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

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**Dewey Development**

After extensive research and collaboration with interested users, OCLC is preparing to launch DDC as linked data. DDC numbers will make up the core of concept entities within the WorldCat Entities system, and be integrated with other DDC applications. To that end, Alex Kyrios has a discussion paper before the MARC Advisory Committee to authorize subfields $0 and $1 in DDC-related fields in MARC bibliographic, authority, and community information formats.

OCLC has been adding DDC numbers to millions of WorldCat records based on clustering. The OCLC report from Michael Phillips touches on this as well. It is complementary to the linked data work, since more DDC numbers in WorldCat means more identifiers that will be able to be added to subfields $0 and $1 once authorized.

Over the past several months our second Editor in Residence, Kathryn Becker, has been working full time alongside the editor, working on proposals to update the DDC, especially in areas related to LGBTQ+ topics. Kathryn will continue working in this capacity through the end of July, after which she will be starting a full-time job at the Library of Congress.

Building on developments from recent years, we continue to welcome user-driven proposals for updating the DDC. Recent changes proposed or requested by users include updates to Islam, social effects of pandemics, wedding planning, and graphic design Suggestions, proposals, and other queries can be sent to [dewey@oclc.org](mailto:dewey@oclc.org).

**Editorial Policy Committee**

During the last SAC meeting, EPC Meeting 143A was being held concurrently, also as a virtual meeting. Most of the topics listed in the previous report have since been approved by EPC and their changes published to WebDewey. Highlights of these changes include updates to several terms for groups of people (e.g., Bisexuals 🡪 Bisexual people; Slaves 🡪 Enslaved people) that are part of our ongoing DEI work.

Meeting 144 will once again be held virtually over a period of several days in July. As of this writing, the exact dates have not been finalized. EPC will consider proposals on topics such as Irish Travellers, religious persecutions, cross dressing, immigrant detention centers, climate change, gender dysphoria, and Asian geography and history. It will also include other proposals by Kathryn Becker. Proposals will be posted at [oc.lc/DeweyExhibits](https://oc.lc/DeweyExhibits), likely the week after the current SAC meeting.

**European DDC Users Group**

The European DDC Users Group resumed in-person annual meetings, with a virtual option for attendance. Its 2023 symposium and business meeting was held at the National Library of Norway in Oslo, April 25-26.