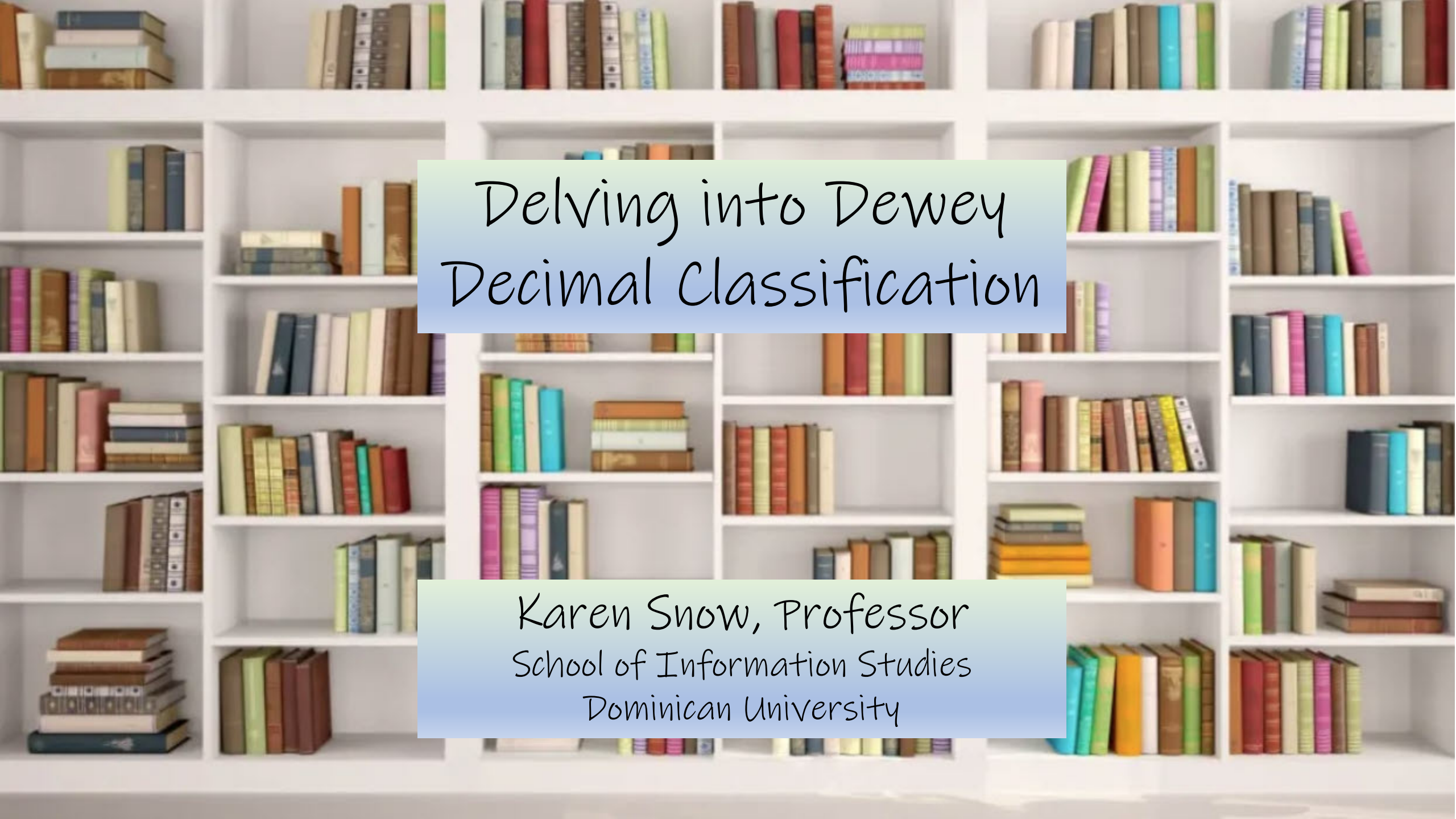

Delving into Dewey Decimal Classification

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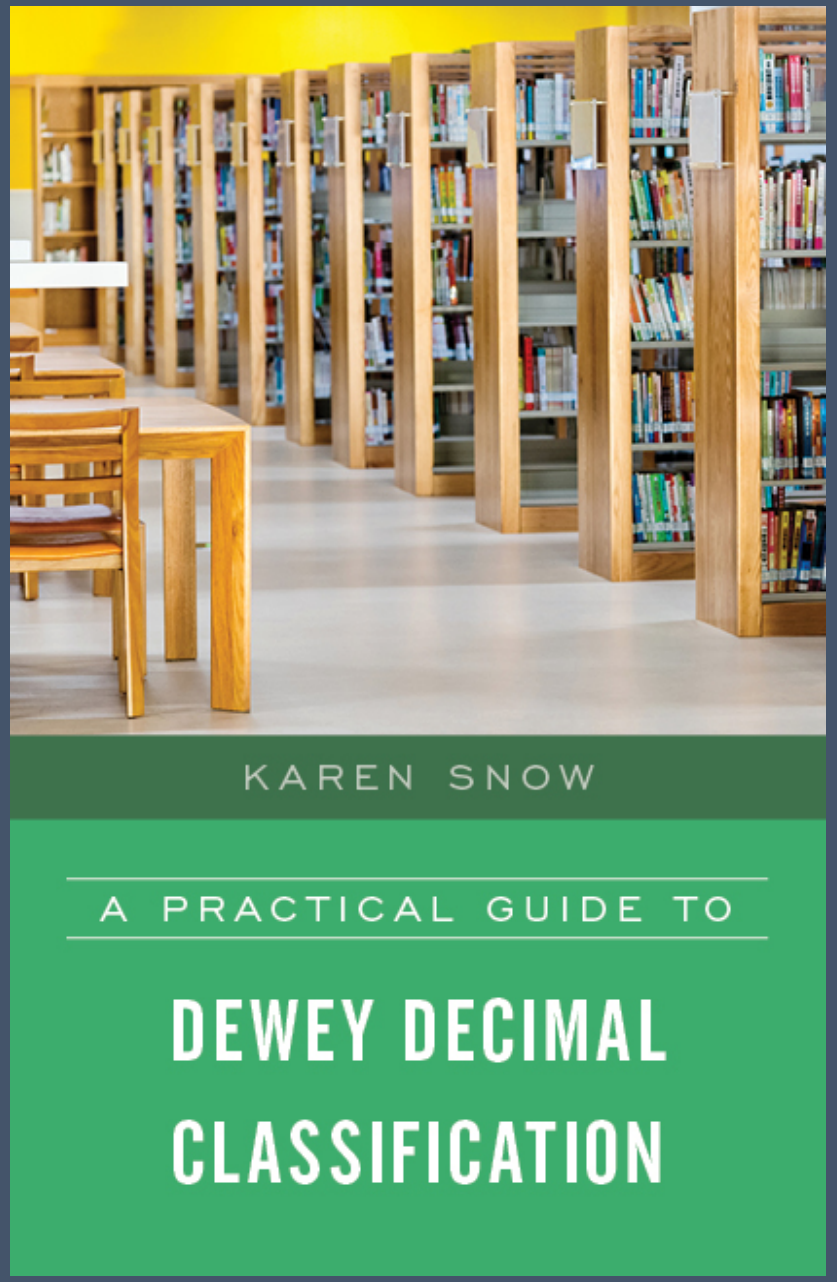

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Published by Rowman & Littlefield

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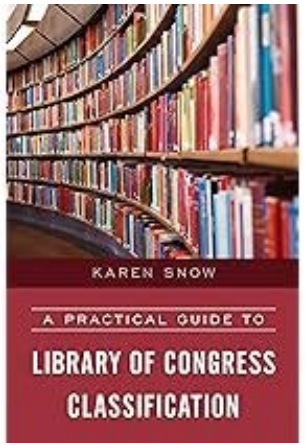
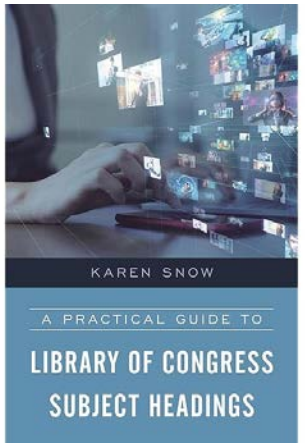




What is Library Classification?

The process of fitting a resource into a **pre-determined hierarchy of concepts** and then **assigning notation** that represents the resource's topic.

The notation is typically numeric (numbers) or alphanumeric (number-letter) and it:

1) Brings together (collocates) works on the same topic
2) Provides a physical or virtual address for a resource

What is Library Classification?

