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Item:

Glushko, Robert J. (2013). The discipline of Organizing. Informatics edition.ISBN-
10**:** 0262518503. ISBN-13: 978-0262518505 (E-book available at USF
library http://ezproxy.lib.usf.edu/login?url=http://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt5hhbzj (Links to an
external site.)Links to an external site.

Part One

Slide 10 in last week's Powerpoint presentation outlined the ten main classes in DDC. This
helped me begin the assignment with an idea of the main classes. I expected that the first class,
000 (Computer Science, information & general works) would fit the textbook. I then went to
Connexion, selected "Dewey Services" on top of the page, and was directed to WebDewey.

In WebDewey, I selected 000 (Computer science, information & general works) from the Main
classes. From the next set of subclasses, I selected 020 (Library & information sciences), which
seemed the most relevant subject. In the next list sub-subclasses, it seemed that 025 (Operations
of libraries and archives) was the most relevant. While doing so, I explored some of the other
subclasses and sub-subclasses to be certain of my decision.

However, once I decided upon 025, further subdivisions were more difficult to identify. I had
trouble deciding between 025.3 (Bibliographic analysis and control) and 025.4 (Subject analysis
and control). Both these categories seemed to be covered by the textbook, along with other topics
such as information retrieval, which would fit under 025.04. In the end, because of the broadness
of the subject matter of this book, I decided that that the DDC number should **025**.

After deciding this, I checked the Library of Congress catalog, and it looks like they also decided
that the Dewey Class No. for this book is 025.

Part Two

The Library of Congress call number is Z666.5 .D57 2013, and the description of how this call
number was constructed is described below.

I first went to https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcco/ as instructed by Slide 34 of the Powerpoint
presentation, and selected Class Z: Z Bibliography, Library Science. Information Resources
(General).

A pdf document for this class opened and I found that the category that was selected for the book was Z665-718.8: Library science. Information science.

However, this document did not have a detailed breakdown of classifications, so I did a search and found https://www.loc.gov/aba/publications/FreeLCC/freelcc.html. Here, I chose the Z text file that gives us a detailed classification for the Z class. From here, we can see the following:

666   Bibliography
         Information organization

666.5   General works
         Conceptual models

Now I could see why 666.5 was selected for this book.

On the discussion of class cutters, as explained on the Powerpoint slide 54, we do not know the exact Cutter table that is used by LC, so an explanation of how this cutter number was chosen is not possible. Also, I wondered about why the cutter number starts with 'D' but perhaps this is because the book does not have an author, rather many contributors and an editor (Glushko). Did they choose D because the book title starts with D?

Finally, the publication year is 2013, and that is why it appears at the end of the LC call number.