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Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

Welcome to this special conference edition of the CyberSunflower! Every page of this edition is packed with highlights and helpful information about our KSDAR Annual Meeting, which will be held April 30 to May 2, 2020 at the Wichita Marriott.

Our President General, Denise Van Buren, will make her official visit to Kansas for this conference. We have many exciting activities planned for the conference including a reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library to see our Kansas DAR library holdings in their new home. An outstanding number of members completing the Members, New Horizons, and Genealogical Education Program (GEP) courses will graduate. The weekend will feature important business of the Society, outstanding speakers, entertainment, and award winners, and is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas from your chapter and in fellowship with Kansas Daughters.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling 316-651-0333 and telling them you are with the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution or by going to:

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1569966681431&key=GRP&app=resvlink

Register for the KSDAR Annual Meeting via mail by downloading this registration form or online at:

2020 KSDAR Annual Meeting Registration Form I look forward to seeing you in Wichita this spring!

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



Why Should I Attend State Conference?

The Kansas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution host their annual meeting know as State Conference in the Spring of each year. In 2020 the State Conference will be held in Wichita, KS at the Marriott Hotel. The President General, Denise Doring VanBuren will be our special guest this year.

You may wonder what the State Conference has to do with you and why you should consider attending. As a member of KSDAR, it is your right and responsibility to provide direction to the state society by voting and participating in the conference. There will be some bylaw changes brought before the conference, and the budget for the state society will be presented for a vote. In addition, the state officers, chapter regents and state chairs will be presenting short reports on activities since the 2019 state conference.

This meeting showcases the state society and its members, highlights the youth award winners, scholarship winners, and others that have made an impact within our communities in Kansas. It is also a time to learn more about the society, meet women that have similar interests as you, and participate in service projects. There will be a reception honoring KSDAR for our donation of the KSDAR Library to the Wichita Advanced Learning Library (ALL) that will allow members to see where the collection is housed and the wonderful resources available to the public with this acquisition.

Commonly Asked Questions:

Q: Where is the meeting?

A: The 2020 KSDAR State Conference is April 30 – May 2 in Wichita, KS at the Marriott Hotel. To make reservation, call 316-651-0333 and tell them you are with the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. If you don't have a roommate – reach out to Becky Craig, State Meetings Chair as she is maintaining a list of those looking for a roommate!

Q: Isn't the State Conference just for chapter officers and state leaders?

A: No, the State Conference is for ALL members of KSDAR to learn, participate and help direct the Society.

Q: Is it too late to sign up?

A: No! Tell your Chapter Regent you want to attend and complete the registration form and send it in.

Q: What do I wear at State Conference?

A: Daytime attire is business meaning dresses, suits, nice pants and tops. Friday night and Saturday night can be long formal dresses or cocktail attire.

Q: Are pins required?

A: If you have the official blue and white ribbon with Insignia, please wear it, however, if you do not own the NSDAR pins, do not worry, many of the ladies that attend don't have them either!

Q: How do I know what to do, where to go, and when to be there?

A: The schedule for the conference is in this newsletter that will let you know what time each meeting/event takes place. When you arrive, go to the onsite registration to sign in and pick up your program that will notify you of locations for all events. You will receive a ribbon for your name tag that will alert others that this is your first conference so that they can reach out and make sure you don't have any questions. Pages, the juniors in white dresses and sashes, are also available to assist you as you navigate the meeting.

"Toot Your Horn" Advertise in the KSDAR State Conference Program!

Does your chapter have a project you want to highlight or a member you want to salute? How about an upcoming event you want to invite the members to or a contest winner that you want to showcase? Ads can be placed in the official State Conference Program. Full page ads are \$45 and half page are \$25. Send a check made out to KSDAR State Treasurer to Janet Lake with a printed copy of the ad and email your ad to State Reporter Kimberly Patrick. Deadline is March 30, 2020. Ads should be a jpeg or in Word. Full Page size is 9 ¾ " tall x 4" wide and the half page is 4 ¾" x 4".

Meet the Conference Guests



Denise Doring VanBuren, President General

Denise is the 45th President General of our society and is a 32-year member of NSDAR. She is a member of the Melzingah Chapter in Dutchess County, New York. Denise has served as State Regent of New York, and her national service includes having served as the Editor in Chief of *American Spirit Magazine*, Organizing Secretary General and First Vice President General. On a personal level, she has three adult sons, all of whom received appointments to West Point Military Academy. Her husband, Christopher Barclay, is her greatest supporter. Professionally, she is retired from Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation after 25 years where she served as Vice President of Public Relations. She previously was a newscaster in New York.



