

**Dewey Section**  
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During the first half of 2016, 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 Meetings 139 and 139A. 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’s staff-sharing arrangements within USRPLL have had positive results on production.

The Cataloging in Publication and Dewey sections within the Library of Congress merged effective February 7, 2016 to become the CIP and Dewey Section. This reorganization takes advantage of the considerable convergence between the work done within the CIP Section and Dewey Section. Most of the Dewey Decimal Classification assignments are for titles received through the CIP Program, principally at the pre-publication stage. Merging the two sections will allow even greater synergies between the two programs to develop. The missions of both programs continue to thrive, and the combined section will be able more easily to support key goals of the Library of Congress Strategic Plan by allowing staff to be cross-trained and support both program areas instead of focusing on only one. There are already two immediate outcomes of this merger: the CIP Technical Team took over Dewey distribution duties, and the Dewey classifiers started a three-month rotation to attend the monthly CIP Group meetings. Caroline Saccucci is the section head of the new section and program manager for both the CIP and Dewey Programs. The CIP and Dewey Section resides in the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division within the Acquisition and Bibliographic Access Directorate.

**I. Development of the Classification**

Rebecca Green, senior editor, Alex Kyrios, editor, and Winton E. Matthews and Julianne Beall, consulting senior editors, continued to work in the ESS to update data for distribution in WebDewey 2.0.

The Dewey editorial team continued to assist translation partners in the development of several translations of the Dewey Decimal Classification.

## **II. AutoDewey Developments**

Caroline Saccucci suggested to Juli Beall that sports biographies could be an area for AutoDewey development. Juli worked with Mark Behrens to do the LC Classification matching. Mark and Juli discussed which options should be programmed into the application for the various LC Classification numbers. David Williamson programmed the logic into AutoDewey, and Mark and Juli tested and approved it. The updated AutoDewey application was submitted for IT security testing, but, as of June 30, it still had not been implemented for use by LC staff. This development will be of even greater benefit to public libraries than literary works because public libraries in particular tend to collect juvenile and non-juvenile biographies of athletes. Biographies in other disciplines may be considered in the future.

## **III. Exhibits Associated with Meetings 139 and 139A of the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)**

Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) Meeting 139 was held June 6–7, 2016, at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio. Alex Kyrios presented the exhibits he had prepared (on number segmentation, sources for capitalization and definition, political conservatism, plants other than angiosperms, invertebrates and vertebrates, martial arts, and sports biographies) as well as those prepared by Winton Matthews (on expanding for classes and topics, the use of the 685 field to indicate a new add note, subtropics, second level administrations in Italy, private military companies, new chemical elements, organic compounds, and open-ended periods of reigns and administrations). Rebecca Green presented the exhibits she had prepared (the editorial report, the editorial work plan, exhibits on the prioritization of editorial work, data-driven development, updates to the work methods for EPC and the Dewey editorial team, comprehensive works and interdisciplinary works, period notation in the 900s, updates in computer science, general collections, and musical ensembles consisting of only one instrumental group) as well as those prepared by Juli Beall (on internet banking, nondominant legal systems associated with specific ethnic groups, medieval European law, and dementia).

Caroline Saccucci attended EPC 139 where she gave the reports of the CIP and Dewey Section and the Library of Congress. While in Dublin, Ohio, she met Marti Heyman, the OCLC Executive Director of Metadata Operations, and Sandi Jones, the new Dewey Product Manager, to talk about the ongoing relationship between OCLC and LC. In lieu of a more comprehensive oral report on LC initiatives at EPC 139, she sent the ALA briefing document in pdf format to EPC-L.

The editorial team worked on the following exhibits for consideration by EPC:

