

Library of Congress Call Number System

Most college libraries, including the SUNY Adirondack Library, arrange books by the Library of Congress classification system. It uses letters and numbers to create a **call number**. This serves as a **code** for the main subject of the book, and is listed on the book's spine. Books are therefore arranged **by subject**, using this code.

The Library of Congress, in Washington D.C., is the largest library in the world. It developed this alphanumeric system in the early 1900s as a more precise way to find books than the Dewey Decimal System, which uses numbers only. Created by Melville Dewey in 1876, Dewey call numbers are usually used in smaller public and high school libraries. The LC system is best for most college libraries. The main classes and selected subclasses are listed below. Also see the "Library of Congress Classification System" charts posted in the library. For more about the Library of Congress, see <http://www.loc.gov/>.

A GENERAL WORKS

AC	Collections
AE	Encyclopedias
AG	Dictionaries
AI	Indexes
AM	Museums
AY	Yearbooks, Almanacs, Directories

B PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGION

B	Philosophy (General)
BC	Logic
BD	Speculative philosophy
BF	Psychology, Parapsychology, Occultism
BH	Aesthetics
BJ	Ethics, Social Usages, Etiquette
BL	Religion, Mythology, Rationalism
BM	Judaism
BP	Islam, Bahaism, Theosophy, etc.
BQ	Buddhism
BR	Christianity
BS	The Bible
BT	Doctrinal theology
BV	Practical theology
BX	Christian denominations

C AUXILIARY SCIENCES OF HISTORY

C	History (General)
CB	History of civilization
CC	Archaeology
CD	Diplomatics, Archives, Seals
CE	Technical chronology, Calendar
CJ	Numismatics
CR	Heraldry
CS	Genealogy
CT	Biography

D HISTORY: GENERAL AND EUROPE

D	General
DA	Great Britain
DAW	Central Europe
DB	Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia
DC	France
DD	Germany
DE	Greco-Roman World
DF	Greece
DG	Italy
DH	Low Countries, Benelux Countries
DJ	Netherlands (Holland)
DJK	Eastern Europe
DK	Russia, Soviet Union, Former Soviet Republics, Poland
DL	Northern Europe, Scandinavia
DP	Spain, Portugal

DQ	Switzerland
DR	Balkan Peninsula, Turkey
DS	Asia
DT	Africa
DU	Oceania, Australia, New Zealand
DX	Gypsies

E-F HISTORY: AMERICA

E	United States (General)
F	U.S. local history, Canada, Latin America

G GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RECREATION

G	General, Atlases, Maps
GA	Mathematical geography, Cartography
GB	Physical geography
GC	Oceanography
GE	Environmental sciences
GF	Human ecology, Anthropogeography
GN	Anthropology
GR	Folklore
GT	Manners & Customs (General)
GV	Recreation, Sports, Games

H SOCIAL SCIENCES

H	Social Sciences (General)
HA	Statistics
HB-HC	Economics
HD	Land, Agriculture, Industry, Labor
HE	Transportation and communications
HF	Commerce
HG	Finance
HJ	Public finance
HM	Sociology
HN	Social history & conditions, Social problems & reform
HQ	Family, Marriage, Women
HS	Societies: secret, benevolent, etc.
HT	Communities, Classes, Races
HV	Social pathology, Social services, Criminology
HX	Socialism, Communism, Anarchism

J POLITICAL SCIENCE

J	General legislative & executive papers
JA	Political science (General)
JC	Political theory
JF	Political institutions & public administration - General
JK	- United States
JL	- Canada, Latin America
JN	- Europe
JQ	- Asia, Africa, Australia, Pacific area
JS	Local government, Municipal government
JV	Colonies and colonization, Emigration and immigration
JZ	International relations

- K LAW**
 K Comparative and uniform law, jurisprudence
 KD United Kingdom and Ireland
 KDZ America, North America
 KE Canada
 KF United States
 KG Latin America, Central America
 KH South America
 KJ-KK Europe
 KL-KW Asia, Africa, Pacific Area, Antarctica
 KZ Law of nations
- L EDUCATION**
 L Education (General)
 LA History of education
 LB Theory and practice of education
 LC Special aspects of education
 LD Individual institutions - United States
 LE - America (except United States)
 LF - Europe
 LG - Asia, Africa, Oceania
 LH College and school magazines and papers
 LJ Student fraternities & societies, U. S.
- M MUSIC**
 M Musical works
 ML Literature on music
 MT Musical instruction and study
- N FINE ARTS**
 N Visual Arts (General)
 NA Architecture
 NB Sculpture
 NC Drawings, Design, Illustration
 ND Painting
 NE Print media
 NK Decorative arts, Applied arts
 NX Arts in general
- P LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**
 P Philology, Linguistics
 PA Greek and Latin languages and literature
 PB Modern languages (General), Celtic languages
 PC Romance languages
 PD Germanic languages, Scandinavian languages
 PE English language
 PF West Germanic languages
 PG Slavic, Baltic, Albanian languages, literature
 PH Uralic, Basque languages and literatures
 PJ Oriental & Semitic languages and literatures
 PK Indo-Iranian languages and literatures
 PL Languages, literatures of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania
 PM Hyperborean, Indian, and Artificial languages
 PN Literature (General)
 PQ French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese literatures
 PR English literature
 PS American literature
 PZ Fiction and Juvenile belles lettres
- Q SCIENCE**
 Q Science (General)
 QA Mathematics
 QB Astronomy
- QC Physics**
 QD Chemistry
 QE Geology
 QH Natural History, Biology
 QK Botany
 QL Zoology
 QM Human anatomy
 QP Physiology
 QR Microbiology
- R MEDICINE**
 R Medicine (General)
 RA Public aspects of medicine
 RB Pathology
 RC Internal Medicine
 RD Surgery
 RE Ophthalmology
 RF Otorhinolaryngology
 RG Gynecology and obstetrics
 RJ Pediatrics
 RK Dentistry
 RL Dermatology
 RM Therapeutics, Pharmacology
 RS Pharmacy and materia medica
 RT Nursing
 RV Botanic, Thomsonian, and eclectic medicine
 RX Homeopathy
 RZ Other systems of medicine
- S AGRICULTURE**
 S Agriculture (General)
 SB Plant Culture
 SD Forestry
 SF Animal culture
 SH Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling
 SK Hunting sports
- T TECHNOLOGY**
 T Technology (General)
 TA Engineering (General), Civil engineering
 TC Hydraulic engineering, Ocean engineering
 TD Environmental technology, Sanitary engineering
 TE Highway engineering, Roads and pavements
 TF Railroad engineering and operation
 TG Bridge engineering
 TH Building construction
 TJ Mechanical engineering and machinery
 TK Electrical & nuclear engineering, Electronics
 TL Motor vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics
 TN Mining engineering, Metallurgy
 TP Chemical technology
 TR Photography
 TS Manufactures
 TT Handicrafts, Arts and crafts
 TX Home economics, Hospitality industry
- U MILITARY SCIENCE**
 UE Cavalry, Armor
 UG Military engineering, Air forces
- V NAVAL SCIENCE**
 VE Marines
 VM Shipbuilding, Marine engineering
- Z BIBLIOGRAPHY, LIBRARY SCIENCE, INFORMATION RESOURCES**
 Z Books, Writing, Book Industries and Trade
 ZA Information resources (General)