restaurants

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/05/recipes-from-restaurants.html>

V. Meetings/Conferences/Workshops/Presentations

Dr. Julianne Beall and Dr. Rebecca Green attended the Dewey Group Planning Meeting (with DDC staff and OCLC Research Office staff) at OCLC on January 17. They spoke briefly at the retirement celebration for Joan Mitchell, outgoing DDC Editor in Chief.

Dr. Beall attended the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Seattle (January 26-28). At the Dewey Update Breakfast, she presented "Classify" <http://www.oclc.org/multimedia/2013/files/classify.pdf> and with Caroline Saccucci also presented "AutoDewey" <http://www.oclc.org/multimedia/2013/files/autodewey.pdf>

At LC's exhibit booth on both January 26 and 27, Dr. Beall and Ms. Saccucci presented "LC's AutoDewey Tool: Classifying Literature as Easy as 1-2-3." Dr. Beall introduced Michael Panzer, the new DDC Editor in Chief, at the ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee meeting.

On April 9, Dr. Beall attended a meeting of Swedish DDC users at National Library of Sweden, Stockholm, and gave a presentation entitled "Number Building, New Things in DDC, Use of DDC for Shelving in Public Libraries."

On April 10, Dr. Beall discussed DDC number building with staff of National Library of Sweden.

On April 11, Dr. Beall attended the European DDC Users Group (EDUG) 2013 Symposium "Building the future of DDC: Translations, technology and transition 2003–2013" at National Library of Norway, Oslo, and gave a presentation entitled "The Number Building / User Contribution Tool in WebDewey." <http://www.nb.no/nbdigital/deweyblogg/?p=329>

On April 12, during the EDUG business meeting, Dr. Beall met with the EDUG 930: Archaeology Working Group about proposed changes and gave an update on DDC.

Dr. Beall, Dr. Green, and Ms. Saccucci attended Editorial Policy Committee Meeting 136 in Dublin, OH, May 13-14.

Dr Beall gave brief presentations on these EPC exhibits:

- 136-8.1 Special notation for archaeology: Discussion paper
- 136-10.1 Table 5: Notes about national groups
- 136-10.2 Modern Assyrians
- 136-14.1 Preference order in 302–307
- 136-14.2 Marriage and partnerships

- 136-16.1 Parental leave
- 136-22 878 Latin miscellaneous writings and 888 Classical Greek miscellaneous writings

Dr. Beall and Ms. Saccucci gave a joint presentation on AutoDewey.

Dr. Green presented the following exhibits at EPC:

- 136-12.1 004–006 updates
- 136-12.2 Natural computing
- 136-12.3 Digital media and communications
- 136-13.1 211 Concepts of God
- 136-13.2 289.3 Latter-Day Saints (Mormons)
- 136-13.3 299.675 Voodoo
- 136-18 Military engineering: Discussion paper
- 136-19.2 Angiosperms: Proposal
- 136-20 641.509 vs. 641.59 Collections of recipes from specific restaurants
- 136-21 780: Concertos; keyboards vs. accompaniment

Gert de Jager, librarian at the University of South Africa and EPC member, visited LC following EPC 136 on May 15. Ms. Saccucci organized a tour of the Geography and Map (G&M) Division Reading Room where G&M reference librarian Cynthia Smith discussed some of the items in the collection. They then toured other cataloging sections, including the Dewey Section. Mr. De Jager was able to discuss some editorial questions with the assistant editors.

Dr. Beall attended the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, on June 10, and reported to the SLA Cataloging Committee on DDC and on the ALA Subject Analysis Committee.

Dr. Beall attended the American Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, June 28-July 2. At the Dewey Update Breakfast, she gave presentation entitled "Angiosperms: Taxonomy and Common Names."

Ms. Saccucci also attended the American Libraries Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, June 28-July 2. She attended the Dewey Update Breakfast, where she represented the Library of Congress Dewey Section, and she reported on activities of the Dewey Section at the ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee. She attended the CIP Advisory Group meeting where proposals for RDA best practices for ECIPs were discussed. She also attended several sessions on BIBFRAME and RDA as well the OCLC Reception at the Chicago Art Institute.

Ms. Saccucci gave several AutoDewey presentations at the LC to encourage implementation by other divisions. As a result of these presentations, three divisions have agreed to implement AutoDewey.

