

Assignment 3: Classification Systems

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Part 1

One of the issues I had during the last assignment was trying to come up with subject headings for *The Discipline of Organizing* is that it's a book that seems to defy having a particular discipline. The author of the book wants to bridge the gap between library science, computer science, information science, and information systems. The subject headings for the book assigned by the Library of Congress are information organization, information resource management, and metadata. I assigned 0 for the first number in the Dewey Decimal Classification to reflect the class of Computer Science, Information & General Works.

I went ahead and typed Metadata into a search engine on the DDC website as it was one of the subject headings. I got 025.04 Information storage and retrieval systems, 025.3 Bibliographic analysis and control, and 025.3/16 Machine-readable record formats. I searched for Information organization and got more results. The three that seemed relevant were 005.7/2 Data preparation and representation, 025 Operations of libraries and archives, and 025.4 Subject analysis and control. The subject heading information resource management yielded nothing. 02 is Library and information sciences and is the division for this Dewey Decimal

Classification. 025 is Operations of libraries and archives and is the section for this Dewey

Decimal Classification.

I discovered a list of subdivisions from the Dewey website. 025.04 is Information storage and retrieval systems. I looked at the tables. The .04 comes from Table 1 and refers to special topics. I decided to assign 025.04 as the Dewey Decimal number for *The Discipline of Organizing*. I checked for the Dewey Classification number on the Library of Congress website. It turned out to be 025 and not 025.04. I overthought this. 025 was the one recurring result in all my searches. I should have taken that into account. Also, the book's subject is broad enough to cover several aspects of this topic. Our instructor did warn us about using one subject term and how that might only cover one aspect of the book. I should have gone with the common link of 025 and stopped there.

Part 2

Library of Congress classification is a mixture of letters and numbers. The number for *The Discipline of Organizing* is Z666.5 .D57 2013. I will explain how this number is constructed based on what I learned from the lecture. Library of Congress main classes start out the

identification number with a letter. Z is for Bibliography. Library Science. Information Resources (General).

Next up is figuring out where the rest of the number comes from. Looking at the Library of Congress PDF files from the link provided in the lecture, I clicked on Z Outline, There I found that 666.5 falls into the Library Science & Information Science area on the Library of Congress Z outline, but it is not one of the listed sub categories. I went back to the lecture where our instructor gave an example on how to create a classification number for a book on asparagus. Asparagus is not a listed category, but SB320 to 353.5 is the vegetables sub category which falls under the plant culture category. SB325 is the sub sub category for asparagus from what I understood.

When I clicked on another link called Z text from the provided webpage, it led me to a PDF titled Library of Congress Schedule Z, I found a more in-depth list. 666 is sub category for Information organization. 666. 5 is the sub sub category of Information Organization referring to General works and conceptual models. That's where you get the .5 of the 666.5 classification number. And if you look up SB 325 on the schedule S PDF, you'll find Asparagus.

.D57 is the main entry cutter number. The main entry cutter number always exists. The D comes from the first relevant word from the title of the *The Discipline of Organizing*.

Remember, we ignore words such as the, a, and an when ordering books by title. Next, we go to a cutter table to find the number that corresponds to the next letter which is I. 5 equals H-I on the cutter table. To make the number more unique we look for the number that corresponds to S, the next letter in discipline. 7 equals P-S on the cutter table. Our final cutter number is .D57.

Add the year of publication at the end which is 2013. The final classification number for *The Discipline of Organizing* is Z666.5 .D57 2013.

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