Cecile Wimberly, Tennessee State Regent

Cecile is a 1999 Graduate of Lipscomb University with a BA in History and Political Science and a 2002 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law. In 2013 she studied conflict resolution and conferencing at the International Institute of Restorative Practices in Bethlehem, PA and is a trained conference facilitator. Devoting the first 11 years of her legal career to providing pro bono services to nonprofits in her region, she is currently the Advocacy Manager at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee. She is a 24-year member of DAR and NSDAR National Vice Chair Property Beautification and Hospitality, State Regent's Dinners and Member of the Board of Trustees at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School. She previously served as the NSDAR National Chair of Junior Membership. She has been married to her husband Matt for 17 years and they have two sons, Michael (12) and Matthew (9).



Bethe Clark-Urban

Bethe is a third generation DAR member, and is extremely honored to serve the Colorado State Society as State Regent with the very talented state executive committee in this 53rd State Administration! Joining in 2004, she is forever grateful to be part of organizing the Doctor Susan Anderson Chapter as the Organizing Regent and many other chapter and state positions. She is currently serving as a member of the National Long-Range Planning Commission since 2013 and served as a national chair in the Dillon, Young and Wright administrations. Between 2019 through 2021, we will be **Connecting Hearts** with our members and chapters providing inspiration, training, and ideas in order for each to be actively involved as chapters perform meaningful activities in their local communities, learning about the women who organized and served in our 125-years of Colorado history **as We Honor and Celebrate!**



Charlotte White, Louisiana State Regent

Charlotte was born and raised in Winnsboro, LA. She became a member of the Oakley Chapter of LSDAR in 1998. She has held many positions including chapter regent, chapter first vice regent, state historian, state treasurer, district director and state chair of DAR Good Citizen and President Generals project sales. She is currently serving as State Regent, chapter registrar and America 250 Membership Task Force volunteer. Charlotte studied anthropology, antiquities and Latin at the Louisiana State University. She is a certified master diver and stress and rescue diver. She worked as an accountant for White Ford Lincoln Mercury in Winnsboro, Louisiana. Her hobbies include genealogy and scuba diving, but she also loves to travel and spend time with family and friends. Charlotte and her husband Robert share 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

State Conference Terminology

When attending State Conference you may see and hear terms that you might not understand. The following are some of the more commonly used words and phrases:

- **BOM** The BOM stands for Board of Management. The Board of Management is made up of the state officers, national officers from Kansas, each chapter regent in the state or, in her absence, the chapter vice regent. State chairs, district directors and honorary state regents may attend the meeting of the BOM with voice but no vote.
- Page Pages are juniors that wear white at state meetings and are responsible for keeping the meetings running, assisting members, and performing other functions as requested.
- Executive Committee This committee is comprised of the elected officers of the Kansas Society.
- **Finance Committee** the KSDAR Finance Committee is comprised of the state treasurer, state vice regent, state recording secretary and two members appointed by the state regent. They present the proposed state budget and recommendations concerning the finances of KSDAR to the BOM.
- **ALL** The Wichita Advanced Learning Library is where the Kansas Library Holdings were donated. This facility is part of the Wichita Public Library system.
- Heritage Club To be a member of the Heritage Club one must have donated over \$500 cumulative to NSDAR.
- **Delegates and Alternates** A delegate is an elected representative from the chapter that has voting privileges at state conference. An alternate is only allowed to vote if asked to take the place of a chapter's delegate.



Once a Page....Always a Page

Denise Bullock

When I first served as a Page for KSDAR, I had no idea how it would change my view of DAR or change my life!! Looking at the photos from "back in the day" I have a sense of



pride that I was able to serve our Society in that capacity and learn so much while doing it. Although I was scared to death the first time, there were Daughters there to encourage, teach and walk alongside. With the support of my family and my chapter I was able to serve as a young, pregnant wife through being the mother of three small children. Believe me, white maternity clothes are NOT an easy thing!! A job opportunity took our family to Texas for twelve years but when we returned, those same Daughters I served with (and others) were there to welcome me back as if I'd never left. What a pleasure to serve as a Page, donned in white, and down the road serve suited-up as a state officer with many of those same young ladies at the table or smiling from their seats in the assembly!! A picture is worth a thousand words, so the picture I chose is a testament to paging being FUN, too!!

Page at Any Age! A State Conference Opportunity You Don't Want to Miss!



Have you always wished you had served as a Page or wish you could go back and Page again?

Your wish can come true at the 2020 KSDAR State Conference. Your State Officers invite you to join them for the Page at Any Age event at the Saturday evening Junior Membership Banquet. Sash up, carry a flag, be a Personal Page, assist Daughters from across the state and experience the joy of serving as a Page!

