

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC) CLASSIFICATION

A	General Works	PT	Germanic Literature
B	Philosophy-Religion-Psychology	Q	Science
C	History (Civilization)	QA	Mathematics
D	History (Except America)	QB	Astronomy
E	American History	QC	Physics
F	Local American, Latin American History	QD	Chemistry
G	Geography-Anthropology-Recreation	QE	Geology
H	Social Sciences	QH	Biology
J	Political Science	QK	Botany
K	Law	QL	Zoology
L	Education	QM	Human Anatomy
M	Music	QP	Physiology
N	Fine Arts	QR	Microbiology
P	Linguistics	R	Medicine
PC	Romance Languages	S	Agriculture
PD	Germanic Languages	T	Technology
PE	English Language	U	Military Science
PQ	Romance Literature	V	Naval Science
PR	English Literature	Z	Bibliography, Library Science
PS	American Literature		

READING LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CALL NUMBERS

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| <p>1. Every Library of Congress (LC) call number begins with one, two or three letters, followed by various combinations of whole numbers, decimal numbers, and/or letters. Sometimes at the end of the call number will be a year, a volume number, and/or a copy number.</p> | <p>The following call numbers are in correct shelf order for the reasons given:</p> <p>GV1787 .D513</p> |
| <p>2. Items are arranged in alphanumeric order, with single-letter call numbers shelved ahead of multiple letter call numbers with the same first letter. Thus, H40 comes before HA1.</p> | <p>H40 .A2 I5 H comes after G alphabetically</p> |
| <p>3. Numbers to the left of the decimal point in LC call numbers are whole numbers. Thus, HF54 (HF Fifty-four) comes before HF5381 (HF Five-thousand, three-hundred, eight-one).</p> | <p>HA1 .D3 1989 HA comes after H</p> <p>HA1 .D3 1990 1990 comes after 1989</p> |
| <p>4. Numbers to the right of the decimal point in LC call numbers are decimal numbers. Thus, HF5381 .M37 (M Thirty-seven hundredths) comes before HF5381 .M5 (M Five-tenths or Fifty-hundredths).</p> | <p>HF54 .U5 P74 HF comes after HA</p> <p>HF5381 .E52 5,381 is larger than 54</p> <p>HF5381 .M37 M comes after E</p> <p>HF5381 .M5 .5 (.50) is larger than .37</p> <p>HF5415 .S272 5,415 is larger than 5,381</p> <p>HF5415.1263 .B46 5415.126 is larger than 5415 (5415.0000)</p> <p>HF5415.2 .S89 .2 (.2000) is larger than .1263</p> |

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