- EPC 139-A2 Agenda (Green)
- EPC 139-A2a Proposed Order of Discussion (Green)
- EPC 139-A3.1 Minutes of Meeting 138 (Green)
- EPC 139-A3.2 Minutes of Meeting 138A (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-A3.3 Minutes of Meeting 138B (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-E1.1 Editorial work plan (Green)
- EPC 139-E1.2 Prioritization of editorial work (Green)
- EPC 139-E1.3 Data-driven development (Green)
- EPC 139-E1.4 Work methods for EPC and the Dewey editorial team: Updates (Green)
- EPC 139-E1.5 Expanding for classes and topics (Matthews)
- EPC 139-E2.1 Comprehensive works and interdisciplinary works (Matthews, Green)
- EPC 139-E2.2 Number segmentation in a post-A15 context (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-E2.3 Sources for capitalization and definition (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-E2.4 Use of 685 field to indicate a new add note (Matthews)
- EPC 139-R1 Editorial Report, June 2014 – May 2015 (Green)
- EPC 139-S00.1 004–006 Computer science: Updates (Green)
- EPC 139-S08.1 080 Scope note (Green)
- EPC 139-S32.1 320.52 Conservatism (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-S33.1 332.1702854678 Internet banking (Beall)
- EPC 139-S34.1 340.52 Nondominant legal systems associated with specific ethnic groups; 340.55 Medieval European law (Beall)
- EPC 139-S35.1 355.3 Private military companies (Matthews)
- EPC 139-S54.1 New chemical elements (Matthews)
- EPC 139-S54.2 547 Organic compounds (Matthews)
- EPC 139-S58.1 585-588 Plants other than angiosperms (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-S59.1 592-599 Invertebrates and vertebrates (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-S61.1 Dementia (Beall)
- EPC 139-S62.1 623.746 [Military] Heavier-than-air aircraft and 629.1333 Heavier-than-air aircraft (Matthews)
- EPC 139-S78.1 785.6–785.9 Ensembles consisting of only one instrumental group (Green)
- EPC 139-S79.1 Sports biographies (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-S79.2 796.8 Martial arts (Kyrios)
- EPC 139-S90.1 940-900 Open-ended periods (Matthews)
- EPC 139-S90.2a Period notation in the 900s (Green)
- EPC 139-T1.1 Displaced standard subdivision: T1—08 Groups of people (Beall)
- EPC 139-T2.1 Subtropics (Matthews)
- EPC 139-T2.2a Indigenous groups and geographic areas: Inside United States (discussion paper) (Green)
- EPC 139-T2.2b Indigenous groups and geographic areas: Outside United States (discussion paper) (Green)

EPC 139-T2.3 From Province to Metropolitan City: Changes to the second level administrations in Italy (Matthews)

Preparations for electronic meeting EPC 139A electronic meeting have begun with work on these draft exhibits:

EPC 139A-A3.1 EPC 139 Minutes (Green, Kyrios)

EPC 139A-E1.1 Moving classes and topics to a more specific number in the same hierarchy (Matthews)

EPC 139A-E1.2 Work methods for EPC and the Dewey editorial team: Updates (Green)

EPC 139A-S35.1 355.3 Private military companies (security forces) (Matthews)

EPC 139A-S78.1 785.6–785.9 Ensembles consisting of only one instrumental group (Green)

EPC 139A-T1.1 T1—0 Table 1. Standard subdivisions (Green)

#### **IV. Application of the Classification**

During the period January through June 2016, the CIP and Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 30,788 titles, with an additional 2,271 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for July through December 2015 were 26,087 titles, with an additional 1,965 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; 24,897 titles received copied numbers during this period (24,755 during the previous period).

During this reporting period, Dewey Section classifiers also provided LC classification to 909 ECIP titles cataloged by the National Library of Medicine (893 during the previous period).

#### **V. Outreach/Communications/Publications**

The editors responded to questions from translation teams and other users on various topics, including:

- Salem witch trials
- Use of T1—0286 for sustainability
- History notes from previous editions
- Unicode indexing and Dewey indexes

Rebecca Green prepared and sent an inquiry for Michael McLaughlin, Librarian at the American Indian Resource Center, County of Los Angeles Public Library, in order to learn their preferences for treatment of indigenous nations in the context of a general collection.

Caroline Saccucci coordinated Dewey-related email requests from the [dewey@loc.gov](mailto:dewey@loc.gov) inbox and QuestionPoint. Depending on the nature of the request, she forwarded requests either to a classifier or an editor for response.

The [Dewey blog](#) is an important tool for the Dewey staff to keep interested users aware of changes to the classification. From January through June 2016, the editors added blog entries for the following topics:

[Angiosperms: Comments Still Welcome](#) (Green)

[The DDC Palindrome Challenge Is On!](#) (Green)

[New Numbers for Gluten-Free Diets, Dairy-Free Diets, Other X-Free Diets](#) (Beall)

[Winners in the Dewey Palindrome Challenge](#) (Green)

[Dewey by the Numbers](#) (1 March 2016; Green)

[Answers to Your Questions](#) (Green)

[WebDewey Number Building and Two Add Tables in History](#) (Beall)

[New developments for municipalities of South Africa](#) (Kyrios)

[Dewey Update Breakfast and ACLTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group](#) (Kyrios)

[European DDC Users Group \(EDUG\) Meeting](#) (Beall)

[Dewey by the Numbers](#) (1 June 2016; Green)

[DDC Editorial Policy Committee \(EPC\) Meeting 139](#) (Green)

[Dewey Update Breakfast and ALCTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group: Update](#) (Green)

## **VI. Meetings/Conferences/Workshops/Presentations**

Caroline Saccucci attended ALA Midwinter 2016 in Boston where she represented the Dewey Program as the LC Dewey Section Liaison to the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee and gave the report of the Dewey Section.