A brief training session will be scheduled during conference to answer last-minute questions and make assignments. Beforehand, participants will need to review the Page Manual found on the KSDAR Website SIP section under Junior Membership.

Please contact Denise Bullock, State Organizing Secretary, to reserve your Page Sash and receive updates.

The State Regent has declared you DON'T have to wear white...that is, UNLESS YOU WANT TO!

2020 KSDAR State Conference Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS

The 2020 State Conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott April 30th – May 2nd, President General Denise Doring VanBuren will be our guest of honor, and we will be having a reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library to celebrate the inclusion of the KSDAR Library into their holdings. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 316-651-0333 and telling them you are with the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution or by going to: https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1569966681431&key=GRP&app=resvlink

122nd State Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Finance Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.	Executive Board Room
Executive Committee Meeting	12:30 p.m.	Executive Board Room
Registration Open (All members must register)	2:00 p.m 4:45 p.m.	Preassembly
Kansas "Koutoure" Shoppe - Fine Formal Attire	2:00 p.m 4:45 p.m.	TBD
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	3:00 p.m 4:15 p.m.	Salon F
Sales Room Set Up	3:30 p.m 5:00 p.m.	Wichita Ballroom
All Member Dinner	5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Salon F
State Officer Club Dinner with Guests	5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Salon E
Wichita Advanced Learning Library Reception	7:00 p.m.	711 W 2nd St. N, Wichit
Sales Room Set Up	8:00 p.m 10:00p.m.	Wichita Ballroom
Page Meeting & Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.	Preassembly
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	8:30 p.m.	Salon F



Friday, May 1, 2020

Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	7:00 a.m 8:15 a.m.	Salon F
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:45 a.m 5:99 p.m.	Preassembly
Sales Room Open When Not in Session	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Wichita Ballroom
Board of Management Meeting	8:30 a.m 9:30 a.m.	Salon A - F
Memorial Service	9:45 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Atrium
Lunch: Graduation Ceremony	11:00 a.m 1:30 p.m.	Salon A - F
State Conference Opening Session	1:45 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Salon A - F
Heritage Club Reception - Invitation Only	4:15 p.m 5:15 p.m.	Corporate Hills Ballroom
All Member Activity - Comedy Vets	4:15 p.m 5:15 p.m.	Atrium
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	4:45 p.m 6:30 p.m.	Salon A - F
Cash Bar	5:15 p.m 7:00 p.m.	Preassembly Section
PHOTOS - Chapter Regents/District Directors	5:15 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Pages	5:30 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Graduates	5:40 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - State Committee Chairs	5:50 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Guests	6:00 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - Honorary State Regents	6:10 p.m.	Atrium
PHOTOS - State Officers	6:20 p.m.	Atrium
Processional	6:45 p.m.	Atrium
State Regent's Banquet	7:00 p.m.	Salon A - F





Saturday, May 2, 2020

Junior Membership Club

Cameo Club Generations	7:15 a.m.	TBD
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:30 a.m.	Preassembly
Sales Room Open When Not in Session		Wichita Ballroom
State Conference Final Session	8:30 a.m 10:45 a.m.	Salon A - F
Chapter Regents Luncheon	11:30 a.m 2:00 p.m.	Salon A - F
Youth Awards Celebration	2:30 p.m 4:00 p.m.	Corporate Hills Ballroom
Cash Bar	5:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.	Preassembly
State Officer and Chapter Regent Processional	6:00 p.m.	Preassembly
Junior Membership Banquet	6:15 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Salon A - F

9:15 p.m.

Topeka Room



2020 KSDAR State Conference Registration Form

April 30 - May 2

Please complete one registration form for each attendee and PRINT CLEARLY.

Name (as desired on name tag)						
Address	City	State	Zip			
Phone ()	Email	@				
(registration confirmation will be sent if your email address is provided) Chapter: District NE NW SE SW Delegate Alternate Regent State Officer National/Honorary Officer Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/) Special Meal Consideration						
Vegan/Vegetarian Gluten-free	e Other:					
Thursday Dinner - State Officer						
London Broil		607.7				
Salmon						
Vegetarian Penne Pasta		\$37.75				
Thursday Dinner - All Members	Dinner					
Hamburger		\$36.75				
Chicken Sandwich						
Pasta Primavera		\$36.75				
Friday Graduation Lunch						
Deli Buffet		\$31.25				
Friday State Regent's Banquet						
Pork Loin		\$33.00				
White Fish		\$38.25				
Roasted Eggplant		\$33.00				
Saturday Chapter Regents Lunc	ch .					
Soup & Salad		\$29.00				
Saturday Junior Membership Ba	anquet					
Top Sirloin		\$37.75				
Grilled Chicken		\$33.00				
Vegetarian Ratatouille		\$33.00				
Page Patron Fund		\$				
State Regent Project Fund		\$				
State Conference Registration			<u>310.00</u>			
Any member (except pages) attending	any function of State Conf	erence must pay the registra	tion fee			
		TOTAL				
The Page Patron Fund pays for the regis KSDAR Treasurer. Registration and che 2020, and mailed to: Renee Gruen, State	ck must be postmarked on	or before April 5, 2020. No re	efunds after April 20,			
In case of emergency please contact:		•				
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Meeting Location: Wichita Marriott,						