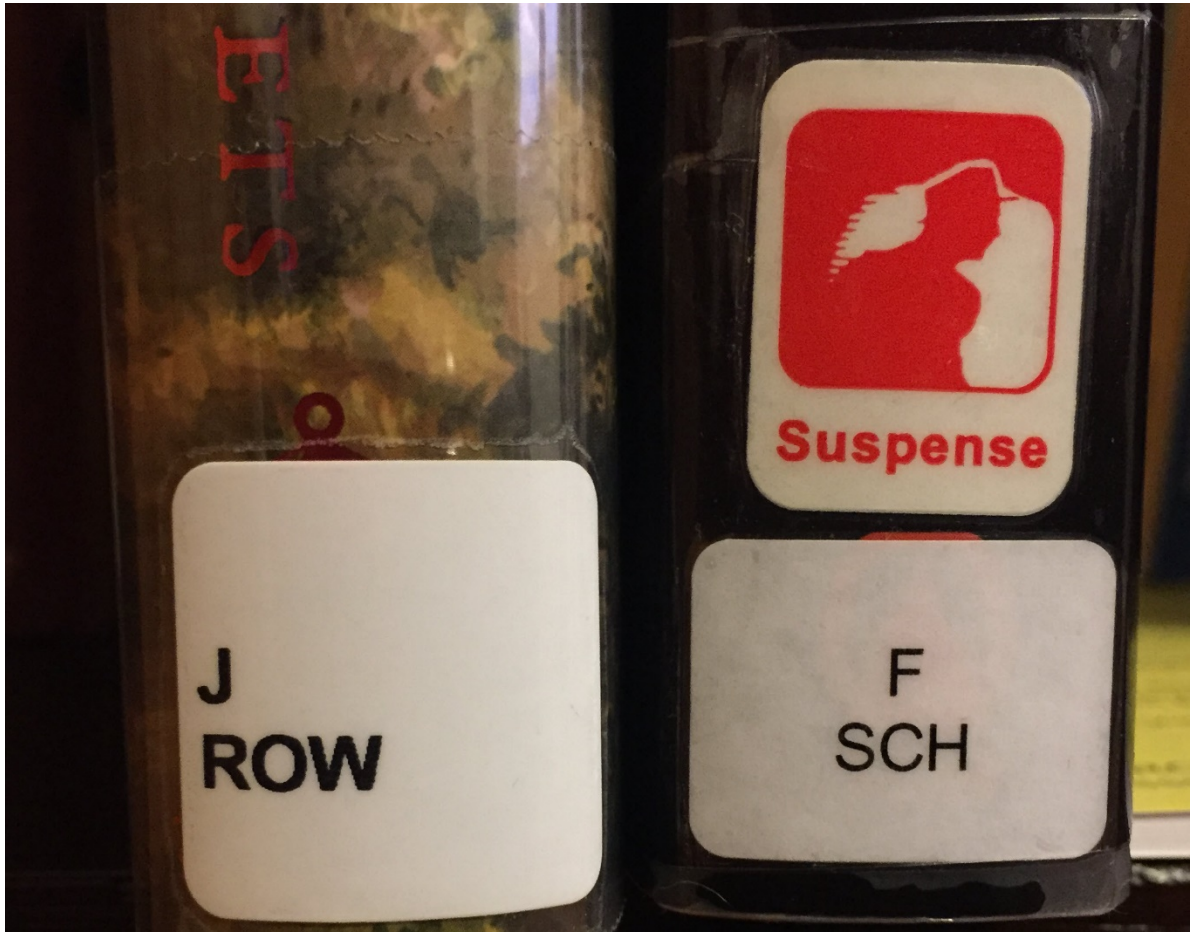
The most popular library classification systems in the United States are:

1) **Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)** – contains only numbers in class number (940.52) and is used primarily by school and public libraries
2) **Library of Congress Classification (LCC)** – contains numbers and letters in class number (D811.5) and is used primarily by academic libraries

Call Numbers

- It is not uncommon for libraries use their own call numbers without class numbers, which is fine, but can result in many books having the same call number.

- In larger collections it is important to create unique call numbers, if possible.



Melvil Dewey

Lived 1851-1931 – as a student assistant at Amherst College in Amherst, Mass. (early 1870s), Dewey set out to create a system where each library item could have a permanent “address” that could be used at any library…the **“relative location system”**

Melvil & Godfrey Dewey, 1888
(Wiegand, 1996)

CLASSIFICATION

AND

SUBJECT INDEX,

FOR

CATALOGUING AND ARRANGING

THE

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

OF A

LIBRARY.

By Melvil Dewey.

AMHERST, MASS.
1876.

DIVISIONS.

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10	Bibliography.
20	Book Rarities.
30	General Cyclopedias.
40	Polygraphy.
50	General Periodicals.
60	General Societies.
70	
80	
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100	**Philosophy.**
110	Metaphysics.
120	
130	Anthropology.
140	Schools of Psychology.
150	Mental Faculties.
160	Logic.
170	Ethics.
180	Ancient Philosophies.
190	Modern Philosophies.
200	**Theology.**
210	Natural Theology.
220	Bible.
230	Doctrinal Theology.
240	Practical and Devotional.
250	Homiletical and Pastoral.
260	Institutions and Missions.
270	Ecclesiastical History.
280	Christian Sects.
290	Non-christian Religions.
300	**Sociology.**
310	Statistics.
320	Political Science.
330	Political Economy.
340	Law.
350	Administration.
360	Associations and Institutions.
370	Education.
380	Commerce and Communication.
390	Customs and Costumes.
400	**Philology.**
410	Comparative.
420	English.
430	German.
440	French.
500	**Natural Science.**
510	Mathematics.
520	Astronomy.
530	Physics.
540	Chemistry.
550	Geology.
560	Paleontology.
570	Biology.
580	Botany.
590	Zoology.
600	**Useful Arts.**
610	Medicine.
620	Engineering.
630	Agriculture.
640	Domestic Economy.
650	Communication and Commerce.
660	Chemical Technology.
670	Manufactures.
680	Mechanic Trades.
690	Building.
700	**Fine Arts.**
710	Landscape Gardening.
720	Architecture.
730	Sculpture.
740	Drawing and Design.
750	Painting.
760	Engraving.
770	Photography.
780	Music.
790	Amusements.
800	**Literature.**
810	Treatises and Collections.
820	English.
830	German.
840	French.
850	Italian.
860	Spanish.
870	Latin.
880	Greek.
890	Other Languages.
900	**History.**
910	Geography and Description.
920	Biography.
930	Ancient History.
940	[Europe.

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Dewey Decimal Classification – 10 Main Classes

Organized by **discipline**, not by subject

Dogs in Dewey

636.7 – Dogs (animal husbandry)

599.772 – Dogs (zoology)

363.3481 – Rescue dogs

615.85158 – Therapy dogs

798.8 – Dog racing

Etc.

“Zones”

Gail Borden Library, Elgin, IL

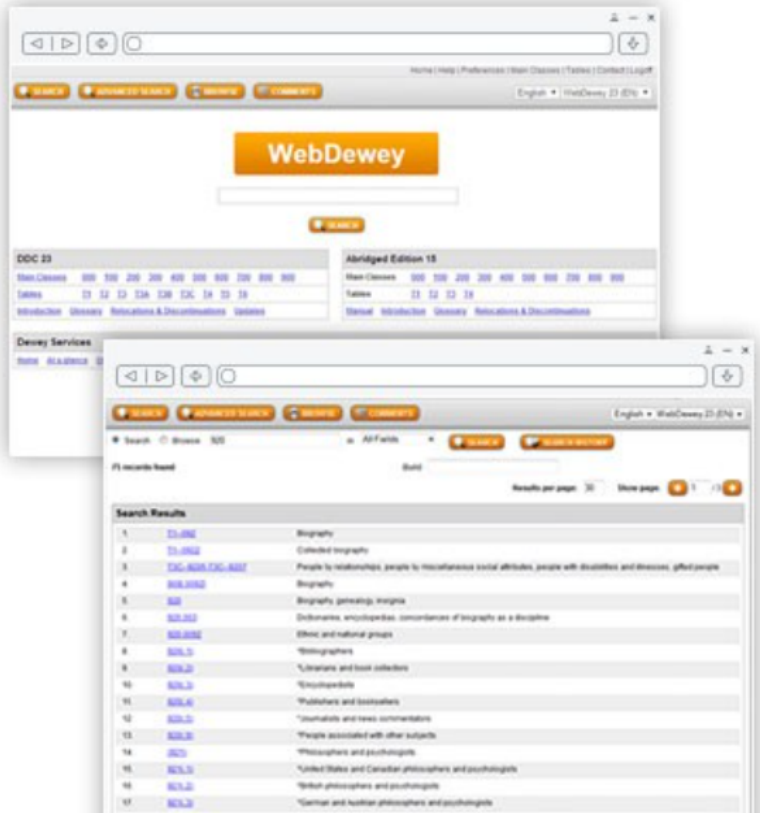
Dewey Decimal Classification

- Most widely used library classification scheme in the world. Regularly revised.

- Currently owned by OCLC, but development and maintenance of DDC occurs within the DDC editorial office at the Library of Congress (where it has resided since 1923).

- Unabridged edition = 23rd edition
- Abridged edition = 15th edition
- Also in web form = WebDewey (contains both abridged & unabridged editions)

WebDewey: the right tool to organize your collection



WebDewey is the electronic version of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system. It is a full representation of all published numbers, plus other mappings and new terms that have been approved by the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee (EPC). It puts the power of the world's most widely used library classification system in the hands of metadata managers to efficiently organize their collection(s).

