



Call numbers (derived from the Library of Congress Classification) are used to locate books, as well as group like-books together. Letters on the top line of the call number place the book within a certain subject area.

Thus, all books with call numbers that begin with MT deal with musical instruction. Books with call numbers that begin with R deal with medicine. The second line of the call number further subdivides the subject (see E-F for example).

But why should you care, you mumble as you read this. Because if you know the beginning call number of a subject that interests you, you can quickly browse the shelves for books on that subject.

A	General Works General Encyclopedias, Reference books
B-BJ	Philosophy, including BF, Psychology
BL-BX	Religion Auxilliary Sciences of History
CB	History of civilization
CC	Archaeology
CD	Archives
CJ	Numismatics
CR	Heraldry
CS	Genealogy
CT	Biography (general)
D	History: General and Old World World History
DA	Great Britain
DB	Austria
DC	France
DD	Etc., (other individual countries)
E-F	History of America
E1-143	America
E151-857	United States
F1-957	United States: state and local
F1201	Etc., (other individual countries) Geography, Anthropology, Folklore Geography
GB	Physical Geography
GC	Oceanography
GN	Anthropology
GR	Folklore
GV	Recreation Social Sciences

HA	Statistics
HB-HJ	Economics
HM-HX	Sociology
	Political Science
JA-JC	Political Science
JF-JQ	Constitutional History and Public Administration
JS	Local Government
JX	International Law
	Law
L	Education
M	Music
M	Scores
ML	Literature of Music
MT	Musical Instruction
N	Fine Arts
NA	Architecture
ND	Painting
	Language and Literature
	Philology and Linguistics
PA	Classical Languages and Lit.
PC	Romance Languages
PD-PF	Germanic Languages
PG	Slavic Languages and Lit.
PJ-PL	Oriental Languages and Lit.
PN	General and Comparative Lit.
PQ	Romance Literatures
PR	English Literature
PS	American Literature
PT	Germanic Literature
PZ	Juvenile Literature
Q	Science
QA	Mathematics
QB	Astronomy
QC	Physics
QD	Chemistry
QE	Geology
QH	Natural History
QK	Botany
QL	Zoology
QM	Human Anatomy
QP	Physiology
QR	Bacteriology
	Medicine
S	Agriculture
T	Technology
	Military Science
V	Naval Science
Z	Bibliography and Library Science