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Deutsche Nationalbibliografie, Series M and T: changes to Subject Categories beginning with bibliographic year 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since 2004, the German National Library (DNB) has been using DDC Subject Categories to classify all Series in the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie (German National Bibliography)¹ and the New Release Service².

The Subject Categories for Series M (Printed music and music publications) and T (Recorded music) have now been revised.

You will find an overview of the current and future DDC Subject Categories on the DNB's web pages³ regarding the use of DDC at the German National Library. Further information about DDC Subject Categories is available on the WIKI pages⁴ of DDC Deutsch.

Details of changes to DDC Subject Categories

New name

For the following Subject Categories, only the name has changed:

780.9	General music with historical, geographical or biographical reference
781.54	Background and mood music
781.64	Popular music
784.23	Orchestra with solo instrument(s)
787	Stringed instruments

¹ <https://www.dnb.de/EN/nationalbibliografie>

² <https://www.dnb.de/EN/nd>

³ <https://www.dnb.de/EN/ddcindnb>

⁴ <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/VYtrC>

New Subject Categories

The following new DDC Subject Categories have been added as the sheer volume of publications has made further diversification expedient:

	781.642	Country music
	781.643	Blues and soul
	781.646	Reggae
	781.648	Electronica
	781.649	Rap
	781.66	Rock music
	781.68	Classical music
	784.8	Wind band (formerly 784.9)
	787.8	Plectral instruments (formerly 787.7)
	787.83	Lute
	787.84	Mandolin
	787.87	Guitar
	788.32	Transverse flute
	788.36	Recorder
	788.52	Oboe
	788.58	Bassoon
	788.62	Clarinet
	788.7	Saxophone

Subject Categories no longer assigned

The following Subject Categories will no longer be assigned in future:

	780.2	Texts; treatises on music scores and recordings (from 2020: 780)
	783.1	Songs (from 2020: 783)
	784.2	Music for orchestra (from 2020: 784)
	784.9	Wind band (from 2020: 784.8)
	787.7	Plectral instruments (from 2020: 787.8)

In general, the DDC main classes will in future also be used as Subject Categories if necessary. Up to two secondary Subject Categories can also be assigned in addition to the main Subject Category.

Search and display in the catalogue

Legacy data records with Subject Categories that are no longer used will have the Subject Categories valid from 2020 assigned to them automatically. The search and display function in the catalogue⁵ will be modified to take account of the new Subject Categories.

If you have any questions, you can reach us by e-mail at metadatendienste@dnb.de and at the usual telephone numbers.

Kind regards,
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⁵ <https://portal.dnb.de>