

DEWEY? WE SURE DO!

Why Do We Dewey?

The **Dewey Decimal System** organizes information into 10 broad areas, which are broken into smaller and smaller topics. Different topics are assigned numbers, known as "call numbers." For example, "Animals" are given the number 599. To see what books the library currently has in on animals, go to the nonfiction shelves and find the books that have a 599 as part of their call number. This makes research much easier than if we filed alphabetically by title or author—you'd be running around all over the library!

Meaning Behind The Numbers

TITLE - Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang* CALL NUMBER - 782.1

7 00 represents fine arts

78 0 represents music

782 represents dramatic music & production of musical drama

782.1 represents opera

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Tips for finding books using Dewey Decimal call numbers

Arrange by numbers.

The smallest number goes first, including numbers after the decimal point

If numbers are identical (all the way to the last decimal!) then we arrange by the letters underneath.

These books and call numbers are in the correct order:

582	582.001	582.01 A	582.01 N	582.012 N
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Let's Practice!