WebDewey is the easiest way to use the DDC to organize and classify library collections. With WebDewey, metadata managers have the most-up-to-date DDC numbers available that are based on an array of continually evolving topics and languages. WebDewey also includes:

- searching or browsing DDC numbers, Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and

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If you have any questions, please review the FAQ.

https://www.oclc.org/en/dewey/webdewey.html

Introduction to the Dewey Decimal Classification

https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/oclc/dewey/versions/print/intro.pdf

About the Introduction

1.1 This Introduction explains the basic principles and structure of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system.

1.2 The Introduction is intended to be used in conjunction with the Glossary and the Manual. The Glossary defines terms used in the Introduction and elsewhere in the Classification. The Manual offers advice on classifying in difficult areas and explains how to choose between related numbers.

Classification: What It Is and What It Does

2.1 *Classification* provides a system for organizing knowledge. Classification may be used to organize knowledge represented in any form, e.g., books, documents, electronic resources.

2.2 *Notation* is the system of symbols used to represent the classes in a classification system. In the Dewey Decimal Classification, the notation is expressed in Arabic numerals. The notation gives both the unique meaning of the class and its relation to other classes. The notation provides a universal language to identify the class and related classes, regardless of the fact that different words or languages may be used to describe the class.

History, Current Use, and Development of the Dewey Decimal Classification

3.1 The Dewey Decimal Classification—conceived by Melvil Dewey in 1873 and first published in 1876—is a general knowledge organization tool that is continuously revised to keep pace with knowledge. The system is further extended through number building, interoperable translations, association with categorized content, and mappings to other subject schemes.

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Everything you always wanted to know about the Dewey Decimal Classification® system but were afraid to ask ...

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Now is your chance to participate in the Dewey Priorities Survey

The Dewey Decimal Classification is a valuable resource and keeping it current is important to all of us. We work with users like you to constantly improve it, to make the system more valuable across cultures and types of libraries.

To better learn what's important to our users we invite you to participate in a brief Dewey priorities survey.

Please note that this survey will close on **11 April 2022.**

https://ddc.typepad.com/

We look forward to hearing from you!

Posted by Alex at 10:35 AM in DDC editorial projects | Permalink | Comments (1)
TWEET THIS!

25 February 2022

Portrait of an editor: Constantin Mazney

I have been researching previous editors of the DDC for a project you may hear more of later this year. As you can imagine, much has been written about some of these men and women; several have their own Wikipedia articles. But details on a few of them were scarce, even in John Comaromi's excellent *Eighteen editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification*, published in the DDC's centennial year of 1976. One of those was Constantin J. Mazney. We knew Mazney was editor-in-chief for Edition 14, published in 1942, but not much more. In this post, I'll share more details I found, along with the work of a few people I thank at the end.

Courtesy Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

Constantin John Mazney was born May 17, 1889, in Odessa, now in Ukraine, then a part of the Russian Empire. He had a musical background, first earning a music degree from Moscow Imperial Conservatory (now Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory) before immigrating to the United States in 1923. He listed his occupation as choirmaster in 1929 when applying for naturalization. We also know he worked as a schoolteacher in Detroit during this period.

In the US, Mazney studied at the University of Michigan. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in library science there, and worked in the university library from 1935 to 1938 before moving to the Library of Congress. At Michigan, Mazney studied under Margaret Mann, who recommended him for the DDC editorship after the death of Dorcas Fellows. According to Comaromi, it was largely in deference to Mann that Mazney was chosen as editor-in-chief.

Mazney oversaw the production of Edition 14, but it was unfortunately not a smooth process, exceeding its budget and missing deadlines. I can only speculate as to whether World War II exacerbated this—maybe I'm projecting current-day "supply chain issues" onto the past! Shortly after its publication, Mazney was relieved of his position by the Decimal Classification Committee.

Whether or not World War II more directly affected the production of Edition 14, public records from around that time show Mazney registered for the military draft, though he would have been in his 50s at this point. Records from the University of Michigan have him at the "Research Library" in Upton, NY in 1949, perhaps at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. (Incidentally, one of the operators of Brookhaven today is Battelle, a research organization OCLC has collaborated with most recently for the REALM Project.)

At any rate, Mazney seems to have returned to Washington, DC at some point, and died here in December 1951. He never married. He willed about $5500, around $50,000 today, to help fund a University of Michigan student award in Mann's honor, which is still in place today (and not to be confused with ALA's Margaret Mann Citation).

I enjoyed learning more about this man who had my job (more or less) 80 years ago, and hope you found this an interesting read too. If you have any corrections or additions, I'm happy to hear them. For people of Mazney's time, we only have literal paper trails, and can only piece together the whole story from sometimes ephemeral documents. I hope future biographers will have an easier time of it. I ditched Facebook over 10 years ago, but my LinkedIn is reasonably up to date.

> *My thanks to MP Satija and Allie Alvis for research assistance, and to Jacob Nugent at the University of Michigan's Bentley Historical Library for the same, plus the image. The timing of this post is coincidental, and has been in the works for several weeks.*

Posted by Alex at 04:16 PM in DDC in history | Permalink | Comments (0)

DDC Hierarchical Structure

10 main classes (e.g., 600 - Technology)

Each class has 10 divisions - represented by second digit of the notation (e.g., 610 – Medicine & Health)

Each division has 10 sections – represented by the third digit of the notation (e.g., 616 – Diseases)

After each section, you can create more specific notation after a decimal point if you need to incorporate specific aspects of the subject (e.g., 616.3 – Diseases of the digestive system)

Important Note: Dewey class numbers will always be at least 3 digits long. If longer, a decimal point must be placed between the third and fourth digits.

DDC Notation “Expressiveness”

- DDC is very “expressive”

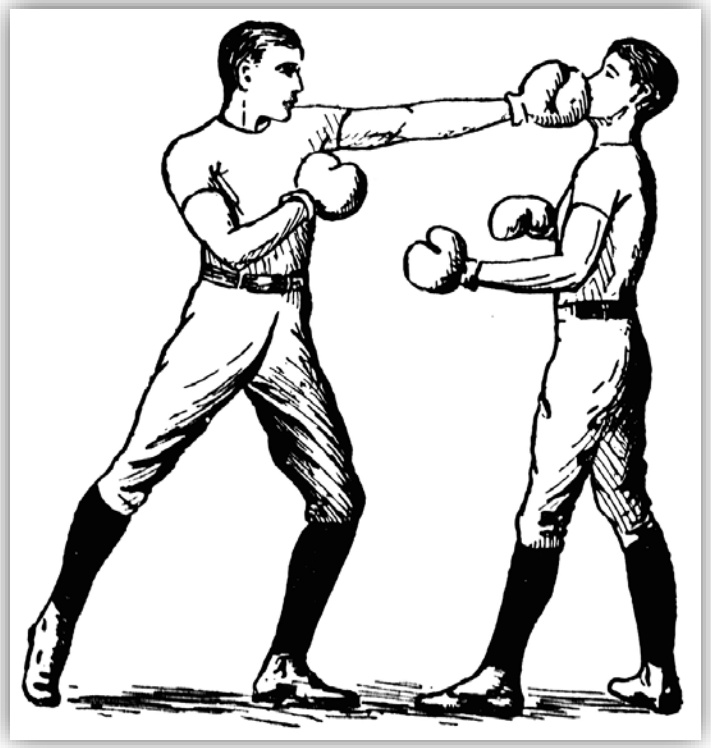
- Expressiveness of any notation refers to the extent that the system of symbols expresses the relationships found among the category statements.

- “In other words, the number of characters in the classmark for a subject corresponds directly to the position of the subject in the hierarchy.” (Broughton, 2015)

DDC Hierarchy

796.8309

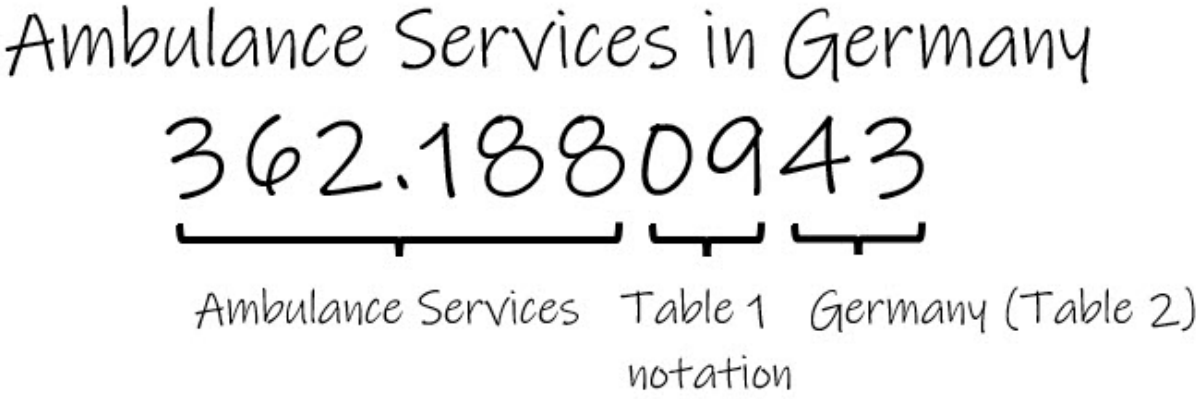
700 Arts and recreation
790 Recreational and performing arts
796 Athletic and outdoor sports and games
796.8 Combat sports
796.83 Boxing
796.8309 History of boxing



The full meaning of a DDC number depends on its position in the hierarchy to which it belongs (i.e., the context).

