

## Searching for Dewey Numbers in the Library of Congress Online Catalog

- You may want to search Library of Congress records to see how a particular DDC number has been used before.
  - Go to <http://catalog.loc.gov/>
- DDC classification numbers in LC records are found in the MARC 082 field
- Set up to search the 082 field.
  - Choose “Basic Search” *then*
  - Choose “Expert Search” as Search Type
- Enter an “Expert Search” Command
  - Enter one of these commands to tell the catalog to search the 082 field
    - K082
    - 082A
  - Both of these commands produce identical results (case does not matter)
- Follow the command with a Dewey number and click on Begin Search
  - It will look weird because you have a lot of numbers typed all together.
    - *Example* 082a 641.514
  - Short DDC numbers may produce so many results that the catalog refuses to display them all
    - *Example* 082A 641.5
  - Some Dewey numbers have truncation marks (slashes) in them. The slashes affect searching.
    - To find all usage for a particular Dewey number, you have to search for both the slashed number and the unslashed number.
    - For best results check the location of the truncation mark (slash) in WebDewey to know where to put the slash in your search
    - If you do not have WebDewey you can guess where to put it
    - You can search for both slashed and unslashed numbers at the same time
    - *Example* 082a 641.514 or 082A 641.5/14
  - You can look for a Dewey number and its subdivisions by adding a question mark to the end of the number
    - *Example* k082 641.51?
  - You can search for usage of a number limited by a particular edition of DDC by adding the command 0822 plus the edition number
    - *Example* k082 641.59794 and 0822 23

*This LC help page for Dewey searching in the online catalog gives inaccurate information. Ignore it. I found no search where results were changed when I enclosed a Dewey query in quotation marks.*  
<http://catalog.loc.gov/help/ckwindex.htm#number>