Report on OCLC Dewey Activities

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**Dewey Development**

Since ALA Annual last year, the Dewey editorial team has published changes approved by the Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) in Meeting 141. Such changes cover topics including Indigenous knowledge organization, terminology for groups of people, Orthodox Christianity, endangered languages, transgender identity, and autonomous vehicles.

Greater collaboration with PANSOFT, the German company that created and runs WebDewey, have resulted in an increased ability to make fixes and enhancements to the system. Regular overnight publication capability has been restored—for some time, this functionality was unavailable, and publication occurred generally only once a month.

Over the summer, we again benefited from the contributions of Rachel Maxwell, our returning intern, who reviewed LCSH mappings from *People, Places & Things* (2001) that needed updating. We will hire a new intern this summer, this time to take on a “junior editor” role.

The editorial team continues to prioritize increasing community involvement in maintenance of the schedules. We are pursuing a pilot project in collaboration with a graphic designer to improve the DDC’s coverage of graphic design topics, and we welcome all interested parties who want to get involved in similar projects—whether your library uses Dewey or not! We are also increasing collaboration with Dewey classifiers at the Library of Congress.

**Editorial Policy Committee**

EPC Meeting 141 took place October 15-16 at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio. Electronic Meeting 141A will take place throughout the month of February, with an electronic Meeting 141B planned for April, and a face-to-face Meeting 142 planned for September or October. See the EPC report to SAC for more information on EPC activities.

**European DDC Users Group**

The 2019 business meeting and symposium of the European DDC Users Group will be hosted by the National Library of Sweden and held in Stockholm on May 9-10, 2019.

**Dewey by the numbers (as of 2019-01-10)**

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|  | Now in DDC 23 | New in DDC 23 |
| Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers) | 41,563 | 4,559 |
| Facets (building blocks from Tables 1-6 and internal add tables, added to show languages, geographic areas, ethnic/national groups, genres, etc.) | 11,567 | 659 |
|  | Headings | Assignments |
| Relative Index terms | 105,363 | 110,809 |
| LCSH mappings | 39,896 | 46,399 |
| MeSH mappings | 381 | 447 |