DDC Number Building

- We can build class numbers that include attributes such as the format of the resource (e.g., dictionary, periodical), time period (e.g., 20th century, 1950s), and geographic location (e.g., United States, Pacific Ocean).
- With the addition of table notations (which are not required, by the way), as well as other notation that can be added through other types of number building, DDC numbers can get pretty lengthy.



DDC Advantages

- DDC was the first classification scheme to use the concept of relative location to organize materials on the shelf
- The pure notation (i.e., all Arabic numbers) is recognized internationally
- The hierarchical notation expresses the relationship between and among class numbers
- The decimal system enables infinite expansion and subdivision

DDC Disadvantages

- Its Anglo-American bias is evident in its emphasis on American, English, and European language, literature, and history in the 400s (Language), 800s (Literature), and 900s (History), and Protestantism/Christianity in the 200s (Religion)
- Some related disciplines are separated: e.g., 400 and 800; 300 (Social Science) and 900
- Some subjects are not comfortably placed (e.g., Computer science in 000; Psychology as part of Philosophy in 100)

DDC Disadvantages

- In the 800s, literary works by the same author are scattered according to form (e.g., Shakespeare's poems (821) are separated from his plays (822))
- Decimal numbering limits its capacity for accommodating subjects on the same level because there can only be 9 divisions
- Different rates of growth of some disciplines have resulted in an uneven structure (e.g., 300 (Social science) and 600 (Technology) are particularly overcrowded)

DDC Disadvantages

- Specificity results in long numbers, which can be awkward for shelving and on spine labels

- Altering numbers because of a new edition creates practical problems in libraries (e.g., the need for reclassification, relabeling, and reshelving – this is why Dewey insisted, as much as possible, on the “integrity of numbers”)

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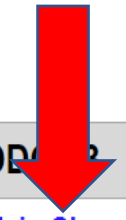

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Main Classes

000 Computer science, information & general works
100 Philosophy & psychology
200 Religion
300 Social sciences
400 Language
500 Science
600 Technology
700 Arts & recreation
800 Literature
900 History & geography

Divisions

000 **Computer science, information & general works**
000 Computer science, knowledge & systems
010 Bibliographies
020 Library & information sciences
030 Encyclopedias & books of facts
040 [Unassigned]
050 Magazines, journals & serials
060 Associations, organizations & museums
070 News media, journalism & publishing
080 Quotations
090 Manuscripts & rare books

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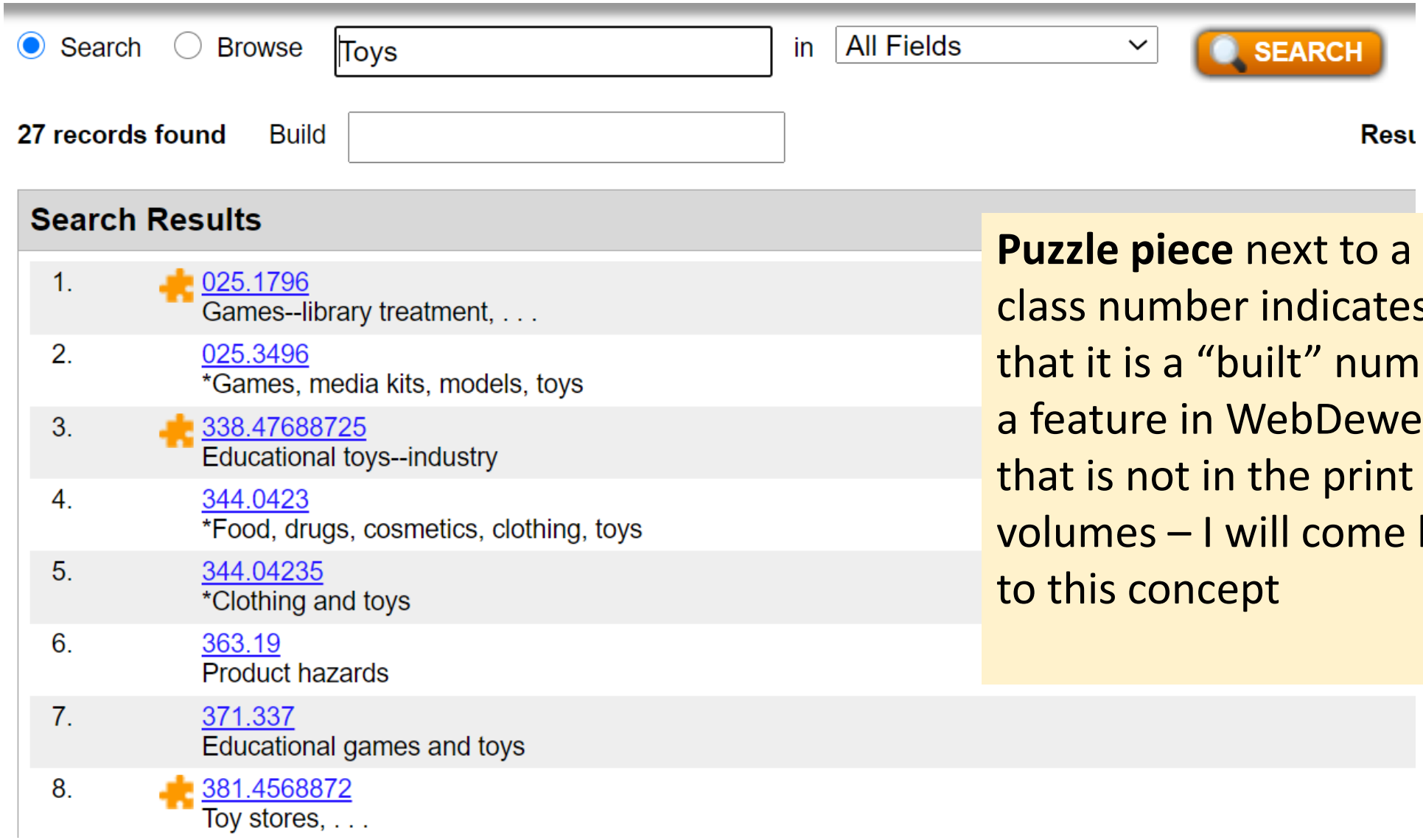
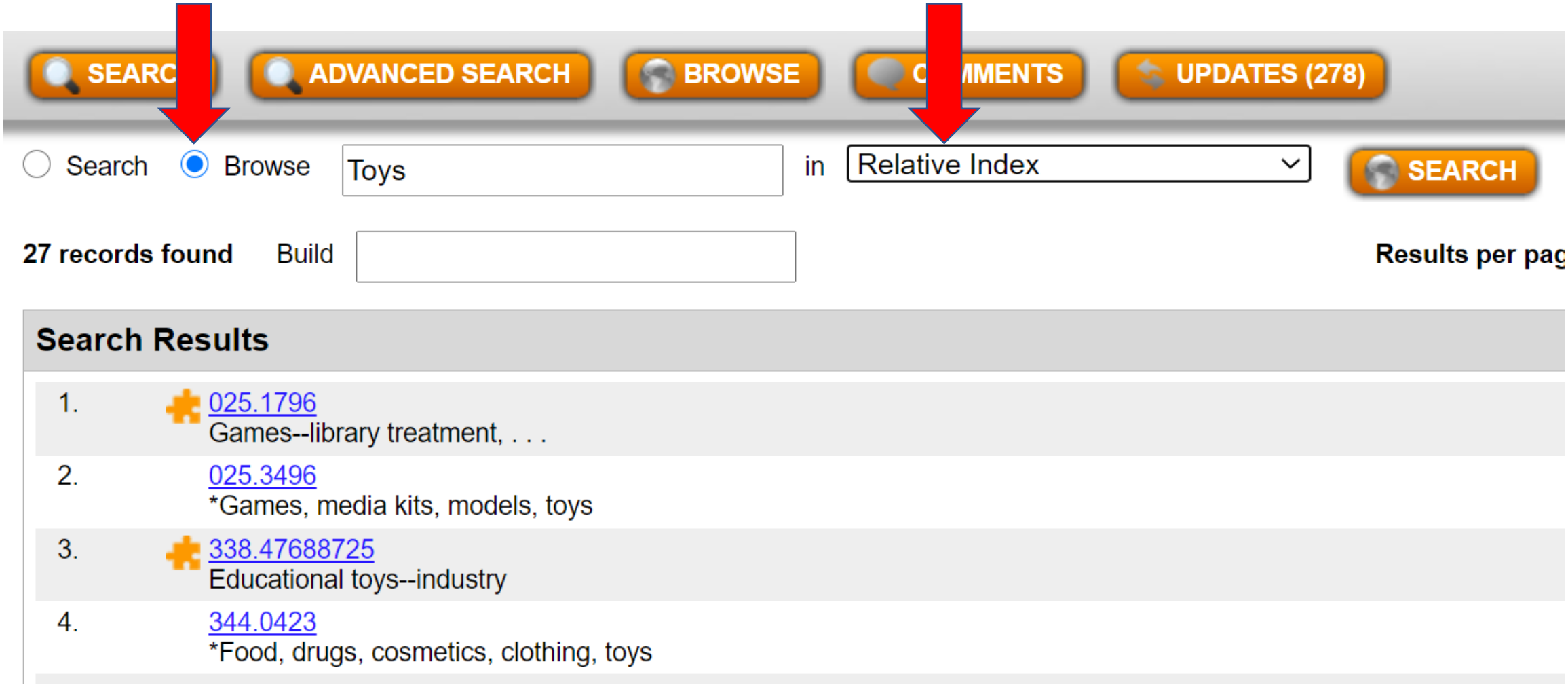
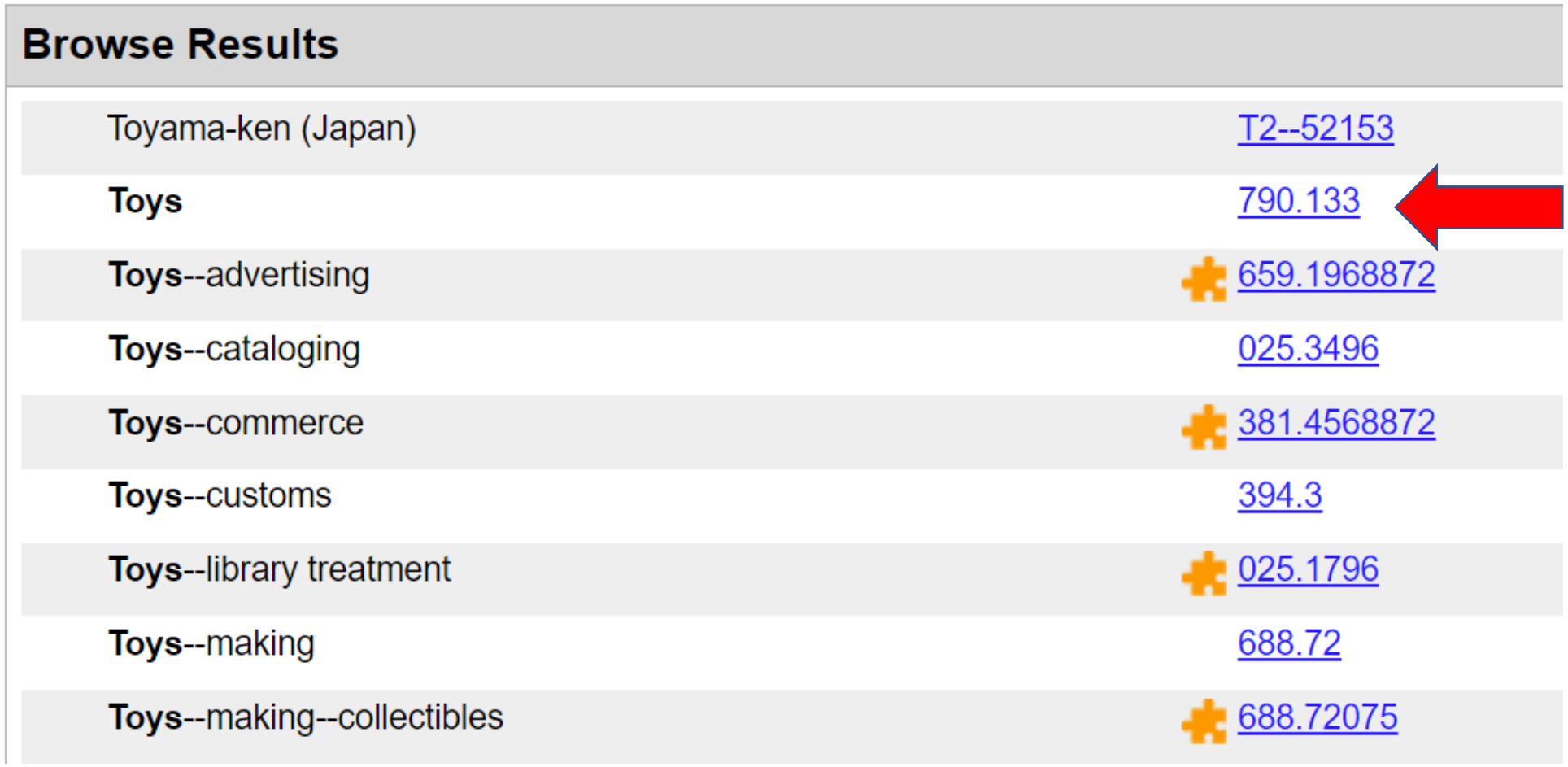


