

# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC) CLASSIFICATION

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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

- 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.

The following call numbers are in correct shelf order for the reasons given:

GV1787 .D513

H40 .A2 I5                      H comes after G alphabetically
- 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.

HA1 .D3 1989                      HA comes after H

HA1 .D3 1990                      1990 comes after 1989
- 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).

HF54 .U5 P74                      HF comes after HA

HF5381 .E52                      5,381 is larger than 54

HF5381 .M37                      M comes after E
- 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).

HF5381 .M5                      .5 (.50) is larger than .37

HF5415 .S272                      5,415 is larger than 5,381

HF5415.1263 .B46                      5415.126 is larger than 5415 (5415.0000)

HF5415.2 .S89                      .2 (.2000) is larger than .1263