



Library of Congress Call Numbers

Library Resource Guide

Most of the UT Libraries shelve books according to Library of Congress (LC) Call Numbers. Each letter designates a broad subject area, and is further divided into two letter subjects, then by number. The last part of the call number identifies a particular book within a specific subject area. See the back page for information on how to find a book with an LC Call Number.

If you would like to browse all of the books on a particular subject, use the chart below to identify the LC Call number. In the Carlson Library General Collection, call numbers in the left-hand column are on the fourth floor, and those in the right-hand column are on the fifth floor. All books in the Carlson Juvenile Collection are in the northeast corner of the fourth floor, and any in the Carlson Reference Collection are on the first floor.

A General Works

- AE Encyclopedias
- AY Yearbooks & Almanacs

B Philosophy/Psychology/Religion

- B-BD Philosophy
- BF Psychology
- BL-BX Religion

C: History: Related Fields

- CC Archaeology
- CT Biography

D History (except N & S. American)

E American History

F Local History & Non US

History of North & South America

G Geography/Anthropology/Recreation

- G-GF Geography
- GN Anthropology
- GV Recreation

H Social Sciences

- HA Statistics
- HB-HJ Economics, Business, & Finance
- HM-HX Sociology

J Political Science

- JK United States
- JX International Law

K Law

- KFO Ohio Law

L Education

M Music

N Fine Arts

P Languages and Literature

- PA Classical Languages & Literature
- PE English Language
- PN Literary History & Film

PQ Romance Languages Literature

PR English Literature

PS American Literature

Q Science

- QA Mathematics & Computers
- QB Astronomy
- QC Physics
- QD Chemistry
- QE Geology
- QH Natural History & General Biology
- QK Botany
- QL Zoology
- QR Microbiology

R Medicine

- RM Pharmacology
- RS Pharmacy
- RT Nursing

S Agriculture

T Technology

- TA Civil Engineering
- TJ Mechanical Engineering
- TK Electrical Engineering
- TP Chemical Engineering

U Military Science

V Naval Science

Z Bibliographies and Library Science

Other collections may use different systems, for example, Mulford Library uses National Library of Medicine number, and the Carlson Government Documents on the third floor uses Superintendent of Documents numbers.

Locating a book with a Library of Congress Call Number

Call numbers are very useful things. Each book in the library has a unique call number, and call numbers help group books together that are on the same subject. Every call number has several parts, and finding a book on the shelf is just a matter of reading each part in the right order.

Read Call numbers line by line:

Read the first line in alphabetical order:

A single letter (Q) comes before two letters (QD)

Read the second line as a whole number:

1, 2, 13, 76, 76.76, 76.8, 80, 137, 200, 1999, 2000, etc.

The third line is a combination of a letter and numbers:

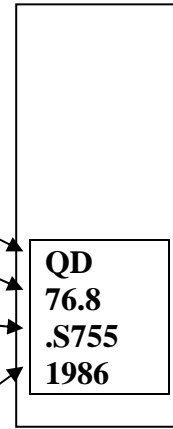
Find the letter first, then read the number as a decimal, looking at each digit in turn from left to right.

.01, .1, .19, .20, .75, .755, .76

(Note: this line may carry over to the next line, or there may be more than one letter-number line)

Finally, some books have the publication year as the very last line:

1971, 1986, 1997, 1999...



If you cannot find a book on the shelf

1. Check and make sure you are looking in the correct library/collection. The UT Library Catalog includes books from five libraries and several collections which all use the same Call Number system (Juvenile Books are in the northeast corner of the fourth floor of Carlson, and Reference books are on the first floor, for example). In the catalog, find the book you want, and then click on the LOCATION name to see where that collection is located.
2. Check the reshelving areas on the fourth and fifth floors of Carlson Library. These shelves are located just outside the doors from the elevator areas. Books are placed here before being returned to the shelf. They are sorted only by the Letter portion of the Call Number.
3. If you cannot find a book in any of these places, go to the Circulation Desk to fill out a "Tracer" form to locate a missing book. The circulation desk staff can declare a book "MISSING" so that you can borrow a copy from another library using the OhioLINK Library Catalog. See any Circulation or Access Services desk for details.