

**Dewey Section**  
**U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division**

**Semiannual Report to OCLC**  
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During the second half of 2014, the Dewey Section of the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division (USPRL) 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 137A, 137B, and 138. 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 USPRL have had positive results on production.

**I. Development of the Classification**

Assistant editor, Dr. Rebecca Green, consulting assistant editor, Winton E. Matthews, and volunteer consulting assistant editor, Dr. Julianne Beall, 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 Italian translations of DDC 23 and the Mongolian (Cyrillic) translation of Abridged Edition 12.

**II. AutoDewey Developments**

With the appointment of a new chief of the Germanic & Slavic Division (GS), Caroline Saccucci, Dewey Program Manager, was able to implement AutoDewey in the following sections of GS: Germany, Russia, and Scandinavia, Baltic & Central Germanic Sections. She met with OCLC representatives Glenn Patton and Ted Fons to discuss the 883 linking field for use with AutoDewey. OCLC has approved the use of this field, and it

has alerted its members that the new field is valid. AutoDewey should be updated to implement the 883 field within the next reporting period.

Ms. Saccucci and Dr. Beall discussed the feasibility of using AutoDewey to create abridged Dewey numbers for works on history (900s), not to include biography, with Denmark as a test case because it uses only two time periods and does not have a breakdown by region in Abridged Dewey. After further investigation, Dr. Beall determined that the requirement to add standard subdivisions for abridged numbers would result in too many exceptions to be useful. Instead, the use of AutoDewey for works by and about single literary authors could be expanded for countries and languages in the Asian & Middle Eastern Division, such as Vietnamese, and for the remaining sections within GS.

### **III. Exhibits Associated with Electronic Meetings 137A and 137B and Meeting 138 of the Dewey Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)**

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

- 137A-11.2 T5—0509 Europeans and people of European descent with ethnic origins from more than one continent (Beall)
- 137A-12.1 004–006 Computer science: Updates (Green)
- 137A-12.2 Institutional repositories (Green)
- 137A-14.1a Local church (Green)
- 137A-14.1b Local church (Green)
- 137A-14.2 Judaism and ecology (Green)
- 137A-17.1 Land vehicles (Green)
- 137A-17.1a Land vehicles: Three-wheeled vehicles (Green)
- 137A-18.2 Linguistic gender (Green)
- 137A-22.1 709.05 21<sup>st</sup> century art styles (Green)
- 137A-22.3 Animated television programs (Green)
- 137A-24.4 Middle East Wars (Matthews)
  
- 137B-9.6 Two new provinces in Papua New Guinea (Matthews)
- 137B-11.3 Nordic and Scandinavian in Table 5. Ethnic and National Groups and Table 6. Languages (Beall)
- 137B-11.4 T6—491 Occitan (Beall)
- 137B-14.3 Polemics against doctrines associated with modern paganism, neopaganism, wicca; conversion to Orthodoxy (Green)
- 137B-22.4 796.64 Travel by bicycle (Matthews)
- 137B-22.5 788.49 Bagpipes (Beall)
  
- 138-15.1 Malcolm X, the Black Muslim movement, and African American political ideologies (Green)
- 138-18.1 Biolinguistics (Green)

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

During the period July through December 2014, the Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 26,685 titles, with an additional 2,301 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for January through June 2014 were 22,059, with an additional 1,534 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; 20,159 titles received copied numbers during this period (19,482 during the previous period).

During this reporting period, Dewey Section classifiers also provided LC classification to 934 ECIP titles cataloged by the National Library of Medicine.

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

Dr. Beall answered many detailed questions from the Italian translation team, a few from the French translation team, and one from the German translation team. She reviewed the DDC numbers and print formatting in a draft translation of Abridged Edition 12 into Mongolian (Cyrillic).

Ms. Saccucci coordinated email requests from the [dewey@loc.gov](mailto:dewey@loc.gov) inbox and QuestionPoint on topics such as how to apply Table 3C or how to assign numbers to biographies. Depending on the nature of the request, she forwarded requests either to a classifier or an assistant editor for response.

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 2014, Dr. Beall and Dr. Green added blog entries for the following topics:

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/07/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

Sea Turtles: Zoology, Conservation Technology, Resource Economics

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/07/sea-turtles-zoology-conservation-technology-resource-economics.html>

Informatics

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/07/informatics.html>

3D printing

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/07/3d-printing.html>

Big data

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/08/big-data.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Music, Part 1

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/08/webdewey-number-building-tool-music-part-1.html>

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/09/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

Dr. Lois Mai Chan

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/09/dr-lois-mai-chan.html>

Anthropological Linguistics, Ethnolinguistics, Sociolinguistics of Specific Languages

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/09/anthropological-linguistics-ethnolinguistics-sociolinguistics-of-specific-languages.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Music, Part 2

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/09/webdewey-number-building-tool-music-part-2.html>

