Report on OCLC Dewey Activities

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**Dewey Development**

The editorial team has been working to enable community involvement in the editorial process to make the classification more responsive to user needs. This includes an unprecedented level of transparency in proposed revisions. All EPC exhibits are publicly posted ([oc.lc/DeweyExhibits](http://oc.lc/DeweyExhibits)) to allow for public comment before EPC votes. Through a simple Google poll where users could help determine editorial priorities, plus a larger, more comprehensive user survey, we have gotten a great deal of input on potential areas for development, and many users have expressed interest in getting involved. Some of the exhibits for the next EPC meeting will have co-authors from outside the editorial team, such as a Library of Congress classifier, an academic librarian, and a subject-area instructor.

We have overseen improvements and fixes to WebDewey to improve navigation, searching, and number building. Prominent among these is the update notification feature, which lists changes and is searchable by number range, date, and/or project name. This feature replaces the old webpage where we posted PDFs of updates. Other features include more options for advanced search, an enhanced hierarchy box, and a “Synthesized number components” box for built numbers, which lists the individual parts the number is built from, with links.

This summer, we welcome the fourth-ever Dewey intern, Emily Zinger. Emily is an MLIS student at McGill University in Montreal. In addition to working on editorial projects such as LCSH mapping, she is helping develop an EPC exhibit on podcasting. (And did you see her blog post on [Dewey tattoos](https://ddc.typepad.com/025431/2019/05/39165-your-dewey-tattoos-revealed.html)?)

As of July, Consulting Senior Editors Juli Beall and Winton Matthews will no longer be employed by OCLC, but will continue on as volunteers through the Library of Congress to assist with editorial work.

**Editorial Policy Committee**

Electronic Meetings 141A and 141B took place in February and April. Topics reviewed and approved included asexuality, software development, space travel, and spices. Face-to-face Meeting 142 is scheduled for September 23-24, 2019 at the Library of Congress. 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 was hosted by the National Library of Sweden and held in Stockholm on May 9-10, 2019.

**Dewey by the numbers (as of 2019-06-01)**

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|  | Now in DDC 23 | New in DDC 23 |
| Explicit assignable numbers in schedules (including built numbers) | 41,608 | 4,602 |
| Facets (building blocks from Tables 1-6 and internal add tables, added to show languages, geographic areas, ethnic/national groups, genres, etc.) | 11,956 | 1,048 |
|  | Headings | Assignments |
| Relative Index terms | 105,467 | 110,917 |
| LCSH mappings | 39,671 | 46,196 |
| MeSH mappings | 381 | 447 |