Puzzle piece next to a class number indicates that it is a "built" number, a feature in WebDewey that is not in the print volumes – I will come back to this concept

"Searching" WebDewey will produce results that contain "Toys" anywhere in the entry



The Relative Index "arranges subject terms alphabetically, and links the terms to the disciplines in which they appear in the schedules" (Chan & Mitchell, 2003, p. 17).



Browsing the Relative Index will return results with the chosen term or terms, but in alphabetical order surrounded by other entries within the Relative Index.

790.133 Play with toys

700 Arts & recreation
790 Sports, games & entertainment
790 Recreational and performing arts
790.1 General kinds of recreational activities
790.13 Activities generally engaged in by individuals
790.133 Play with toys

The organization of your screen may look slightly different from mine.

Pay close attention to the information in Notes!

Notes

Including electric trains

For play with a specific toy not provided for here, see the toy, e.g., flying model airplanes 796.154

History

Model racing cars relocated to 796.156
1996, Edition 21

Create built number

391
Costume and personal appearance

START

391 Costume and personal appearance

300	Social sciences
390	Customs, etiquette & folklore
391-394	Customs
391	**Costume and personal appearance**
391.001-391.007	Standard subdivisions
391.008	Groups of people
391.009	History, geographic treatment, biography
391.01-391.04	Costume of economic, social, occupational groups
391.1-391.3	Costume of men, women, children
391.4	Kinds of garments; accessories; buttons
391.5	Hairstyles
391.6	Personal appearance
391.7	Jewelry

Notes

Standard subdivisions are added for costume and personal appearance together, for costume alone

Class here interdisciplinary works on costume, clothing (apparel, garments), fashion; casual wear (sportswear)

Class costume and clothing associated with a specific occasion with the occasion in 392-394, e.g., wedding clothes 392.54

For fashion design, see 746.92
For a specific aspect of costume and clothing, see the aspect, e.g., stage costuming 792.026, clothing construction 646.4

See Manual at 391 vs. 646.3, 746.92

Relative Index Terms (English)

- Apparel
- Casual clothes
- Casual wear
- Casual wear--customs
- Clothing
- Clothing--customs
- Costume
- Fashion

Manual

- Gives advice on classifying in difficult areas, but is not exhaustive
- Arranged by Dewey number
- There are often references to the Manual within the schedules and tables so that the classifier knows to go there for further information about a specific number, range of numbers, or choice among numbers

Notes

Use 391 for clothing customs, such as what was worn, what is now fashionable, national costumes, e.g., Edwardian fashion 391.0094109041, Lithuanian national costumes 391.0094793. Use 646.3 for home economics aspects of clothing, such as how to dress on a limited budget, select the best quality clothing, dress correctly for the business world. Use 746.92 for artistic aspects of clothing, such as clothing considered as a product of the textile arts, fashion design. If in doubt, prefer in the following order: 391, 746.92, 646.3.

The source of information about kinds of costume and clothing is *The Fairchild Dictionary of Fashion*, 3rd ed. (New York: Fairchild Publications, 2003).

Comments

391 vs. 646.3, 746.92 Costume vs. Clothing

391 vs. 646.3, 746.92
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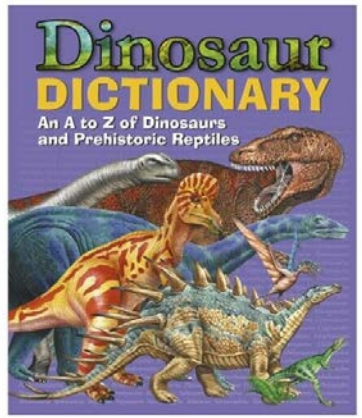

DDC Number Building

Cleaning clothes at home – 648.1

Create built number

648.1
Laundering and related operations

START

648.1 Laundering and related operations

600 Technology
640 Home & family management
648 Housekeeping
648.1 Laundering and related operations

History

Dyeing, bleaching, spot removal formerly located in 646.6
1989-03-06, Edition 20

Comments

Notes

Standard subdivisions are added for laundering and related operations together, for laundering alone

Including bleaching, drying, dyeing, ironing, spot removal

Class dry cleaning in 667.12
Class commercial laundering, interdisciplinary works on laundering in 667.13

LC Subject Headings

Relative Index Terms (English)

Bleaching--clothes and related materials--home economics
Clothes dryers--home economics
Dryers--home laundry
Drying clothes--home economics
Dyeing--home economics
Ironing--home economics
Laundering--home economics
Pressing clothes--home economics
Spot removal--household sanitation
Washing clothes--home economics
Washing fabrics--home economics

Number Building in DDC

- In order to get greater specificity in Dewey, you often have to “build” Dewey numbers.