Meeting Location: Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS, (316) 651-0333 by March 30, 2020 Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ksdar-annual-state-conference-2020-tickets-94490661111 (additional fees apply)

Miss Maggie Mellette, 2020 National Junior Doll is Coming to Kansas!

Introducing Miss Maggie Mellette, the 2020 National Junior Doll for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Maggie is based on the life of Margaret Wylie Mellette. She was the wife of Arthur C. Mellette and together they had four sons. Arthur was appointed the last Dakota Territory Governor before being elected the first Governor of South Dakota. Maggie Mellette then became the first First Lady of South Dakota. Miss Maggie is a custom-made porcelain doll complete with detailed outfits that showcase the remarkable history Miss Maggie witnessed during her life starting at the Civil War through her time as the First Lady of South Dakota. They highlight her life as wife, mother, pioneer, suffragist, and DAR member.

After Arthur completed his two terms as governor, the Mellette family moved to Pittsburg, Kansas. Unfortunately, Arthur passed away a few years later and Miss Maggie then remained in Pittsburgh with her son, Anton. Miss Maggie was best friends with Sarah E. Guernsey, the only President General from Kansas.

The National Junior Doll Project started over 50 years ago to benefit the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Each year, state organizations volunteer for the honor of sponsoring the National Junior Doll. Members from the sponsoring state donate or make all clothing and accessories for the doll. The doll is usually modeled after someone influential from the state or from the DAR in general. It has become tradition that in the third year of a President General's administration, her home state sponsors the National Junior Doll, and the doll that year is named in honor of the President General. Juniors sell voices for the national Junior Doll for one year. All proceeds raised are donated to the Helen Pouch Fund for the NSDAR supported schools. The drawing for the National Doll is held during Continental Congress, and the winner receives the doll, her wardrobe, a replica doll bed and quilt. In addition, Miss Maggie comes with her own library including a copy of Maggie Mellette's Paper Doll Publication, The Mellette's: A family and a Home; The Civil War Diary of Arthur Calvin Mellette; and Maggie: The Civil War Diary of Margaret Wylie Mellette.

Miss Maggie will be accompanied on her journey by Michelle McElroy who will be selling voices for this Junior Doll.





"Help Veterans Laugh — Help Veterans Survive"

Comedy Vets is comprised of former United States military who just happen to also be FUNNY! They have proudly served our country and now Stand-Up and Serve active military, veterans and their families. Comedy Vets produces live comedy shows for military personnel and their families. They also produce shows for organizations that have a passion and desire to support active and former military. WHAT A PERFECT FIT!!

KSDAR is proud to announce that Jeff Henderson of Comedy Vets will be entertaining Kansas Daughters on Friday evening of state conference from 4:15-5:15 pm in the Atrium of the Wichita Marriott. Come relax, laugh and learn!! Jeff will have a few items for sale and donation jars will be present for the Comedy Vet mission and to combat veteran suicide.

Page Webinar

If you are planning to page at the 2020 State Conference, are considering paging, or want to support the pages, please attend the webinar on March 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The webinar will be recorded and posted on-line for anyone unable to attend that evening.

Paging s a great way to learn more about DAR and to make life-long friends!

March 4th at 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://ksu.zoom.us/j/589221300 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 589 221 300



Youth Awards

Come celebrate the accomplishments of the American History, Christopher Columbus and Good Citizens contest winners, and scholarship recipients. At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 we will gather to show our appreciation for these students.

Graduation

Join us for lunch on Friday, May 1 to celebrate the graduates of the Members. New Horizons and GEP Courses. The President General will be present to see these members receive their honors. If you have previously graduated, please bring your cords!