NoSQL Databases

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/09/nosql-databases.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Literature and Table 3C. Notation to Be Added Where Instructed in Table 3B, 700.4, 791.4, 808-809

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/10/webdewey-number-building-tool-literature-and-table-3c-notation-to-be-added-where-instructed-in-table.html>

Dewey by the Numbers

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/12/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Natural Resources

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/12/webdewey-number-building-tool-natural-resources.html>

Up in the Air with 3D Printing

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/12/up-in-the-air-with-3d-printing.html>

WebDewey Number Building Tool: Standard Subdivisions that have Add Tables

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2014/12/webdewey-number-building-tool-standard-subdivisions-that-have-add-tables.html>

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

Dr. Beall attended the IFLA World Library and Information Congress 2014 in Lyon, France (August 16-21). At International Dewey Users Group meeting (August 19), she gave a presentation (prepared with Diane Vizine-Goetz, Senior Research Scientist, OCLC Research) entitled "Fiction Finder, Cookbook Finder, and Dewey." With Michael Panzer (Editor in Chief, DDC), she met with representatives of translation teams for Arabic,

French, Italian, Norwegian, and Swedish translations of DDC. She also met with the team from the National Library of Vietnam, which has finished translating DDC 23 and is doing significant training in DDC application.

Dr. Green gave the presentation “Moving towards a topic-based DDC” at the 25th Annual SIG/CR Classification Research Workshop, Universal Classification in the 21st Century, in conjunction with ASIS&T 2014 Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 1, 2014.

Ms. Saccucci trained the staff of the GS Germany, Russia, and Scandinavia, Baltic & Central Germanic Sections on AutoDewey. She met with each section as a group and provided live demonstrations and training documentation.

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

Larry Ceasar, USPRLL Law Section, continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to the Binding & Collections Care Division (BCCD) and the Collections Access & Loan Management Division (CALM). His staff sharing arrangement ended in October.

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

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

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

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

Jamaal Sutton, USPRLL Literature Section, began a staff sharing arrangement in October to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM. He replaced Larry Caesar for this assignment.

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

Camilla Williams, USPRLL CIP Section, began assigning DDC numbers to works in the 900s, with review by Carolyn Turner-Dixon.

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

## VIII. Other Dewey Section Activities

Mark Behrens continued to serve as a backup classifier for assigning LC Classification (LCC) to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the National Library of Medicine. As part of this NLM assignment, he established LCC number **RC489.D48** to map to the already established LCSH **Dialectical behavior therapy**. He continued to serve as the automation liaison for the Dewey Section.

Michael Cantlon continued 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 continued training Camilla Williams, USPRLL CIP Section, in Dewey classification. She took the courses “Proposing New and Revised Classification Numbers” and “Proposing New and Revised Topical Subject Headings.” She continued to assign LCC to clinical medical ECIPs cataloged by the NLM, with Mark Behrens as back up.

Ruby Woodard worked with Robert Roth, USASH, to process ECIPs in the 790s in the disciplines of sports and recreation. She served as the USPRLL Division and Dewey Section key worker for the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign.

Caroline Saccucci began a split assignment as Dewey Program Manager and Acting CIP Program Manager, effective October 1, 2014. LC managers have already begun reviewing the feasibility of merging the Dewey and CIP Sections with an eye toward leveraging the strength of both programs to support each other, while ensuring that the missions and identities of both the Dewey and CIP Programs are retained. Ms. Saccucci continued as the supervisor of record for the Literature Section, with an acting team lead from within the section; the Literature section head position has been posted and should be filled within the next reporting period. She participated in Dewey editorial meetings as time permitted and served as a resource for questions related to RDA and the *Subject Headings Manual* in Cataloger’s Desktop. She worked with Dewey Diva/Dewey Product Manager Libbie Crawford to create a logo for the USPRLL intranet, so the Dewey Program could be represented with a hyper-linked graphic. Ms. Saccucci coordinated division distribution for USPRLL and established pickup schedules for BCCD’s mass deacidification efforts. She also discussed with the ABA Space and Move Coordinator Rebecca Williams the use of the Dewey Section office space in LM-556 as possible swing space for staff in the U.S. Arts, Sciences & Humanities Division. She continued as a member of the CIP Group and took over as chair in October. She also continued as a member of the CIP Data Block Committee. As the Acting CIP Program Manager, she attended numerous meetings related to the CIP E-books initiative and other CIP-related meetings. She completed the nine-month mentorship of a microfilm technician from the Preservation Directorate as part of the Library Services *FutureBridge* Mentoring Program. In November she began mentoring a processing technician in the Motion Picture/Broadcast/Recorded Sound Division at the National Audio Visual Conservation

Center, Culpeper. She reviewed the descriptive cataloging of German ECIPs by a cataloger in the Literature Section. She took the Structured Interview course and served on the panel to interview and select the Supervisory Library Technician for the CIP Technical Team. In December, she arranged a holiday lunch for staff within the Dewey office and a dessert party for the larger Dewey community at LC.