Finding Books by Subject and Library of Congress (LC) Classification

The first letter(s) of a call number not only indicate where a book is located, but also what a book is about, with call numbers assigned according to the following classification scheme below. Be sure to browse the nearby books if you’re looking for several books on a subject – you may find something that will be useful.

A General Works, Encyclopedias
(example: AE3 E333, Encyclopedia Americana)

J Politics
(example: J11 A6, A Second Federalist)

B Philosophy
(example: B21 C78, Worlds Greatest Thinkers)

K Law
(example: K170 W66 1996, Women in Law)

BF Psychology
(example: BF21 K6, Dynamics in Psychology)

L Education
(example: L001 C6, The College Blue Book)

BL Religion
(example: BL10 R4, The Religious Situation)

M Music
(example: M125 R63, The Romantic Guitar)

C Civilization
(example: CB19 T6, Civilization on Trial)

N Fine Arts
(example: N40 M63, Modern Arts Criticism)

CT Biography
(example: CT21 K4, The Art of Biography)

P Language & Literature
(example: P377 L3, Language in the USA)

D History, General & Old World
(example: D5 M27, Readings in World History)

Q Science
(example: Q111 R78, Treasury of World Science)

E History, America
(example: E57 B7, American Dawn)

R Medicine
(example: R111 H3, Harvard Health Letter)

F U.S. Local History, Latin America
(example: F1208 E9, Six Faces of Mexico)

RT Nursing
(example: RT11 R44, Rewriting Nursing)

G Geography
(example: G63 D53, Dictionary of Geography)

S Agriculture
(example: S439 F37, Farming and Food)

HN Anthropology
(example: GN4 M32, Theory in Anthropology)

T Technology
(example: T15 B29, Evolution of Technology)

H Social Sciences
(example: H51 K68, Social Thought)

TL Autos
(example: TL23 C57, Cars of the

GN4 M32, Theory in Anthropology)

U Military Science
(example: U21 W7, A Study of War)

HV Science
(example: HV9069 T84, Juvenile Delinquency)

V Naval Science
(example: V27 B7, The Fighting

Economics
(example: HF1001 C63, Dictionary of Business)

Z Bibliography & Library
(example: Z1019 H15, Banned books)

Sex
(example: HQ1 H86, Human Sexuality)

Ship

Find Books in the Library

To find a book, use the library catalog at http://lamp.rcc.edu/

You have the option of searching by title, author (use the format of last name, then first name) subject or keyword.

If you’re looking for books on a topic you can start looking by keyword.

Use the pull down bar next to the search box to look specifically for items in our library.

Search tips:

Spelling is important! If you are unsure the spelling of something check it before you start your search.

Use words and phrases that have similar meaning, like “capital punishment” and “death penalty”

You could also go broader on your subject and look at “prison systems”

You could also look at something more specific like “Lethal Injection” or “death row inmates”

Read your Results in the Catalog:

Some of your results may be print books, and others will be eBooks. If you look in the right hand side of the row of each item, you’ll see little icons:

Print books (in the library) have an icon like this:

eBooks have an icon that looks like this:
Getting the information to find your Print book

Each book is assigned a code called call number (CALL #). Write the call number down.

Location will tell you what area of the library the book is located:

- **Norco Main Stack** will be located in the main shelves in the back of the library and are able to be checked out.

- **Norco Reserve** is located behind the Circulation (front) desk, and generally have a two hour use in the library.

- **Norco Reference** books are located in the short shelves and the tall shelves with blue cards, and are not able to be checked out or removed from the library.

Status will tell you if the book is available to you or not:

**Check Shelves** means that the item is available to you.

If you aren't sure, ask us and we'll be glad to help.

Find books in the library

Now that you have a call number and location of your book, you'll be able to locate your book.

For Main Stack and Reference books, head to the location the catalog indicated. You’ll see cards on the shelves which contain a range of call numbers. Head to the shelves that would contain the call number you are looking for.

For example, PZ7.R79835 Har 1998 would be located on these shelves.

A good rule of thumb is to look for the section on the shelves that contain the first set of letters, then within that section, look for the next set of numbers, followed by the letter/number combination.

**Other Useful Tips:**

If you are looking for books on a topic, be sure to look at other books nearby. The books are arranged by topics in the Library of Congress (LC) System, and quite often you’ll find something useful just browsing the shelves.

Write down a few books with very different call numbers. Sometimes books on a topic will be shelved in different areas.

Check out the Finding Books by **Subject and Library of Congress (LC) Classification Page** to see where a specific subject may be located. You can find some great surprises just by browsing the shelves!

Reference and oversized materials are kept separate from the main stacks.
Ask librarian for assistance with locating the materials you need.

When you are finished with a book in the library, leave the book on an empty shelf, or leave it at the front circulation desk. We’ll be happy to put it back where it belongs.

If you need any help at any time, don’t hesitate to ask us!