

European DDC Users Group

The Dewey Journey in Europe:
a case study of classification in
the 21st century

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BDS

The Role of a Bibliographic Agency In
Promoting, Maintaining and Supporting
Dewey

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Objectives



- Introduce BDS
- Explain core activities
- Literary warrant in the UK
- Maintenance of Dewey
- Promotion of Dewey
- Support of Dewey
- Conclusions

Business Profile



- Established in 1995
- Bases in Dumfries and London
- Independent, privately owned company
- 5 business units
- 60 staff
- 30 staff are bibliographic cataloguers

Core Activities of BDS

- Pre-publication records
- Book-in-hand catalogue records
- Audio books
- Digital publications
- Extended content

Bibliographic Data Standards

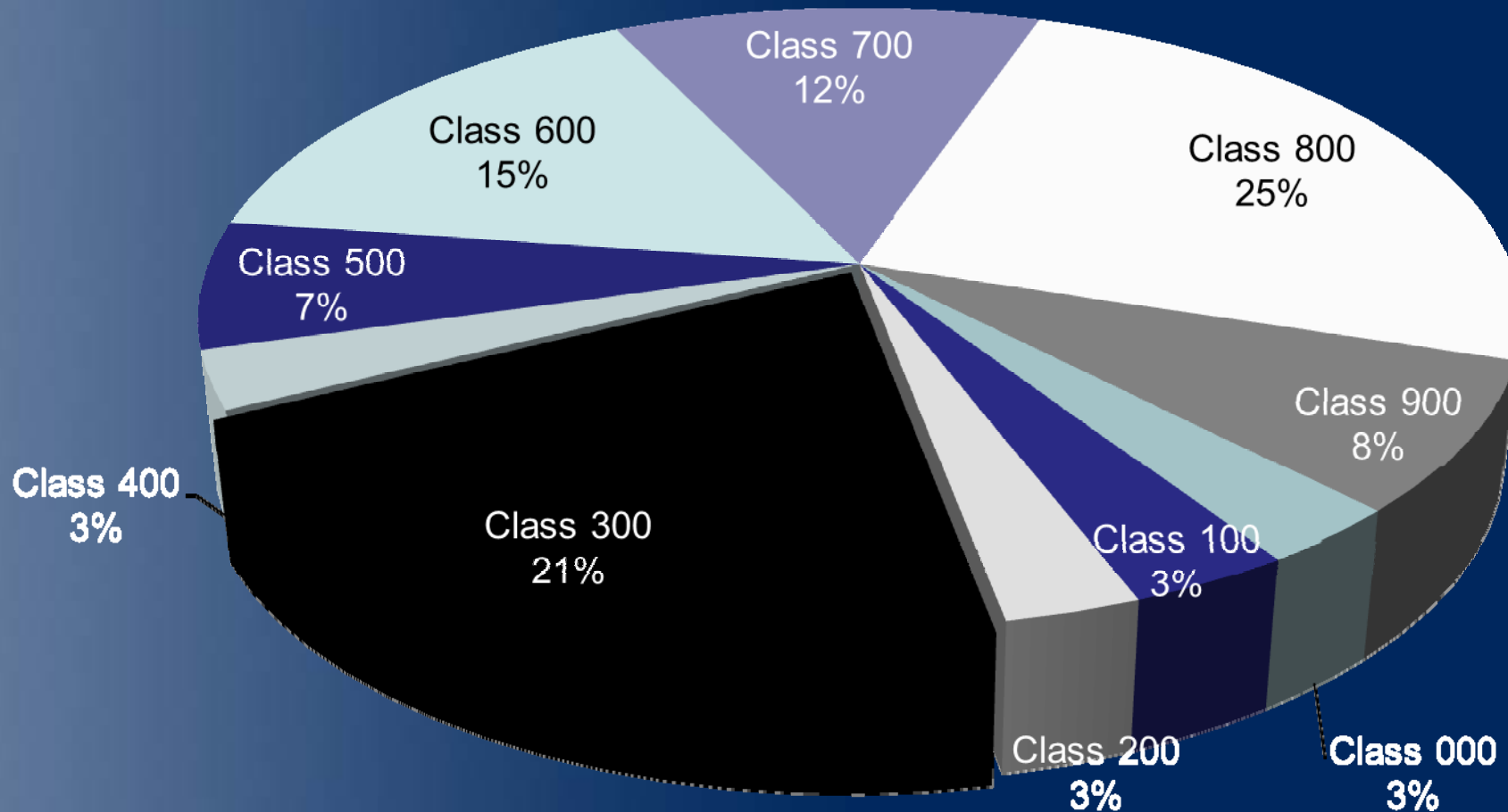
- AACR2
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- DDC
- LCC
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Customer Base

