

# Change in DDC segmentation policy on full DDC numbers

## Background

- Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and Library of Congress (LC) have traditionally followed the same segmentation policy regarding segmentation marks in full DDC numbers
- Library of Congress implemented a new policy Sept. 5, 2005

## Old Policy

- First segmentation mark placed following the number found in the abridged edition (14 ed.) but preceding the allowable standard subdivisions from abridged Table 1
- Second segmentation mark was placed before a standard subdivision but after the abridged part of the subdivision

## New Policy

- One segmentation mark is placed following the number found in the abridged edition (14 ed.) *including* the allowable standard subdivisions from abridged Table 1

## Implementation at LAC

- In consideration that WebDewey is the only official source of segmentation, LAC has decided to implement after the February "refresh" of that database
- LAC will implement the new policy March 1, 2006
- Implementation of the policy will be evident by full DDC numbers having only one segmentation mark