- There are different ways to build:
  - Through tables and instructions within Dewey
  - Through the separate Tables 1-6

DDC Tables

- The notation from the Tables is never used alone, but attached to class numbers from the Schedules as instructed for greater specificity – table notation not required

- Table notation will always begin with a long hyphen:

--81 (Brazil)

--0905 (21st century)

--0727 (Statistical methods)

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Tables

T1 Table 1. Standard Subdivisions
T2 Table 2. Geographic Areas, Historical Periods, Biography
T3 Table 3. Subdivisions for the Arts, for Individual Literatures, for Specific Literary Forms
T3A Table 3A. Subdivisions for Works by or about Individual Authors
T3B Table 3B. Subdivisions for Works by or about More than One Author
T3C Table 3C. Additional Notation for Arts and Literature
T4 Table 4. Subdivisions of Individual Languages and Language Families
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T1--0 Table 1. Standard Subdivisions

T1--0	Table 1. Standard Subdivisions
T1--01	Philosophy and theory
T1--02	Miscellany
T1--03	Dictionaries, encyclopedias, concordances
T1--04	Special topics
T1--05	Serial publications
T1--06	Organizations and management
T1--07	Education, research, related topic
T1--08	Groups of people
T1--09	History, geographic treatment, bic

T1--0 Table 1. Standard Subdivisions

T1--02	Miscellany
T1--0202	Synopses and outlines
T1--0207	Humorous treatment
T1--0208	Audiovisual treatment
T1--021	Tabulated and related materials
T1--022	Illustrations, models, miniatures
T1--023	The subject as a profession, occupation, hobby
T1--024	The subject for people in specific occupations
T1--025	Directories of persons and organizations
T1--(026)	Law
T1--027	Patents and identification marks
T1--028	Auxiliary techniques and procedures; apparatus, equipment, materials
T1--029	Commercial miscellany

Table 1 – Standard Subdivisions

- Place a standard subdivision at the end of a DDC number.

- Make sure you follow the instructions at the DDC number. Sometimes you are not allowed to include a standard subdivision, you need something additional, or the subdivision is already built into the class number.

- Do not include two standard subdivisions unless given special permission.

Table 1 – Example

A dictionary of dinosaurs

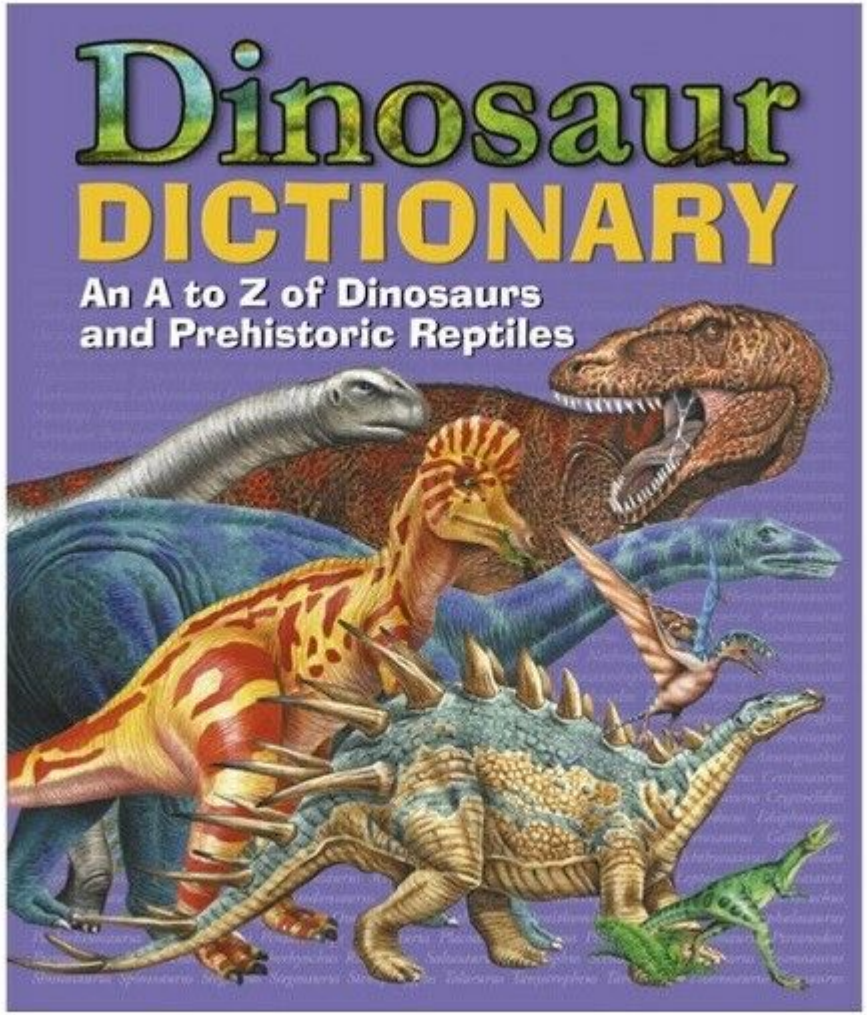

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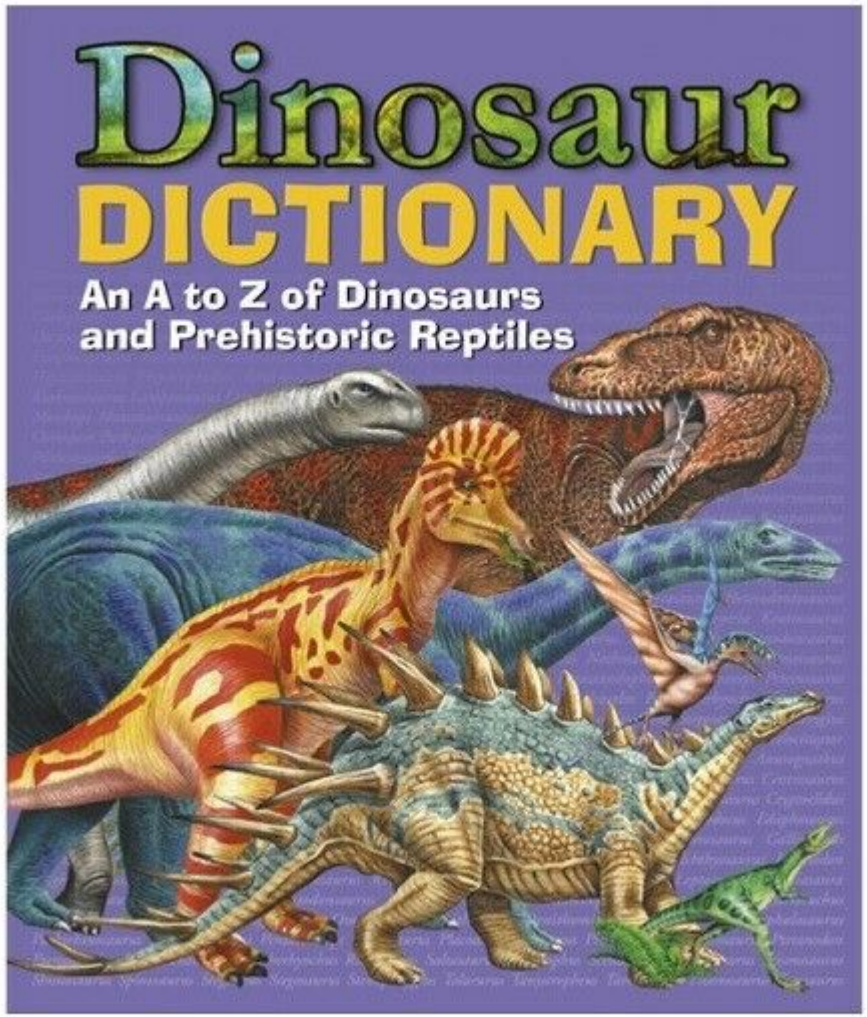
Table 1 – Example

567.9 Reptilia

500		Science
560		Fossils & prehistoric life
562-569		Specific taxonomic groups of animals
567		Fossil cold-blooded vertebrates
567.9		**Reptilia**
567.902		Reptiles--paleozoology--miscellany
567.903		Dinosaurs--encyclopedias
567.90994		Dinosaurs--Australia
567.91		Specific dinosaurs and other Archosauria