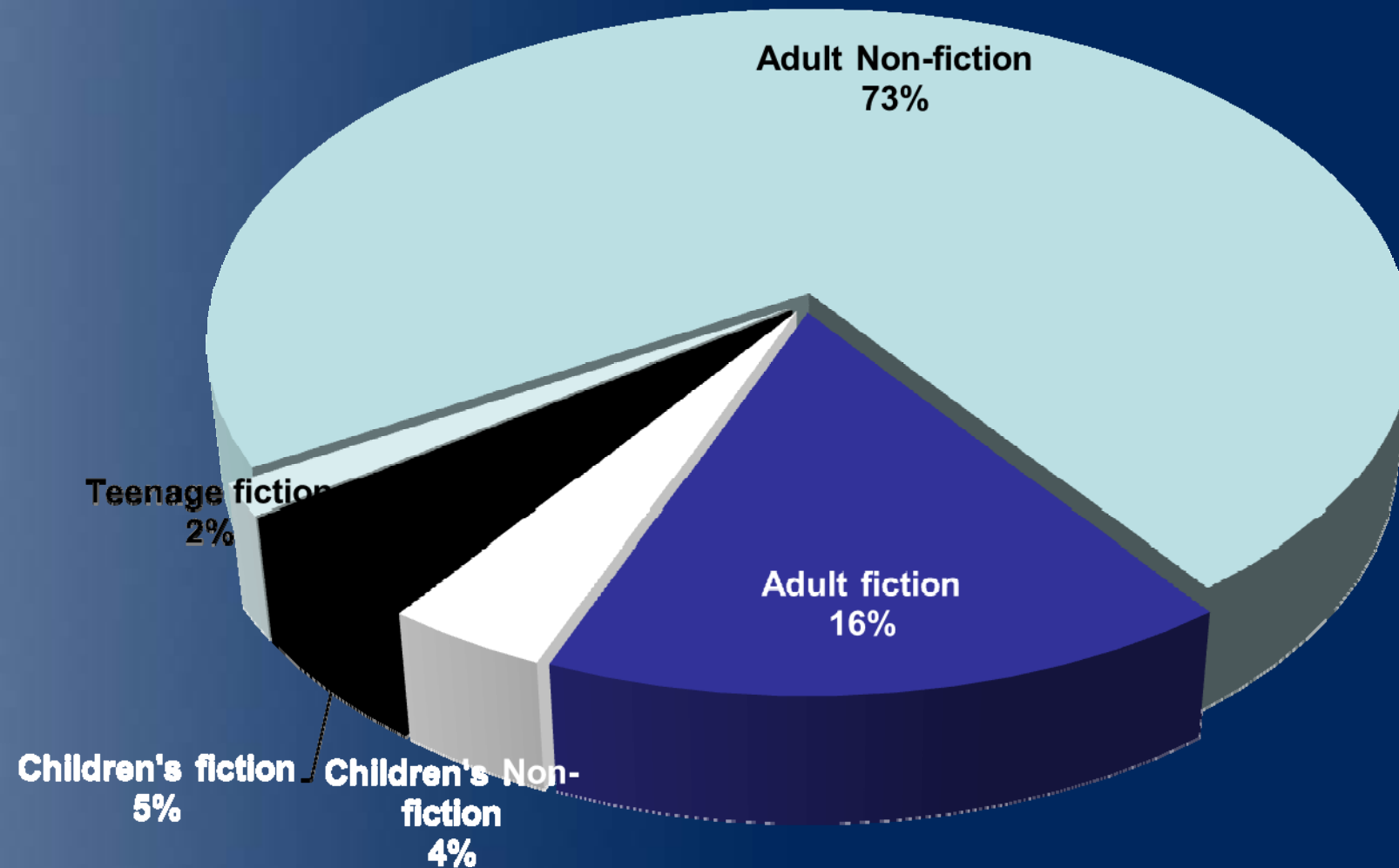


- National institutions
- Library suppliers and trade wholesalers
- Libraries
- Systems suppliers
- International bibliographic agencies
- Publishers
- Industry bodies

Records Created by BDS in 2010 Categorised by Dewey



Records Created by BDS in 2010 Categorised by Type



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The Medieval Gentry/Malcolm Mercer

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How Do We Maintain Dewey?



- Foresee trends
- Comprehensive overview of UK publishing
- Insight into the use of Dewey in libraries
- Cater for the needs of different types of institution
- Exposed to both pre-publication information and the published item
- Counter a theoretical approach with a pragmatic view based on literary warrant

How Do We Promote Dewey?

- Encourage libraries to embrace new edition
- Advise libraries on the implications of change
- Advise libraries swiftly on the creation of new numbers



BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA SERVICES

How Do We Support Dewey?

- Representation on the Dewey Committee
- Provide feedback from our customers
- Identify potential for phoenix schedules, discontinuing numbers or conflict
- Advocate the benefits of classification versus categorisation
- Universal availability of numbers leads to standardisation and secures the future of the classification code

To Recap



- Introduced BDS
- Explained core activities
- Considered literary warrant in the UK
- Maintenance of Dewey
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In Conclusion



- Mutually beneficial arrangement
- BDS can convey the requirements of the whole library community to the committee
- Closeness to the schedules assists our work
- BDS provides an international solution

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