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

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**Dewey Development**

OCLC will be launching DDC as linked data later this year. The MARC Advisory Committee will be considering a [proposal](https://www.loc.gov/marc/mac/2024/2024-03.html) to authorize subfields $0 and/or $1 into DDC MARC fields (e.g., 082) the week before SAC’s meeting. The chosen subfield will allow for expression of DDC URIs in MARC records.

In preparation for Dewey as linked data, OCLC is adding DDC numbers to millions of WorldCat records, as Michael Phillips details in his report. This lays the groundwork for addition of DDC URIs to those records as well once available.

We continue to welcome user-driven proposals for updating the DDC. Suggestions, proposals, and other queries can be sent to [dewey@oclc.org](mailto:dewey@oclc.org). We are also letting data drive development efforts, analyzing usage of DDC in WorldCat to identify both classes in need of expansion and areas where the classification may be overdeveloped.

**Editorial Policy Committee**

The committee’s electronic meeting 144A is being held now asynchronously, with voting on proposals to take place the week of January 29 – February 2. The full slate of 144A proposals follows:

* Cryptocurrency and blockchains
* Computers in law
* Provinces of Afghanistan
* Subdivisions of Morocco
* Provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
* Luxembourgish

These are visible on the public Google Drive page at [oc.lc/DeweyExhibits](https://oc.lc/DeweyExhibits).

Annual Meeting 144 was held virtually, July 12-14, 2023. All of the proposals were approved by EPC, some with amendments, and their changes are live in WebDewey. This includes work led by our second Editor in Residence, Kathryn Becker. Kathryn focused on coverage of LGBTQ+ topics in DDC, and still found time to tackle some other topics. Kathryn’s work approved at EPC 144 included cross dressing, gender dysphoria, drag, and autism. She also helped DDC decide on appropriate capitalization for Black people and White people.

Other highlights from EPC 144 include modernized coverage of climate change, human migration both across and within national borders, home care of people with illnesses and disabilities, and expanded geographic coverage of Central Asian countries. Besides change proposals, there was also a discussion paper on design disciplines in 745-749, following the 2022 introduction of a new hierarchy at 744 for graphic and communication design. EPC received the discussion paper favorably, and indicated an openness to wide-ranging changes in 745-749.

Jo Maxwell of Bibliographic Data Services, and the UK DDC User Forum’s representative on EPC, was elected vice chair of EPC for the 2023-2024 calendar years. Gert de Jager (University of South Africa) finished his fourth and final term on the committee; his years of service and involvement in editorial work were most appreciated. In turn, the committee welcomes a new member, Deon Schutte, of the Association of Southern African Indexers and Bibliographers, whose first term began with this calendar year.

**European DDC Users Group**

The European DDC Users Group plans to hold its annual meeting, consisting of a symposium and business meeting, virtually April 25-26, 2024.