

Assignment #4 – Classification Systems
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Part 1: Assign a DDC for the Textbook.

I assigned 025.04 as the DDC number for Glushko's textbook. On the Library of Congress' (LC) website, it listed the Dewey class number as 025. My number does not match the assigned number; my number is more specific. The LC-assigned Dewey number 025 refers to "Operations of libraries and archives." In the notes on Dewey.org, it states to class here for documentation, meaning "the systematic collection, organization, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of recorded information." I added a level to this .04 for "Information storage and retrieval systems." This states to class here for "bibliographic databases, unstructured text databases; search and retrieval in information storage and retrieval systems, information retrieval based on metadata, information retrieval based on natural language text; query languages for information storage and retrieval systems; comprehensive works on information filtering systems." I added the .04 level because I thought it applied more specifically to include the metadata sections of the textbook. I also believed it covered the recall, precision, and relevance of information we have discussed in class better than using the general top-level class. Finally, I thought I needed to be more specific in the class number than only using 025 to describe the textbook; this is not a great reason, but it was part of my rationale.

Going back to the description of 025, I think the LC's stated Dewey class number fits the textbook better than the number I assigned because the textbook accomplishes more than discussing metadata and information storage and retrieval systems. It broadly discusses organizing systems in information organizations as well as resources, classifications, and

relationships. These categories do not clearly fit within the 025.04 class that I chose. Thus, in this case, the more general class does a better job of describing the resource to cover all topics.

Part 2: Construction of LC Call Number Z666.5 .D57 2013

The first letter is the class category. Library Science falls under “Z” so that is the letter used here. I looked at the Library of Congress Classification Outline (LCCO) and noted that Z665-718.8 contains “Library science. Information science.” This served as a starting point before looking for the code for Z666.5, which hierarchically covers “Library science. Information Science; Information organization; General works.” The next section (.D57) is the main entry cutter, which is based on the classification code for the person or thing the book is about. The “D” stands for Discipline, which is the first letter of the title and describes, in part, the textbook’s subject. The 57 is found using a Cutter Table; the “5” stands for “i,” the second letter in Discipline, and the “7” represents “s,” the third letter in Discipline, and we use it for expansion. The 2013 is the year of the textbook’s publication. Therefore, in the LC Call Number for the textbook there is one class letter, four class numbers, a main cutter letter and two main cutter numbers, and the year.