Dewey Answers
A Newsroom Wiki

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Introduction

- Open source software
  - MediaWiki
  - Linux OS
- Started in December 2005
- Local stylebook became a Wiki
- Everyone in the library contributes
- Why Dewey Answers?
Philosophy and Objectives

• Long term project
  – Dewey Answers is a long term asset

• Built on each day’s paper
  – News of definitive value added to Almanac
  – Research performed for a story

• Closed Wiki
  – Librarians and senior editors (stylebook)

• Single source of information
  – Published Dispatch articles
  – Library research
What does Dewey Answer?

- Quick, accurate background on recent news events
- Profiles of newsmakers
- Local stylebook
- A news almanac
- Timelines
- Tipsheets, newsroom documents
Categories

• Category: Almanac
• Category: Buildings
• Category: Events
• Category: People
• Category: Quick Lookups
• Category: Stylebook
• Category: Tipsheets
• Category: Welcome Wagon
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Browse within

Search across
Categories can have subcategories

- **Almanac**
  - months, years, decades, anniversaries, chronologies

- **People**
  - business, crime, deceased, entertainment, politics, sports
Future categories?

- **Category: Sports**
  - OSU football?

- **Category: Dispatch**
  - Printed corporate history as well as library generated materials
Administration

- The Dewey Answers editor changes each week as part of extra duties
- Librarians can create any article of their own choosing at any time
- Monthly Dewey Answers meeting
A life in balance

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