

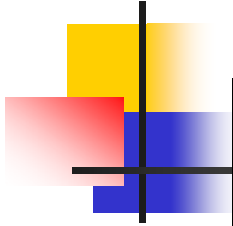
Shelf Order and the Dewey Decimal System



What is Dewey?

- Melvil Dewey – 1876
- Classification system designed as a way to organize library material by subject to make it easier to find
- Uses numbers and letters to coordinate material – address for each book on the shelf
- Begins with general area and progress to specific area

Dewey 'Hundreds' Division



<p style="text-align: center;">000</p> <p>Almanacs, World Records, Computers , Internet, UFO'S, Strange Stuff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">100</p> <p>Paranormal Phenomena, Feelings, Psychology, Salem Witch Trials, Philosophy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">200</p> <p>Religion and Mythology</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">300</p> <p>Social Issues, Fairy Tales, Folk Tales</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">400</p> <p>Languages, Grammar, Dictionaries, Thesaurus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">500</p> <p>Science & Math, Space, Earth, Weather, Animals, Plants</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">600</p> <p>Technology-How things are made, Human Body, Health & Disease, Pets, Farms, Cars, Cooking</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">700</p> <p>Arts, How to Draw, Cartooning, Graphic Novels, Crafts, Music, Sports</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">800</p> <p>Literature and Poetry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">900</p> <p>Atlases, Geography, History & Travel, Continents, Countries</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">920</p> <p>Compiled Biographies</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIO</p> <p>Individual Biography</p>



Each 'hundred' class is divided into 'Tens'

- 500 – General Sciences
- 510 – Mathematics (Counting books, Shapes, Colors)
- 520 – Astronomy (Space, Solar System, Stars)
- 530 – Physics (Forces, Motion, Energy)
- 540 – Chemistry (Elements)
- 550 – Earth Sciences (Rocks, Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Weather)
- 560 – Paleontology (Dinosaurs)
- 570 – Life Sciences (Life cycles, Cells, Classification)
- 580 – Botanical Sciences (Plants)
- 590 – Zoological Sciences (Animals)



Each 'Ten' is further divided...

- 560 - Paleontology, Paleozoology
- 561 - Paleobotany
- 562 - Fossil invertebrates
- 563 - Fossil primitive phyla
- 564 - Fossil Mollusca & Molluscoidea
- 565 - Other Fossil invertebrates
- 566 - Fossil Vertebrata
- 567 - Fossil cold-blooded vertebrates **DINOSAURS**
- 568 - Fossil Birds
- 569 - Fossil Mammals



Each 'Ten' is even further divided by decimals....

General Dinosaurs:

567. **9** "New Dinos: The latest finds! The coolest dinosaur discoveries" by Shelley Tanaka

Specific types:

567.**912** "Velociraptor" by Daniel Cohen

567.**913** "Apatosaurus and other Giant, Long-necked, Plant-eaters" by Virginia Schomp



Further identification.....

- Second line of a call number is called the '**Cutter**'
- First three letters of the author's last name

567. 9 "New Dinos: The latest finds! The coolest dinosaur
TAN discoveries" by Shelley Tanaka

567.912 "Velociraptor" by Daniel Cohen
COH

567.913 "Apatosaurus and other Giant, Long-necked, Plant-
SCH eaters" by Virginia Schomp



Shelving... 'Rules of the Road'

- Books placed on shelf by Dewey order
- File numerically by ascending number:

560, 561, 562, 563, 567

- File **digit by digit**:

560.001

560.015

560.07

560.13

560.135

560.2

567

567.9

567.912



..... Rules of the Road....

- File 'cutter' line alphabetically:
first three letters of author's last name
first word or three letters of title
- Same call number, file by cutter:
567.912 567.912 567.912 567.912
BAK (ker) **COH** (en) **DIN** (osaur) **NUN** (n)
- Same cutter/author, file by title:
567.912 COH 'Allosaurus'
567.912 COH 'Tyrannosaurus'
567.912 COH 'Velociraptor'



....Rules, Rules, Rules....

Biography

- Dewey call is **B**
- Cutter is the entire last name of subject
- If subject is the same, file next by author

B Jordan

B Obama by Brill, Marlene

B Obama by Devaney, Sherri

B Washington (Booker T.)

B Washington (George)



....Rules to Shelve By....

Fiction

- Call number is **FIC**
- File by cutter, the first three digits of author's last name/title:
FIC **CLE** FIC DAN FIC HOR FIC WAL
- File by author's entire last name/first word of title:
FIC **CLEARMAN** FIC **CLEARY** FIC **CLEAVER**



....Rules continued....

Story Collection

- Call number is **SC**
- File by Cutter, the first three digits of author's last name/title:

SC **BRU** '**Bru**ce Coville's Book of Aliens II' compiled and edited by Bruce Coville

SC **DAH** 'The Umbrella Man' by Roald **Dahl**

SC **HOR** '**Horse** Tales' edited by June Crebbin

SC **VIV** 'Chills Run Down My Spine' by Jackie **Vivelo**

- File by author's entire last name/first word of title



....More Rules....

Easy Fiction

- Call number is **E**
- File by Cutter, the first three digits of author's last name/title:

E ACK E DAN E HOR E POL

- File by author's entire last name

FIC, SC, E

- if same author, file next by title:
 - E ACKerman, Karen 'The **B**anshee'
 - E ACKerman, Karen 'The **S**ong and Dance Man'
 - E ACKerman, Karen '**W**hen Mama Retires'



....Exceptions to the Rule....

- Prefix denotes a location/grouping:

PROF = Professional

REF = Reference

- Suffix specifies language:

567.9 BAK **FRE** French

567.9 BAK **SPA** Spanish

567.9 BAK **VIE** Vietnamese



On-Line Resources

- 'Dewey Browse'

<http://www.deweybrowse.org/>

- 'Let's do Dewey''

<http://www.mtsu.edu/%7Evvesper/dewey2.htm#What>