

**Dewey Section
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During the second 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 Electronic Meetings 136A, 136B, and 136C. The editorial staff within the Dewey Section also continued to update data in the Editorial Support System (ESS), thus making it available to the WebDewey 2.0 environment

The Section continued to benefit from the use of the AutoDewey program across the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access (ABA) Directorate to automatically assign DDC numbers to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors. Dewey staff also made further developments to AutoDewey. Dewey’s staff-sharing arrangements with the U.S. Arts, Sciences, and Humanities Division (USASH) and within USRPLL have had positive results on production.

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 French and Vietnamese translations of DDC 23.

II. AutoDewey Developments

Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Program Manager, worked with Dr. Beall and David Williamson, ABA Cataloging Automation Specialist, to further develop the AutoDewey program to include single authors for Russian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Finnish, Estonian,

German, Icelandic, Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish literature, as well as earlier time periods for French and Italian literature. These have been included in the Windows 7 ILS add-on package and will enable the Germanic & Slavic Division to implement AutoDewey in at least three of its sections. These enhancements will also be useful in the USPRLL Literature Section when cataloging translations. Ms. Saccucci provided individual AutoDewey training sessions to eight staff in ALAWE; this has allowed staff throughout ALAWE, not just the Iberia/Rio Section, to apply AutoDewey. She also gave two live AutoDewey demonstrations to groups of U.S. Anglo Division (USAN) staff, so USAN could implement AutoDewey and take advantage of the AutoDewey development already done for US, UK, Australian, and Canadian authors. Since AutoDewey has been more widely implemented, statistics show a marked increase in the application of the program; 3,150 DDC were assigned by AutoDewey during this reporting period, compared with 2,858 from the previous reporting period. Furthermore, Ms. Saccucci, Dr. Beall, and Mr. Williamson discussed adding the MARC 883 metadata provenance field to AutoDewey; this work is pending until OCLC is also on board with implementing this field.

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

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

- EPC 136A-10.1 Table 5: Koreans (Beall)
- EPC 136A-12.1 004–006 (Green)
- EPC 136A-12.2 Natural computing (Green)
- EPC 136A-12.3 Digital media (Green)
- EPC 136A-12.4 004.167 Handheld computing devices (Green)
- EPC 136A-13.1 211 Concepts of God (Green)
- EPC 136A-13.4 Parishes (Green)
- EPC 136A-22.1 878 Latin miscellaneous writings and 888 Classical Greek miscellaneous writings (Beall)

- EPC 136B-8.1 Special notation for archaeology (Beall with Winton E. Matthews)
- EPC 136B-12.2 Natural computing (Green)

- EPC 136C-19 583–584 Angiosperms (Green with Winton E. Matthews)
- EPC 136C-19.1 583–584 Angiosperms: Common names (Green)

IV. Application of the Classification

During the period July through December 2013, the Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 24,133 titles, with an additional 3,150 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for January through June 2013 were 28,536, with an additional 2,858 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; 14,675 titles receiving copied numbers for this period.

V. 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 July and December 2013, Dr. Beall and Dr. Green added blog entries for the following topics:

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/07/heres-a-brief-snapshot-of-the-ddc-23-en-database-the-database-associated-with-the-english-language-version-of-ddc-23-a.html>

Keyboard collaboration

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/07/keyboard-collaboration.html>

Sustainable Living / Green Living

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/07/sustainable-living-green-living.html>

Latin (878) and Classical Greek (888) Miscellaneous Writings

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/08/latin-878-and-classical-greek-888-miscellaneous-writings.html>

Diet Therapy for Hypertension: Medicine and Cooking

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/08/diet-therapy-for-hypertension-medicine-and-cooking.html>

Is This All They Have?

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/09/is-this-all-they-have-.html>

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963 : Washington, D.C.)

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/09/march-on-washington-for-jobs-and-freedom-1963-washington-dc.html>

Is This All They Have? Part 2

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/09/is-this-all-they-have-part-2.html>

Neutrinos

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/10/neutrinos.html>

DDC-Based Signage and QR Codes Pilot Project: What's Needed from You

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/10/ddc-based-signage-and-qr-codes-pilot-project-.html>

Happy Halloween: Customs, Crafts, and Cooking

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/10/happy-halloween-customs-crafts-and-cooking.html>

Is This All They Have? Part 3

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/10/is-this-all-they-have-part-3.html>

Polio: Outbreaks, Vaccination, Eradication Effort

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/11/polio-outbreaks-vaccination-eradication-effort.html>

Cookbooks: Vegetarian Soup, Chicken Soup

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/11/cookbooks-vegetarian-soup-chicken-soup.html>

Overlapping Spans in WebDewey

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2013/11/overlapping-spans-in-webdewey.html>

Dr. Green also updated the FAQs on the Dewey blog.

VI. Meetings/Conferences/Workshops/Presentations

Dr. Beall met with the French translation team in Montreal at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec on July 17-19. She answered detailed questions from the team, gave a presentation on changes between DDC 22 and DDC 23 that may affect translation, and gave a presentation on the MARC 21 Classification format as used for DDC and implemented in the Panosft translation system.

In July, Dr. Beall and Dr. Green provided ISSN-relevant Dewey training to two LC serials staff.