Notes

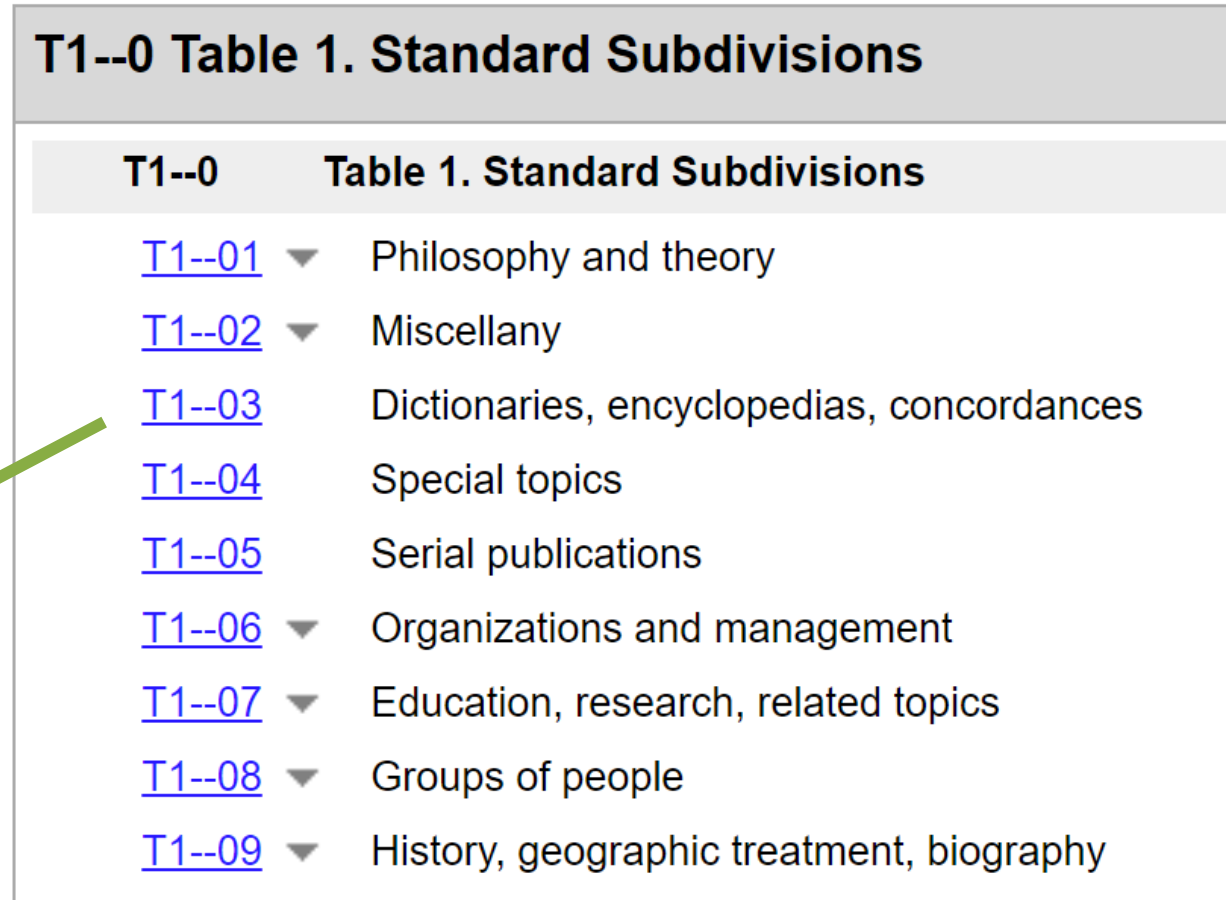
Class here Archosauria, Diapsida, Dinosaurs

Table 1 - Example

Dinosaur dictionary

Dinosaurs = 567.9

Dictionary = --03



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T1--09	History, geographic treatment, biography

567.9 + --03 = **567.903**

(plus sign (+) meaning: place the standard subdivision at the end of the class number)

Search GO Build 1 / 1

Create built number

641.22 Wine START

641.22 Wine

600 Technology
640 Home & family management
641 Food and drink
641.2 Beverages (Drinks)
641.22 Wine
641.22074 Wine--festivals
641.22075 Wine--collecting
641.22079 Wine--awards
641.222 Kinds of grape wine
641.229 Nongrape wine

Built numbers – constructed using Tables

Notes

Class here grape wine, comprehensive works on white and red wine, comprehensive works on specific white and red wines (specific brands, estate wines)

Class home preparation of wine in 641.872

See also 641.23 for mead, rice wine

Relative Index Terms (English)

Estate wines
Grape wine
Varietal wines
Wine
Wine--home economics

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Table 1 - Standard Subdivisions

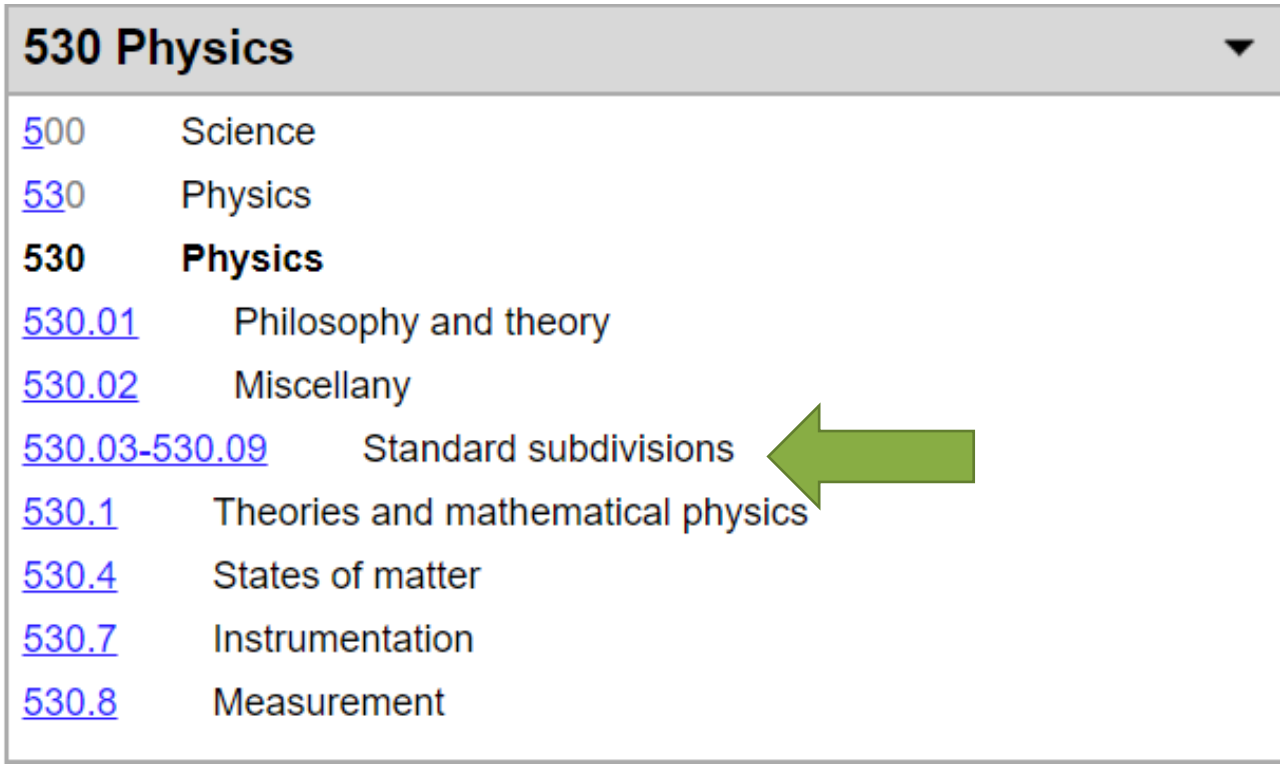
- Unless other instructions are given, the terminal zeros in a main class or division number should be dropped before adding a standard subdivision

510 (Mathematics) + --05 (journals from Table 1) = **510.5**

100 (Philosophy) + --03 (encyclopedias from Table 1) = **103**, not 100.03

Table 1 - Example

.....However, look at Physics (530)



530 Physics	
500	Science
530	Physics
530	**Physics**
530.01	Philosophy and theory
530.02	Miscellany
530.03-530.09	Standard subdivisions
530.1	Theories and mathematical physics
530.4	States of matter
530.7	Instrumentation
530.8	Measurement

Practice

Assign a DDC number to the following works **(main topic in bold)** & add Table 1 notation.

1. An illustrated book about **zodiac signs**

2. A serial publication on the topic of **descriptive cataloging**

3. Research on **geese (within animal husbandry)**

Practice - Answers

1. An illustrated book about **zodiac signs**

   133.52022

   133.52 = zodiac signs

   --022 = illustrations from Table 1

2. A serial publication on the topic of **descriptive cataloging**

   025.3205

   025.32 = descriptive cataloging

   --05 = serial publications from Table 1

Practice - Answers

3. Research on **geese (within animal husbandry)**

636.598072

636.598 = geese

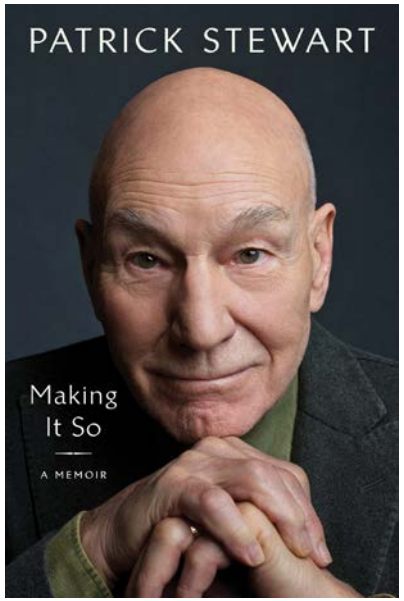
--072 = research from Table 1

Biographies

It is not unusual for libraries to have one area for all biographies.

