

Library of Congress Call Number System

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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		QC	Physics
	K	Comparative and uniform law, jurisprudence	QD	Chemistry
	KD	United Kingdom and Ireland	QE	Geology
	KDZ	America, North America	QH	Natural History, Biology
	KE	Canada	QK	Botany
	KF	United States	QL	Zoology
	KG	Latin America, Central America	QM	Human anatomy
	KH	South America	QP	Physiology
	KJ-KK	Europe	QR	Microbiology
	KL-KW	Asia, Africa, Pacific Area, Antarctica		
	KZ	Law of nations		
L	EDUCATION		R	MEDICINE
	L	Education (General)	R	Medicine (General)
	LA	History of education	RA	Public aspects of medicine
	LB	Theory and practice of education	RB	Pathology
	LC	Special aspects of education	RC	Internal Medicine
	LD	Individual institutions - United States	RD	Surgery
	LE	- America (except United States)	RE	Ophthalmology
	LF	- Europe	RF	Otorhinolaryngology
	LG	- Asia, Africa, Oceania	RG	Gynecology and obstetrics
	LH	College and school magazines and papers	RJ	Pediatrics
	LJ	Student fraternities & societies, U. S.	RK	Dentistry
M	MUSIC		RL	Dermatology
	M	Musical works	RM	Therapeutics, Pharmacology
	ML	Literature on music	RS	Pharmacy and materia medica
	MT	Musical instruction and study	RT	Nursing
N	FINE ARTS		RV	Botanic, Thomsonian, and eclectic medicine
	N	Visual Arts (General)	RX	Homeopathy
	NA	Architecture	RZ	Other systems of medicine
	NB	Sculpture		
	NC	Drawings, Design, Illustration		
	ND	Painting		
	NE	Print media		
	NK	Decorative arts, Applied arts		
NX	Arts in general			
P	LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE		S	AGRICULTURE
	P	Philology, Linguistics	S	Agriculture (General)
	PA	Greek and Latin languages and literature	SB	Plant Culture
	PB	Modern languages (General), Celtic languages	SD	Forestry
	PC	Romance languages	SF	Animal culture
	PD	Germanic languages, Scandinavian languages	SH	Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling
	PE	English language	SK	Hunting sports
	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		T	TECHNOLOGY
	Q	Science (General)	T	Technology (General)
	QA	Mathematics	TA	Engineering (General), Civil engineering
	QB	Astronomy	TC	Hydraulic engineering, Ocean engineering
R			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