Report on OCLC Dewey Activities and from the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee

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**Dewey Development**

OCLC launched DDC as linked data not long after the last SAC meeting. URIs for all DDC notation now display in WebDewey. They can be manually followed to the human-facing interface or used in machine-to-machine communication. Please contact OCLC if you’re interested in API access, which uses the same infrastructure as other OCLC APIs.

Dewey as linked data is available at <https://entities.oclc.org/worldcat/ddc/>. Subscribers to the English WebDewey can log in with their credentials for full access. Limited data is available freely, browsable to the three-digit level or by following any valid DDC URI. Besides the native English data, data from the five currently maintained translations (French, German, Italian, Norwegian, and Swedish) is offered.

Later this year, OCLC will begin adding these URIs to WorldCat. We’ll expect to have more information on that at the next SAC meeting.

Two full translations of the DDC are underway. The Arabic translation, led by a team at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt, is expected to be completed this year. A new Spanish translation, from Referencistas in Colombia and assisted by OCLC, has recently started work. Data from both translations will be added to Dewey linked data when available.

**Editorial Policy Committee (EPC)**

Annual Meeting 145 was held via Teams, July 9-11, 2024, but voting didn’t occur until August 2024 due to schedule conflicts for several members. The following proposals were under consideration at Meeting 145: Qur’an and branches of Islam; Radicalism; Christian nationalism; Institutions of the European Union; Social problems (discussion paper); Vaping and vaping devices; Ukrainian history; T1—0285 Computer applications. While some proposals were subject to amendments, all proposals were approved and have been published to WebDewey.

Our most recent session was Meeting 145A, held via Teams, January 27, 2025. The following proposals were considered:

* T1—068 Management
* Provinces of Saudi Arabia
* Natal astrology and horoscopes
* 394 General customs
* Calculators
* 830-890 Literatures of specific language families and classical literatures
* Geographic treatment of archaeology

These are posted on the [public Google Drive page](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1y9B46ogCkjGUDcFT6zxUUsgYlkBIOW0q). Voting was conducted January 27 - 31, 2025. Each was approved, along with some tweaks in a few cases. As of this writing, changes from four of the seven proposals are live in WebDewey, with others likely by the time of the SAC meeting.

EPC member Emily McDonald, of Lawrence [Kansas] Public Library, was appointed by ALA in 2024 to complete the term of a retiring member; she began her own term in 2025. Jo Maxwell (Bibliographic Data Services, Dumfries, Scotland) accepted the position of EPC Chair 2025-2026, with Daniel Joudrey (School of Library and Information Science, Simmons University) completing Jo’s 2025 term as vice chair. A full vice chair election will be held at EPC 146 for the 2026-2027 term. We are pleased to report that Jonathan Halper, an Associate Data Analyst at OCLC, has begun some DDC editorial work.

As always, we continue to welcome user-driven proposals for updating the DDC. Suggestions, proposals, and other queries can be sent to [dewey@oclc.org](about:blank).

**European DDC Users Group**

The European DDC Users Group (EDUG) plans to hold its annual meeting, consisting of a symposium and business meeting at OCLC’s office in Leiden, Netherlands, May 8-9, 2025.