

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

**Semiannual Report to OCLC**  
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During the second half of 2015, 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 138A, 138B, and 138B-3. 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.

A proposal to merge the Cataloging in Publication and Dewey sections within the Library of Congress was approved by Library management on December 15, 2015. Currently, there is 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 will 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. The new section will be named the CIP and Dewey Section. Caroline Saccucci will serve as section head of the new section and program manager for both the CIP and Dewey Programs. The CIP and Dewey Section will reside in the U.S. Programs, Law, and Literature Division within the Acquisition and Bibliographic Access Directorate.

Mary Sauer-Games, Vice President of Product Management at OCLC, and Beacher Wiggins, Director, Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access, Library of Congress, have agreed to close-out the Dewey Decimal Revolving Fund and return the minimal amount of money remaining in the fund to OCLC. With the retirement of the last federally-employed Assistant Editor in 2014, the fund no longer has a purpose. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) and the Office of the General Counsel at LC have also

agreed to the close-out. Karl Debus-López is working with OCFO to finalize the closeout and return the funds to OCLC.

## **I. Development of the Classification**

Dr. Rebecca Green, senior editor, Alex Kyrios, editor, and Winton E. Matthews and Dr. 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. They moved forward especially on Norwegian translations of DDC 23.

## **II. AutoDewey Developments**

Caroline Saccucci suggested to Dr. Beall that sports biographies could be an area for AutoDewey development. Such a development would have even greater benefit to public libraries than literary works because public libraries in particular tend to collect juvenile and non-juvenile biographies of athletes. There could be biographies in other disciplines. Dr. Beall discussed with Dr. Diane Vizine-Goetz, OCLC Research, and the results were very promising. Dr. Beall worked with Mark Behrens to do the LC Classification matching. Mr. Behrens and Dr. Beall will be discussing how many options should be programmed into the application for the various LC Classification numbers. The tentative plan is to provide David Williamson with the logic in February, so he can update the AutoDewey program and allow for testing and implementation before ALA Annual 2016.

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

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

EPC 138A-9.3	Table 2 updates
EPC 138A-11.1b	Manual note for T1—08 Groups of people
EPC 138A-13.1	025.04 Information storage and retrieval systems
EPC 138A-13.2	Bibliographies and catalogs
EPC 138A-13.5	Bibliometrics and informetrics
EPC 138A-20.6	In-car entertainment
EPC 138A-20.7	Jewish cooking
EPC 138A-20.8	Contracting for the construction of buildings
EPC 138A-43.1	Semiannual report to OCLC

Electronic Meeting 138A was held October 23-November 20, 2015, with voting November 16-20, 2015. All EPC 138A exhibits were approved.

EPC 138B-2b	Numbering of EPC agenda items
EPC 138B-3	Minutes of EPC Meeting 138

EPC 138B-13.3	025.322 Choice of entry and form of heading
EPC 138B-14.4	Visual communication
EPC 138B-14.5	Secondary industries of products in 637 and 638
EPC 138B-20.5	Writing therapy

Electronic Meeting 138B is scheduled for January 7-February 6, 2016, with voting scheduled February 2-6, 2016.

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

During the period July through December 2015, the Dewey Section classifiers and others assigned Dewey numbers to 23,501 titles, with an additional 1,965 assigned by AutoDewey. Comparable figures for January through June 2015 were 25,220 titles, with an additional 2,537 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; 24,755 titles received copied numbers during this period (21,161 during the previous period).

In September, Douglas County Libraries, Colorado, went into production as partner in the ECIP Cataloging Partnership Program. As a Dewey library, its ECIP contributions all have a Dewey number assigned to them. They join Northwestern University Library and Queens Public Library as the third Dewey library in the ECIP Cataloging Partnership Program. The Dewey Section is grateful for their contributions.

During this reporting period, Dewey Section classifiers also provided LC classification to 893 ECIP titles cataloged by the National Library of Medicine (971 during the previous period).

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

The editors answered many detailed questions from various translation teams.