Chapter Credentials Due By March 16, 2020

Every chapter must submit a credentials form to the State Credentials Chair Bev Ronnebaum, to the State Registrar Lee Cox, and to the State Treasurer Janet Lake. Forms may be submitted electronically and or by mail. The credentials form can be found on the members KSDAR website at:

http://www.kansasdar.org/members/forms/2020_Credentials.pdf. The number of delegates and alternates allowed each chapter is as follows:

- A chapter with 12 49 members has 3 votes: Regent + 2 for a total of 3 delegates
- A chapter with 50 199 members has 6 votes: Regent + 5 for a total of 6 delegates
- A chapter with over 200 members has 9 votes: Regent + 8 for a total of 9 delegates
- The number of alternates shall not exceed twice the number of delegates

Just a note – in order to have voting privileges, a chapter must have paid their dues by December 1, delegates and alternates must be elected by 60 days prior to conference and the credentials form must be submitted by March 16.

Last Call for Sunflower Singers!

If you are interested in joining the KSDAR Sunflower Singers, please contact Kimberly Patrick at KimAPatrick@aol.com and provide your name and vocal range. The chorus will be performing at the State Regent's Banquet on Friday night during the 2020 State Conference. Rehearsals will be Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday morning and afternoon.



CAMEO GENERATIONS MEETING - MAY 2, 2020 AT 7:15 A.M.



Cameo Generations was begun in order to promote understanding and fellowship between generations and to encourage families to share their history and genealogical information. To become a member, you must have (or had) a grandmother, mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, aunt or cousin that has had simultaneous membership in NSDAR. This relative does not have to be living. The Application fee is \$1 and annual dues are \$5. The application can be found on the members page and can be brought to the meeting. Contact President Debby Potter at debby.wpmg@gmail.com for more information.

Junior Club – Meeting – May 2, 2020 at 9:15 p.m. 2020 Theme – Juniors Light Up Our Lives!

The Junior Club meets for fellowship and social activities. Any DAR member who joined as a Junior (age 18 to 35) and any member who has served on the Junior Membership Committee can join. The annual dues are \$----- and may be paid at the meeting. Contact President Jodi Bachand at Jodibachand@yahoo.com.



State Officers Club Dinner – April 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The State Officers Club will welcome President Denise VanBuren and our conference guests for the annual dinner and a program presented by Old Cowtown Re-enactors. The membership is current and past KSDAR State Officers. The one-time initiation fee is \$5 and the annual dues are \$1. For more information, contact President Kimberly Patrick at kimapatrick@aol.com.



President General's Project Sales

The 2020 KSDAR State Conference will welcome President General Denise VanBuren. Items from the President General's Project Sales will be available for purchase when meetings are not in session. Funds from these sales will be utilized to fulfill the President General's Second Act Project.



STATE REGENT PROJECT SALES

The State Conference will allow members to shop for the Metzger Administration's Welcome Home merchandise. The project sales will be open when the meetings are not in session. Funds will support the State Regent's project.



THE JUNIOR SHOPPE



Ready to help your Kansas Juniors this year? The Junior Shoppe is looking for donations for the Spring Conference. The sale of these donations will go towards helping Kansas Juniors at the State level. We are interested in gently used trinkets, knickknacks, handmade goods, and patriotic decor. In addition, we would love to have your individually packaged baked goods, jelly or other food items. You can drop off your donations on Thursday or Friday morning of the State Conference If you have any questions you can contact Michelle Snyder, dysteny2004@yahoo.com, or 316-670-9426 (please leave a message), to pick up items or if you need more ideas.

Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution Memorial Service Friday, May 1, 2020 9:45 a.m. Wichita Marriott



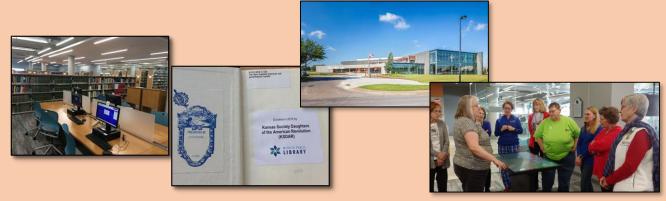
KSDAR Members who have passed since the last Memorial Service will be remembered.

Please invite family members of your deceased members if you think they would like to attend.

Hats are optional, but not required.

KSDAR State Chaplaín Retha Blecha

Reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library (ALL)



Plan to arrive at the 2020 State Conference on Thursday, April 30, in time to attend the Wichita Advanced Learning Library reception celebrating the KSDAR Library accession. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. at the facility located at 711 W. 2nd St. N, Wichita, KS.

7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Library Cards Issued

7:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. - Tours of the Research Pavilion

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Formal Presentation & Refreshments

The ALL has incorporated the KSDAR Library Holdings into their facility with specialized bookplates that state "Donated in 2019 by Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution (KSDAR)." The collection has been catalogued with Dewey Decimal System identification and can be searched online.