Biographies in Dewey

- Several options, including the use of 920 or simply “B” or “BIO” for all biographies.
- Otherwise, DDC encourages assigning individual biographies the class number associated with the subject’s “most noted contribution,” then adding –092 from Table 1.



791.4 Motion pictures, radio, television, podcasting

700 Arts & recreation
790 Sports, games & entertainment
791 Public performances
791.4 Motion pictures, radio, television, podcasting
791.4075 Mass media--performances--collectibles
791.4079 Mass media--performances--awards
791.409 Mass media--performances--history
791.43 Motion pictures
791.44 Radio
791.45 Television
791.46 Podcasting

791.4

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Search GO Build

Table 1

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Create built number

T1--092 Biography START

T1--092 Biography

T1--0 Table 1. Standard Subdivisions

T1--09 History, geographic treatment, biography

T1--092 Biography

T1--0922 Collected biography

T1--0923-T1--0928 Collected biography of specific groups of people

T1--0929 Biography of animals and plants

History

Collectors formerly located in T1--075092
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Comments

Notes

Autobiography, description and critical appraisal of work, diaries, reminiscences, correspondence of people regardless of area, region, or place who are part of the subject or who study the subject, e.g., biographers, collectors, leaders and followers, practitioners and clients, scholars

Class here treatment of individuals

Class nonbiographical treatment of groups of people in T1--08
Class biography not clearly related to any specific subject in 920
Class belletristic diaries, reminiscences, correspondence in 800

Observe instructions not to use T1--092 that apply to 180-190, 759, 809, 810-890. (The instructions for 810-890 are found under notation T3B--09 from Table 3B)

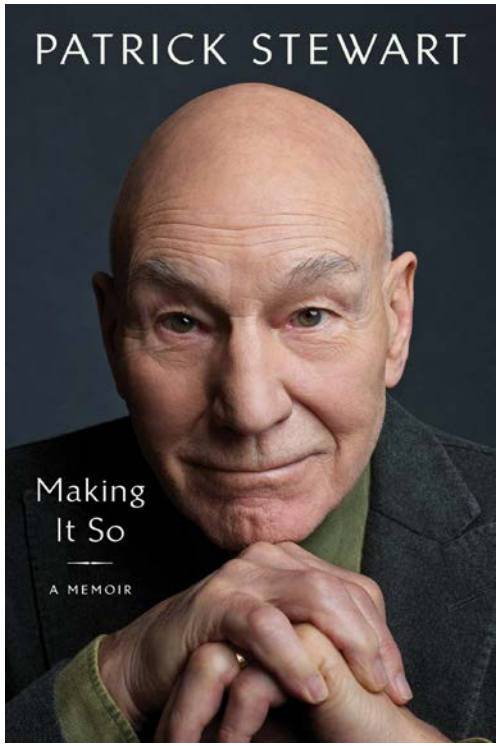
Do not use T1--092 for a person whose name is used in a schedule heading, e.g., class Muḥammad the Prophet in 297.63 (not 297.63092)

See Manual at T1--092
See Manual at 913-919:04: Biography
See Manual at 930-990: Wars: Personal narratives
See Manual at 930-990: Biography

(Option A: Class biography in 920.1-928

(Option B: Class individual biography in 92, or B

(Option C: Class all individual biography of men in 920.71, of women in 920.72)



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791.409	Mass media--performances--history
791.43	Motion pictures
791.44	Radio
791.45	Television
791.46	Podcasting

791.4

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--092 (from Table 1)

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791.4092

“If the person made approximately equal contributions to a number of fields, use the number for the subject that provides the best common denominator, giving some extra consideration to the person's occupation.”—Manual entry for T1--092

DDC Tips n’ Tricks

- When assigning a DDC number, always check to see how your library and other libraries have classed that resource or a similar resource.

Location	Call Number	Status
Acorn Public Library District - Adult New	BIOG STEWART, P.	Checked out
Addison Public Library - 2nd Floor - New Adult Books	BIO 791.092 STEWART P.	Being transferred between libraries
Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library District - Adult New	791.43 STE BIOGRAPHY	On Shelf
Batavia Public Library District - On Order	XX(3169068.74)	On Order
Beecher Community Library District - New Material	B STE	On Shelf
Bellwood Public Library - Adult New	NEW B STE	On Shelf
Bensenville Community Public Library District - New Non-Fiction	791.43092 STE	On Shelf
Berwyn Public Library - Adult New	BIOGRAPHY STEWART	On Shelf
Bloomingdale Public Library - New Books	791.4502 STE	Checked out
Blue Island Public Library - Stacks	BIO STE	On Shelf
Carol Stream Public Library - Spotlight Adult Nonfiction	BIO/STEWART	On Shelf
Chicago Heights Public Library - Adult New	921 STE	On Shelf
Cicero Public Library - Stacks	BIO STEWART, PATRICK	On Shelf
Clarendon Hills Public Library - Adult New	BIOGRAPHY STEWART	On Shelf
Crete Public Library District - Adult New	B STEWART, P.	Checked out
Downers Grove Public Library - Lobby - Adult	BIOGRAPHY STEWART, P.	Checked out

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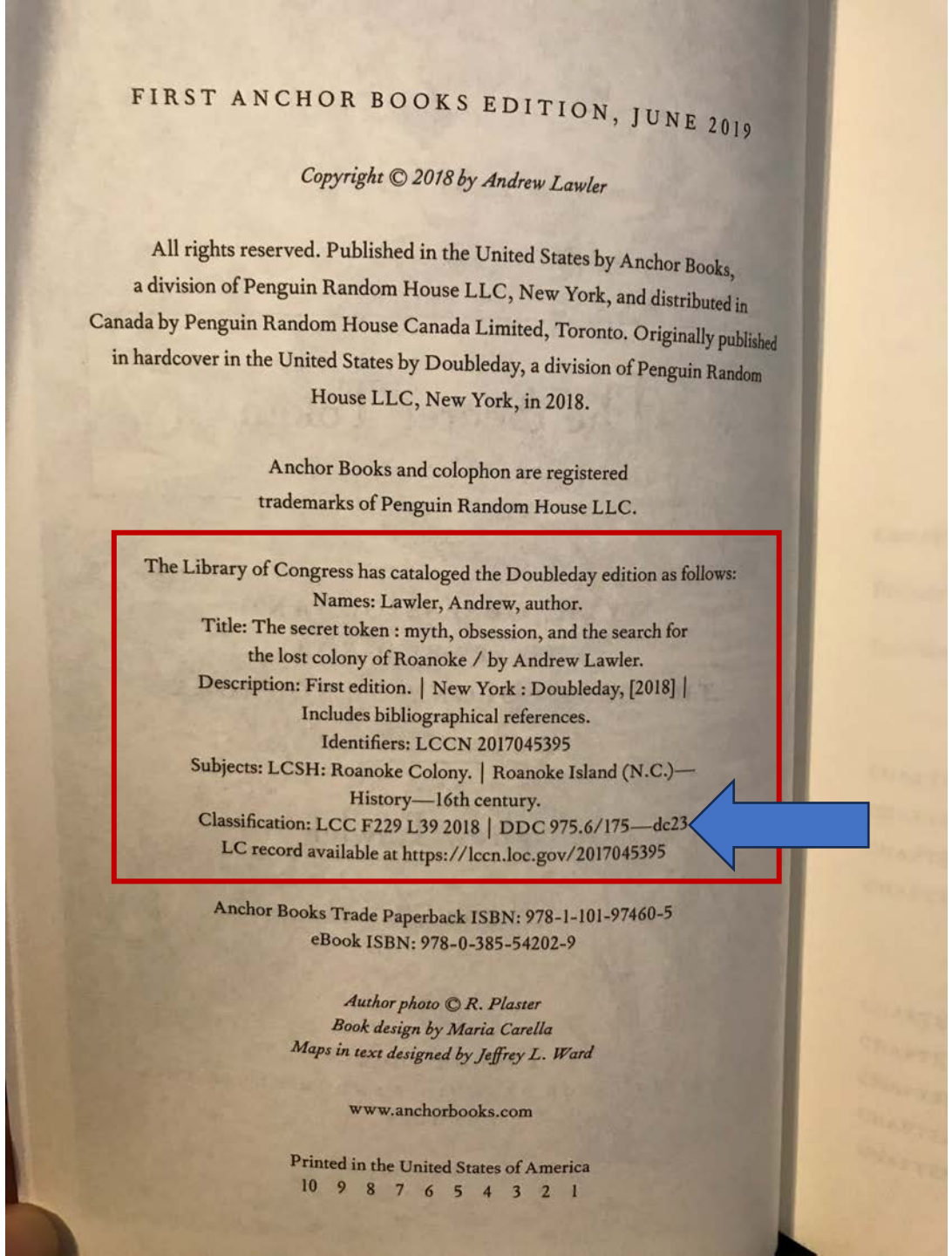

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