Ms. 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 (<http://ddc.typepad.com>) is an important tool for the Dewey staff to keep interested users aware of changes to the classification. From July through December 2015, the editors added blog entries for the following topics:

“Pluto: Are we there yet?” (Bean)

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/07/today-july-14-2015-at-0749-edt-new-horizons-nasas-interplanetary-space-probe-6294354922-built-with-6294354-plane.html>

"International Dewey Users Meeting at IFLA" (Beall)

<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/08/international-dewey-users-meeting-at-ifla.html>

“Personal bibliographies and biobibliographies” (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/08/personal-bibliographies-and-biobibliographies.html>

“Dewey by the Numbers” (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/09/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

"Comprehensive and Interdisciplinary Numbers: Wine" (Beall)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/09/comprehensive-and-interdisciplinary-numbers-wine.html>

“Angiosperms” (with a link to the discussion paper) (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/09/angiosperms.html>

"WebDewey Number Building Tool: History Numbers Built with Table 2 plus Notation for Historical Period"  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/11/webdewey-number-building-tool-history-numbers-built-with-table-2-plus-notation-for-historical-period.html>

"New addition to the editorial team" (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/11/new-addition.html>

“The Long and Short of It” (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/12/the-long-and-short-of-it.html>

“Digital Media” (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/12/digital-media.html>

“Dewey by the Numbers” (Green)  
<http://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2015/12/dewey-by-the-numbers.html>

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

Dr. Beall attended IFLA 2015 in Cape Town and served as moderator at the International Dewey Users Meeting. She presented Caroline Saccucci's slides giving highlights of EPC Meeting 138. Dr. Beall met with representatives of the French, Swedish, and Norwegian translation teams.

Dr. Green attended and made a presentation at the UDC Seminar in Lisbon, October 29-30, 2015; the accompanying slides can be found here:  
[http://www.udcds.com/seminar/2015/media/slides/Green\\_InternationalUDCSeminar2015.pdf](http://www.udcds.com/seminar/2015/media/slides/Green_InternationalUDCSeminar2015.pdf)

While at the UDC Seminar, she consulted with Elise Conradi and Harriet Aagaard on Norwegian and related EDUG issues.

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

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.

Jamaal Sutton, USPRLL Literature Section, continued to pick up and sort books for Dewey and deliver completed Dewey books to BCCD and CALM.

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

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 lcdat3cat server by Caroline Saccucci.

## **VIII. Visitors**

Libbie Crawford, OCLC Dewey Product Manager, visited the Dewey Section two days a month beginning in July.

## **IX. Staffing Changes**

Dr. Carol Bean left OCLC on September 8, 2015.

Alex Kyrios began his position with OCLC as an editor of the Dewey Decimal Classification. His first day at LC was November 4. He came from the Folger Shakespeare Library. Before that, he was a metadata librarian / cataloger at the University of Idaho. Four years ago, he was an OCLC intern and worked on Abridged Edition 15. He has an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an undergraduate degree in English from the College of William & Mary.

## **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 continued work on the AutoDewey development for sports biographies.

Michael Cantlon reviewed music classification work by Caroline Saccucci and the Dewey assignment for PN cataloging by Tom Rodgers, who continues to sit in the Dewey Section once a week for a few hours in the afternoon. Mr. Cantlon 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 worked overtime in July to add Dewey numbers to books and ECIPs. She attended the class “What Classes in K” by Aaron Kuperman of the Law Section.

Ruby Woodard worked overtime in July to add Dewey numbers to books and ECIPs.

Caroline Saccucci continued a split assignment as Dewey Program Manager and Acting CIP Program Manager. She invited all Dewey classifiers to a meeting with the Dewey editorial team to discuss what the editors are working on and what the classifiers see as areas in the Classification needing attention and more focus; this meeting took place during Libbie Crawford’s August visit. She discussed a strategy for having Mark Behrens assist Dr. Beall with an AutoDewey expansion for sports biographies. She arranged for Dr. Bean to receive training in DDC assignment from Mark Behrens and Carolyn Turner-Dixon. She backed up Michael Cantlon on all linguistics and music ECIP titles and coordinated the other class P ECIPs with Tom Rodgers and Robert Spalding. She met with Karl Debus-López, Libbie Crawford, and Nancy Eichacker to discuss the closure of the Dewey Revolving Fund. She helped to organize the OCLC Member Forum held in the Montpelier Room on December 1. She discussed the opportunity for Carolyn Turner-Dixon to do a staff-sharing arrangement with the Literature Section to be trained in CYAC cataloging. Finally, she organized a holiday lunch at Café Mozart for the Dewey Program staff.