Dr. Green attended ISKO-UK 2013 in July and gave the presentation: Green, Rebecca and Huang, Xiaoli. Classification of digital content, media, and device types. Available at: <http://www.iskouk.org/conf2013/papers/GreenPaper.pdf>

Dr. Beall attended the World Library and Information Conference (IFLA) in Singapore on August 17-22. At the International Dewey Users Meeting on August 20, she gave a presentation entitled "Angiosperms: Taxonomy and Common Names." Dr. Beall and DDC Editor in Chief Michael Panzer met with representatives of the teams translating DDC 23 into Arabic, French, Swedish, and Vietnamese; and the team translating Abridged Edition 15 into Indonesian. Dr. Beall and Mr. Panzer also participated in a Google Hangout with representatives of the French and Swedish teams and Peter Werling of Pansoft in Germany.

Caroline Saccucci gave a 4-hour workshop entitled "WebDewey 101" to a large group of public library catalogers at the monthly meeting of Library Administrators Conference of

Northern Illinois Technical Services Section (LACONI-TSS) at Tinley Park Public Library, Tinley Park, Illinois, on September 6. The presentation included live demonstrations of WebDewey.

Dr. Beall visited the National Library of Vietnam (NLV) to attend the launching ceremony for the Vietnamese translation of DDC 23 and to give a train-the-trainers workshop for DDC 23 (November 29-December 6). The English version of the NLV report "Launching ceremony and inauguration of the training workshop 'Dewey Decimal Classification - Vietnamese Edition 23'" is found at <http://nlv.gov.vn/ef/en/ceremonie-de-publication-et-douverture-de-la-formation-dewey-decimal-classification-edition-23-en-vietnamien-r.html>. As a follow-up to this train-the-trainers workshop, she worked with Dr. Green on updating basic course modules on the Dewey training courses site: <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/teachingsite/courses.en.html>

Dr. Green gave the presentation "From modelling to visualization of topic relationships in classification schemes" at the UDC Seminar in November 2013; the associated paper was published as:

Rebecca Green; Diane Vizine-Goetz; Marcia Lei Zeng, Maja Žumer. From modelling to visualization of topic relationships in classification schemes. In: *Classification & visualization: interfaces to knowledge: proceedings of the International UDC Seminar 24-25 October 2013, The Hague, The Netherlands*. Edited by Aida Slavic, Almila Akdag Salah, Sylvie Davies. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2013, pp. 177-190.

Dr. Green gave the presentation "The Interplay of Big Data, WorldCat, and Dewey" at the SIG/CR Workshop in November 2013.

VII. Visitors

On July 2 Carolyn Turner-Dixon met with the global group-touring team from Sookmyung Women's University in South Korea to discuss Dewey Section workflows.

Caroline Saccucci joined other staff from USASH and USPRL to meet with a librarian from the National Library of Namibia to discuss Dewey policies at the Library of Congress, among other topics.

VIII. Details/Internships/Staff Sharing

Violet Fox began her twelve-week OCLC internship in the Dewey Program on July 8. She continued the work she began in summer 2012 to verify and, when necessary, change the mappings to Dewey numbers of some of the most frequently used LCSH and LC NAF headings.

Larry Ceasar, USPRLL Law Section, continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM.

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

Robert Spalding, USPRLL Literature Section, continued to assign DDC to works he cataloged for Literature Section.

Chay Tang, USPRLL ISSN Section, continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM.

Staff in the USPRLL Literature Section, ALAWE, and USAN assigned Dewey numbers using AutoDewey to works of fiction, poetry, and drama by single authors.

IX. Other Dewey Section Activities

Mark Behrens continued to serve as a backup classifier for assigning LC classification to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine. As the Dewey Section Automation Liaison, Mr. Behrens worked with Dewey Section staff to make sure their files were backed up before the Windows 7 upgrade, which took place in mid-December. He assisted section staff with accessing the network printers and retrieving cataloging macros.

Michael Cantlon began training Caroline Saccucci in the 780s (music) and Tom Rodgers, USPRLL Literature, in the 790s (film and television studies). Mr. Cantlon continued as Office Emergency Coordinator (OEC) for the Dewey Section and as primary OEC for USPRLL.

Carolyn Turner-Dixon began training Camilla Williams, USPRLL CIP Section, in Dewey classification. Ms. Turner-Dixon took the subject cataloging course “Cataloging the Grey Areas” and the Windows 7 course. She continued to assign LC classification to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine, with Mark Behrens as back up. During this reporting period, they provided LC classification to 878 titles.

Caroline Saccucci assumed responsibility for the dewey@loc.gov email account from Dorothy Watson; Ms. Watson is still the email owner, but all day-to-day operations will be done by Ms. Saccucci. Ms. Saccucci continued to actively participate in weekly Dewey editorial meetings, and she voted during the EPC 136A and 136B electronic meetings. She organized a holiday lunch at Belga Café for the Dewey Section; Mr. Panzer was able to attend. Prior to the lunch, Mr. Panzer and Ms. Saccucci met with Karl Debus-Lopéz, USRPLL chief, and Anita Blaine, USPRLL Administrative Officer, to discuss the Dewey Revolving Fund. Ms. Saccucci co-chaired the USGEN/USPL Reorganization Automation Subcommittee and continued to serve on the CIP Group and

CIP Data Block Subcommittee. She continued to do the descriptive cataloging of German ECIPs for the USPRLL Literature Section. She took the following subject curriculum courses: Proposing New and Revised Topical Subject Headings, Proposing New and Revised Classification Numbers, and Cataloging the Grey Areas. Finally, Ms. Saccucci was selected to be a mentor as part of the Library Services' FutureBridge Mentoring Program and is currently mentoring a microfilm editor in the Preservation Directorate.