

Assignment 3: Classification Systems

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Part 1

In this assignment, I used *The Discipline of Organizing*, edited by Robert Glushko (2013). It's a book on information organization and organization systems, so I chose the Dewey Decimal Classification 020, library and information sciences. According to the Library of Congress catalog, the book is classified under DDC 025 (Library of Congress, n.d.). I came to my conclusion by looking through an OCLC summary of each DDC (OCLC, 2003). Reflecting on the LOC's DDC classification, I believe their choice of 025 was better because it's more accurate to describe the book as information on library operations than mere general library and information sciences. According to WebDewey, the best DDC for the textbook may actually be 25.35, Cooperative cataloging, classification, indexing (OCLC, n.d.).

Part 2

The Library of Congress catalog has *The Discipline of Organizing* listed as Z666.5 .D57 2013 Library of Congress. (n.d.b). My knowledge of how this number is constructed is from the Library of Congress Classification lecture material (Huang, 2025). The "Z" comes from the LCC class Z being Bibliography, Library Science, and Information Resources (General). Z665-718.8 specifically is Library Science and Information Science, and Z666.5 specifies that it is general works of information organization. Because Glushko is the editor and not the primary author, the title becomes the main cutter. D for the first letter in Discipline, then 5 because in the cutter table the second letter, I, equals 5, and lastly the number 7 because in the cutter table the third letter, S, equals 7. Then 2013 is added after the cutter because that is the year the book was published.

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