Caroline Saccucci co-presented an ALCTS webinar on “WebDewey Number Building Tips and Tricks” with former OCLC Dewey Product Manager Libbie Crawford.

Juli Beall attended the 2016 annual meeting of European DDC Users Group, held at Niedersächsische Staats und Universitätsbibliothek (SUB) & Verbundzentrale des GBV (VZG), Göttingen, Germany, April 25-26, 2016. The meeting included a symposium "Discovering Dewey in Göttingen," an update "Mappings - what has happened since last year's workshop 26 May 2016," and a business meeting. As part of the symposium she gave a presentation on WebDewey number building and presented Rebecca Green's slides on data-driven development. These presentations and others from the meeting are available at <http://edug.pansoft.de/tiki-index.php?page=2016+meeting> Juli also met with members of the Norwegian, Swedish, German, and Italian translation teams and the developer of Dewey translation-support software and WebDewey 2.0.

Juli Beall and Alex Kyrios attended the American Library Association Annual Conference, June 24-27, 2016, in Orlando. At the Dewey Update Breakfast Juli gave a presentation on WebDewey, and Alex gave a presentation on changes approved at EPC Meeting 139. Alex also reported on Dewey news at the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee Meeting II and at the Cataloging of Children's Committee meeting.

Caroline Saccucci also attended ALA Annual in 2016. At the Dewey Update Breakfast she gave a presentation on AutoDewey for Sports Biographies. She also gave Dewey Program-related reports as the Dewey Section Liaison at the ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee Meeting II and at the Cataloging of Children's Materials Committee meeting.

The presentations from the Dewey Update Breakfast have been posted at [https://www.oclc.org/events/2016/ALA\\_Annual2016.en.html](https://www.oclc.org/events/2016/ALA_Annual2016.en.html)

Ruby Woodard attended the Computers in Libraries conference.

## **VII. Details/Internships/Staff Sharing**

Beginning in March, staff of the CIP Technical Team, CIP and Dewey Section took over the tasks of picking up and sorting books for Dewey and delivering completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM. Jamaal Sutton, USPRLL Literature Section, and Chay Tang, USPRLL ISSN Section, continued Dewey distribution activities through the end of February.

Steve Folsom, GS Germany Section, assigned DDC numbers to works he cataloged for his section.

Tom Rodgers, USPRLL Literature Section, continued to assign DDC numbers to works he cataloged for Literature Section, with review by Michael Cantlon.

Robert Roth, USASH Geography, Political Science and Education Section, continued to assign DDC numbers to ECIPs in Recreation, Performing Arts, and Education.

Robert Spalding, USPRLL Literature Section, continued to assign DDC numbers to works he cataloged for Literature Section. He also assigns DDC numbers to some other ECIPs in the Dewey ECIP Traffic Manager.

Dorothy Watson, USPRLL Automation Operations Coordinator, assigned Dewey numbers to ECIPs and books.

USPRLL Literature Section and staff in ALAWE, GS, and USAN assigned Dewey numbers using AutoDewey to works of and about fiction, poetry, and drama by individual authors. These statistics are retrieved from the lcat3cat server by Caroline Saccucci.

### **VIII. Visitors**

Libbie Crawford, OCLC Dewey Product Manager, visited the Dewey Section two days most months during the reporting period.

Anne Wheelock, Information Research Center Librarian, Walt Disney Imagineering, met with Michael Cantlon and Dr. Green to review the DDC 700s.

### **IX. Staffing Changes**

Libbie Crawford, OCLC Dewey Product Manager, retired from OCLC at the end of May.

Marti Heyman came on board as the new OCLC Executive Director for Metadata Operations. The Dewey editorial team will report to her.

### **X. 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. He completed work on the AutoDewey development for sports biographies. He attended several monthly CIP Group meetings.

Michael Cantlon reviewed music classification work by Caroline Saccucci. He also continued as Office Emergency Coordinator (OEC) for the Dewey Section and as primary OEC for the USPRLL Division.

Carolyn Turner-Dixon continued to assign LC classification to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine. She began training to catalog juvenile fiction according to Children's and Young Adults' Cataloging (CYAC) standards. She attended a CIP Group meeting.

Caroline Saccucci continued a split assignment as Dewey Program Manager and Acting CIP Program Manager until the merger was complete. She and Karl Debus-Lopez, Chief of the USPRLL Division, wrote an article for the Library of Congress Gazette on the CIP and Dewey Section; a group photo was included with the article. After the reorganization,

she coordinated a lunch-time party to celebrate the new CIP and Dewey Section. She completed the performance planning process for the Dewey classifiers.