



DEAR DEWEY: The WSH Library Digest

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Do you know the story about how the Dewey Decimal System came to be? It was invented by a brilliant eccentric named Melvil Dewey in 1876. Inventing a filing system that's still in use 135 years later is only one of his many contributions to the library world.

That is, when he wasn't infuriating his friends and colleagues.

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"What's your sign?" What a classic opening line. And what a classic book Linda Goodman wrote during the Age of Aquarius that remains in print today. Check out a copy of *Linda Goodman's Sun Signs* from us today!

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Did you know that we have hundreds of documentary films? May we recommend *Beyond Our Differences*, produced by PBS in 2009? Religious leaders and politicians are asked what inspires them spiritually during these turbulent times.. 72 minutes

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Start your New Year high on hope with *Connections : a self help and resource guide for the mentally ill, their families, and social service professionals*. The Seattle chapter of the National Advocates for the Mentally Ill has kept this vital recovery resource updated.

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Are you often at a loss for words? We can help! We have dictionaries and thesaurus, rhyming dictionaries and foreign language guides to best express yourself.

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Just think about it. As you layer on clothing against the winter chill—it's summer somewhere on Earth. Learn more about our natural world by borrowing books, movies and magazines on the topic. Too cold to go out? That's OK. Call ext 2593 or send a note for ward delivery.

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Dorling-Kindersley produces beautifully illustrated books on every topic. *The Human Body Book* and *The Human Brain Book* are masterpieces of exquisitely rendered anatomical images and diagrams.

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The WSH Library has a thousand opportunities to hear great music—such as rock, soul, classical, opera, gospel, country, folk, jazz, blues and world . Start your new year with a new tune!

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We have large selection of magazines on a variety of interests. Want a subscription list? We'd be happy to mail you one! The flip side features a brief summary of Mr. Dewey's system, too!

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The WSH Library is housed in historic building 8. Completed in 1950, the building was designed specifically for a research library and research facility. The building's first librarian was Clara Cooley. She wrote the manuscript *The History of Western State Hospital--1870-1950* in 1960—and is available for loan.

Fic

Bo Bradley is one of the more endearing characters in recent fiction. She's a brilliant detective, with a unique insight into her work. She is also bipolar—a condition that both helps and hinders her in her search for truth and justice. There are five Bo Bradley adventures, by Abigail Padgett.

Bio

The same year that Melvil Dewey invented his library classification system, Clifford Beers was born in Connecticut . All the Beers siblings would develop psychosis and spend their lives institutionalized. Clifford chose a different path after discharge. In 1908, He wrote of his experiences in *A Mind That Found Itself* (available for loan!). He also founded an organization to advocate for others with psychiatric diagnosis. Today, that organization is known as Mental Health America. www.nmha.org

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Andrew Carnegie