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Collection profile and collection policy Mongui Maduro Library

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Step 1

Determine the desired collection profile

Building blocks and tools

1. **Positioning of MML**
2. **Use DDC to translate positioning into main subject headings**
3. **Use conspectus method to determine desired composition of the collection**

1. Positioning MML

The MML supports the development, safeguarding and sharing of knowledge in the following three areas

- 1. The origins and development of the Sephardic Jewish community of Curaçao and its involvement outside of Curaçao. The emphasis is on connections with the Sephardic Jewish community in the Caribbean.**
- 2. The socio-cultural development of Curaçao [in a comparative Caribbean perspective] with special attention to the mutual influence of people and their environment.**
- 3. Specifically on the study of Curaçao's society, its population and culture, in the past and the present.**

(Kadernotitie visie en strategie by M. Groenewoud)

2. Main subjects and DDC

The positioning of MML was translated
into main subjects of the Dewey
Decimal System



Why use the DDC ?

- The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system is a general knowledge organization tool that is continuously revised to keep pace with knowledge
- The DDC is the most widely used classification system in the world. Libraries in more than 135 countries use the DDC to organize and provide access to their collections, and DDC numbers are featured in the national bibliographies of more than 60 countries
- One of Dewey's great strengths is that the system is developed and maintained in a national bibliographic agency, the Library of Congress.

3. Conspectus method



Conspectus method

- The conspectus method is used to determine the “desired composition of the library collection by using **collection depth indicators**

Level	Explanation
0	Out of scope
1	Minimal information level
2	Basic information level
3	Study or instructional support level
4	Research Level
5	Comprehensive Level

Result : Proposal collection profile june 2019

- For each main subject the desired collection depth (level) was determined
- For most types of library materials it was indicated whether there will be an :
 - 1. Active acquisition policy (new items will be added)
or
 - 2. Passive acquisition policy (existing items will be preserved but **no** new items will be added)



The way ahead



Way ahead

- Analyze existing collection and compare with desired collection profile (strengths and weaknesses of the collection)
- Improve current collection policy to achieve desired collection profile