VI. Details/Internships/Staff Sharing

Mark Behrens continued training Caroline Saccucci in Dewey, focusing on the 900s (History) and in May declared her independent. He took the full RDA training curriculum. He served as a backup classifier for assigning LC classification to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine and as the secondary point of contact for Dewey questions from Queens Library for juvenile science titles.

Larry Ceasar, library technician, continued his staff-sharing assignment on the USPL Law Section. He continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM. On June 2, 2013, he was permanently reassigned to the USPRLL Law Section and continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey.

Michael Cantlon continued training Caroline Saccucci in Journalism (070), Communications (302), Linguistics (400s), and Performing Arts (790) and in May declared her independent. He took the full RDA training curriculum. He continued as Office Emergency Coordinator (OEC) for the Dewey Section, and as back up OEC for USGEN and coordinated the efforts for a Shelter-in-Place drill.

Robert Roth, USASH Geography, Political Science and Education Section, continued to assign Decimal Classification numbers to Recreation, Performing Arts, and Education.

Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Section Head, continued to train with Mr. Behrens and Mr. Cantlon in DDC and was declared independent in May. She began attending weekly Dewey editorial meetings. She met with her section staff to identify better allocation of shelf space for distribution of books for classification. The shelf labels needed to be updated to better reflect the current division of labor and provide appropriate space for subject areas where receipts are higher. She relabeled and reshelved the books and met with technicians Chay Tang and Larry Ceasar to show them the new distribution. She corrected the process for gathering statistics from others at LC who assign DDC, in particular the serials cataloging sections in USASH and the USPRLL ISSN Section. She worked with Ms. Ida Shelton, USPRLL program assistant, to clean out the old Dewey files in the LM 508 storage room. There were three lateral file drawers of old correspondence and other files to ship to OCLC and three drawers full of old Dewey Classification Division stationery to discard. Ms. Shelton cleaned out the drawers and prepared the files for shipping to the OCLC Archives in Dublin, Ohio. The boxes were shipped in early May. Ms. Saccucci and Dr. Beall met with Dave Reser, cataloging policy specialist in the Policy and Standards Division (PSD), to talk about the possibility of implementing the MARC 883 data provenance field in LC's bibliographic records to be used when Dewey numbers are generated by AutoDewey. During one of Michael Panzer's visits, she organized a meeting with all LC Dewey classifiers in order for Mr. Panzer and the assistant editors to discuss some of the problem areas with the number building assistant in WebDewey and demonstrate how to select user terms for built numbers. She taught a number of RDA classes to help LC prepare for RDA implementation. Together with Ms. Regina Reynolds, USPRLL/ISSN Section Head, she met three Japanese librarians from Kyoto University to discuss RDA development and

implementation as well as the ISSN, CIP, and Dewey programs. Ms. Saccucci continued to attend CIP Group meetings. The USGEN/USPL Reorganization Committee was reconvened in late May, and as co-chair of the Automation Subcommittee, she worked with staff in the ILS Office to have the Voyager location codes and names updated to reflect the new divisions; this included accessing the test database to ensure that the new locations were correctly listed. She also worked with staff in PSD and section heads to identify staff who needed new codes for the 955 accountability field. She attended meetings about changes to division distribution procedures and assumed responsibility of USGEN General Distribution for the period January-June. She completed the staff performance appraisal process on time. She continued to do the descriptive cataloging of German ECIPs for the USPRLL Literature Section.

Chay Tang, library technician, continued his staff sharing arrangement on the USPL ISSN Publisher Liaison Section and the USPL CIP Support Team, while also continuing to pick up and sort books for Dewey. On June 2, 2013, he was permanently reassigned to the USPRLL ISSN Section. He continued to work one day a week in USASH Books Support Team and to pick up and sort books for Dewey.

Carolyn Turner-Dixon began assigning LC classification to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine with Mr. Behrens as back up. She continued to serve as the primary point of contact for Dewey questions from Queens Library for juvenile science titles, also with Mr. Behrens as her back up. In March, she began teleworking Monday and Fridays.

Staff in USPRLL Literature Section and in the Africa, Latin America, and Western European (ALALWE) Division Ibera/Rio Section continued to assign Dewey numbers using AutoDewey to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors.