

## **A GENERAL WORKS**

- AE Encyclopedias.
- AY Almanacs.

## **B PHILOSOPHY - RELIGION**

- BF Psychology.
- BL-BX Religion.

## **C HISTORY**

- CB History of Civilization.
- CC Archaeology.
- CT General Biography.

## **D HISTORY**

- DA-DQ European History.
- DK Russian History.
- DS-DT Asian, African History.

## **E U.S. HISTORY**

- E186 Colonial History.
- E456 Civil War.
- E740 Twentieth Century.

## **F HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS**

- F1 State Histories.
- F411 Arkansas.
- F1001 Canada.
- F1201 Mexico. Latin America.

## **G GEOGRAPHY**

- GN Anthropology. Ethnology.
- GR-GT Folklore. Manner. Customs.
- GV Dance. Sports. Amusements.

## **H SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- HA Statistics.
- HB-HD Economics.
- HD1361 Real Estate.
- HF Business.
- HM Sociology.
- HQ The Family. Marriage. Women.
- HV Welfare. Criminology.

## **J POLITICAL SCIENCE**

- JK U.S.
- JS Local Government.
- JX International Relations.

## **K LAW**

- KF U.S. Law.
- KFA Arkansas Law.

## **L EDUCATION**

## **M MUSIC**

## **N FINE ARTS**

- NA-NB Architecture. Sculpture.
- NC-NE Drawing. Painting. Prints.
- NK Crafts.

## **P LANGUAGE & LITERATURE**

- PA Classical Language, Literature.
- PC2001 French Language.
- PC4001 Spanish Language.
- PE English Language.
- PE1128 English as a Second Language.
- PF German Language.
- PL Japanese. Korean. Chinese Language.
- PN Poetry. Theater. Speech. Journalism.
- PQ1 French Literature.
- PQ6001 Spanish Literature.
- PR British Literature.
- PS American Literature.
- PT German Literature.
- PZ Children's, Young Adult Literature.

## **Q SCIENCE**

- QA Mathematics.
- QA76 Computer Science.
- QB Astronomy.
- QC Physics.
- QD Chemistry.
- QE Geology.
- QH Natural History.
- QH301 Biology.
- QK-QL Botany. Zoology.
- QM-QP Human Anatomy. Physiology.
- QR Bacteriology.

## **R MEDICINE**

- R General, Medical Records.
- RC International Medicine, Diagnosis.
- RG-RJ Gyn/Obs, Pediatrics.
- RK Dentistry.
- RM-RS Pharmacology.
- RT Nursing.

## **S AGRICULTURE**

- SB Horticulture.

## **T TECHNOLOGY**

- TA-TH General Engineering. Construction.
- TJ Mechanical Engineering.
- TK Electrical Engineering. Electronics.
- TL Motor Vehicles, Aeronautics.
- TN-TP Mining. Metallurgy.
- TR Photography.
- TS Manufacturing. Quality Control.
- TX Handicrafts. Home Economics.

## **U MILITARY SCIENCE**

## **V NAVAL SCIENCE**

## **Z BIBLIOGRAPHY, LIBRARY SCIENCE**

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# Library of Congress Classification: Major Subject Divisions

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# Pulaski Technical College Ottenheimer Library

## Understanding Call Numbers within the Library of Congress Classification System

### How do you read the call numbers?

The LC Classification System uses a combination of letters and numbers to arrange materials on library shelves by subject:

Read call numbers line by line:

**LB**  
**2395**  
**.C65**  
**1991**

Read the first line in alphabetical order:  
A, B, BF, CD...L, LA, LB, LC, M, ML...

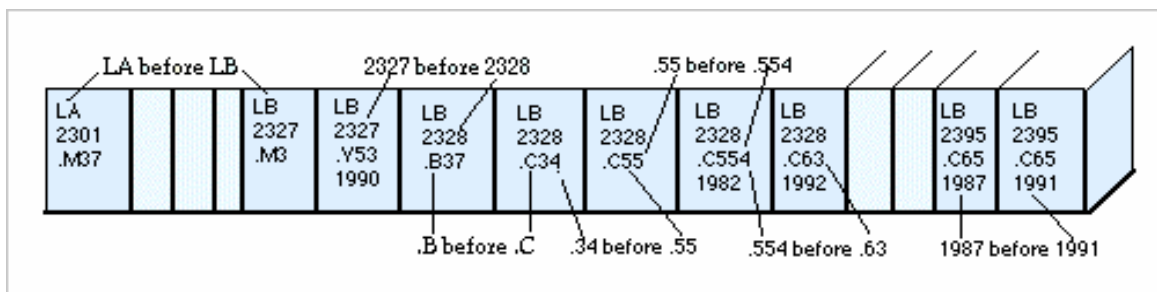
Read the second line as a whole number:  
1, 2, 3, 45, 100, 101, 1000, 2000, 2430..  
(Some call numbers include a decimal number after the whole number on the second line. Any number after a decimal point is read as a decimal number)

The third line is a combination of a letter and numbers:  
Read the letter alphabetically,  
Read the number as a decimal: .C65 = .65 C724 = .724  
(Some call numbers have more than one combination letter-number line.)

The last line is the publication date, read in chronological order: 1987, 1989, 1998, 2000


### In what order do call numbers appear on the shelf?

Call numbers are arranged line by line, just as they are read, starting with the letter or letters in alphabetical order:



### What information does the call number tell you?

The LC Classification System arranges materials by subjects. The first sections of the call number represent the subject of the book. The letter-and-decimal section of the call number often represents the author's last name. The last section of a call number is often the date of the publication:



Title: *What You Need to Know About Developing Study Skills, Taking Notes & Tests, Using Dictionaries & Libraries*

Author: Coman, Marcia J.

Call number LB 2395.C65 1997

The first two lines describe the subject of the book:  
LB2395 = Methods of study in higher education

This line often represents the author's last name:  
.C65 = Coman

The year the book was published

**LB**  
**2369**  
**.C65**  
**1997**