



Homeschool Learning Network Meet Melvil Dewey

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After reading the biographical pieces about "the Father of Librarianship," Melvil Dewey, answer the following questions.

- **A Biography of Melvil Dewey**
<http://www.oclc.org/dewey/about/biography.htm>
- **Activities of Melvil Dewey**
<http://istweb.syr.edu/~isd561/Dewey/activities.html>
- **Melvil Dewey: Founder of Book Classification**
<http://web.utk.edu/~timagee1/timagee.htm>

1. Where was Dewey born?
2. Where was Dewey working when he invented the DDC?
3. How did Dewey shorten the spelling of his last name?
4. What is the name of the association Dewey established in 1876?
5. What offices did he hold in this association?
6. Dewey formed a company called the Library Bureau. What did his company sell?



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7. Where was the first library school established?

8. When did Dewey become the director of the New York State Library?

9. What two elements did Dewey believe obstructed elementary education?

10. Where was the first library conference held?

11. When Dewey started the School of Library Economy, women were not permitted to enroll at the college. Yet he welcomed women students and 17 out of the 20 enrollees were women. What happened to Dewey as a result?

12. What was the name of the club Dewey formed in the Adirondacks?

13. Was this club influential in bringing the Winter Olympics to New York?

14. Why was Dewey forced to resign from the club he formed?

15. Where did Dewey move to after he left New York?