

Book Classifications

Library of Congress [used by academic libraries]

- A - General Works
- AC- Collections, Series
- AE- Encyclopedias
- AG- Dictionaries
- AI- Indexes
- AM- Museums, Collections
- AN- Newspapers
- AP- Periodicals
- AS- Academies
- AY- Yearbooks, Almanacs
- AZ- Humanities
- B - Philosophy, Psychology, Religion
- B- General Philosophy
- BC- Logic
- BD- Speculative Philosophy
- BF- Psychology
- BH- Aesthetics
- BJ- Ethics
- BL- General Religions
- BM- Judaism
- BP- Islam
- BQ- Buddhism
- BR- Christianity
- BS- The Bible
- BT- Doctrinal Theology
- BV- Practical Theology
- BX- Christian Denominations
- C - Auxiliary Sciences of History
- C- General Auxiliary History
- CB- History of Civilization
- CC- Archaeology
- CD- Diplomatics
- CE- Calendars
- CJ- Numismatics
- CN- Inscriptions
- CR- Heraldry
- CS- Genealogy
- CT- Biography
- D - History: General & Outside the Americas
- D- General History
- DA- Great Britain
- DAW- Central Europe
- DB- Austria, Lichtenstein, Hungary, Czechoslovakia
- DC- France, Andorra, Monaco
- DD- Germany
- DE- Greco-Roman World
- DF- Greece
- DG- Italy, Malta
- DH- Low Countries
- DJ- Netherlands
- DJK- Eastern Europe
- DK- Russia, Societ Union
- DL- Northern Europe, Scandinavia
- DP- Spain, Portugal
- DQ- Switzerland

DR- Balkan Peninsula
DS- Asia
DT- Africa
DU- Oceania
DX- Gypsies
E - History: United States
11 to 143- America
151 to 889- United States
F - History: United States Local & America
1 to 975- US Local History
1001 to 1145- British America, Dutch America
1170- French America
1201-3799- Latin America
G - Geography, Anthropology, Recreation
G- general Geography
GA- Mathematical Geography
GB- Physical Geography
GC- Oceanography
GE- Environmental Sciences
GF- Human Ecology
GN- Anthropology
GR- Folklore
GT- Manners and Customs
GV- Recreation
H - Social Sciences
H- General Social Sciences
HA- Statistics
HB- Economic Theory
HC- Economic History
HD- Industries, Land Use, Labor
HE- Transportation, Communications
HF- Commerce
HG- Finance
HJ- Public Finance
HM- Sociology
HN- Social History
HS- Societies
HT- Communities, Classes, Races
HV- Social Behavior
HX- Socialism, Communism, Anarchy
J - Political Science
J- Legislative + Executive Papers
JA- General Political Science
JC- Political Theory
JF- Political Institutions- General
JJ- Political Institutions- North America
JK- Political Institutions- US
JL- Political Institutions- Canada, Latin America
JN- Political Institutions- Europe
JQ- Political Institutions- Asia, Africa, Australia
JS- Local Government
JV- Colonies, Immigration
JZ- International Relations
K - Law
K- General Law
KBM- Jewish Law
KBP- Islamic Law
KBR- History of Law
KBU- Roman Catholic Law
KD to KDK- United Kingdom, Ireland
KDZ- America
KE- Canada

KF- US
KG- Mexico, Central America
KH- South America
KJ to KKZ- Europe
KL to KWX- Asia, Africa, Australia
KZ- Law of Nations
L - Education
L- General Education
LA- History of Education
LB- Theory and Practice of Education
LC- Special Aspects
LD- Institutions: US
LE- Institutions: Canada, Latin America
LF- Institutions: Europe
LG- Institutions: Asia, Africa, Australia
LH- Academic Magazines and Papers
LJ- Fraternities
LT- Textbooks
M - Music
M- general Music
ML- Music Literature
MT- Musical Studies
N - Fine Arts
N- Visual Arts
NA- Architecture
NB- Sculpture
NC- Drawing, Design, Illustration
ND- Painting
NE- Print Media
NK- Decorative Arts
NX- General Arts
P - Language and Literature
P- Linguistics
PA- Greek
PB- Modern Languages, Celtic
PC- Romanic
PD- Germanic, Scandinavian
PE- English
PF- West Germanic
PG- Slavic, Baltic, Albanian
PH- Uralic
PJ- Oriental
PK- Indo-Iranian
PL- Asian, African
PM- Hyperborean, Indian, Artificial
PN- General Literature
PQ- French + Italian + Spanish + Portuguese Literature
PR- English Literature
PS- American Literature
PT- Northern European + Afrikaans Literature
PZ- Fiction
Q - Science
Q- General Science
QA- Mathematics
QB- Astronomy
QC- Physics
QD- Chemistry
QE- Geology
QH- Natural History
QK- Botany
QL- Zoology
QM- Human Anatomy

QP- Physiology
QR- Microbiology
R - Medicine
R- General Medicine
RA- Public Aspects
RB- Pathology
RC- Internal Medicine
RD- Surgery
RE- Ophthalmology
RF- Otorhinolaryngology
RG- Gynecology, Obstetrics
RJ- Pediatrics
RK- Dentistry
RL- Dermatology
RM- Therapeutics
RS- Pharmacy
RT- Nursing
RV- Botanic Medicine
RX- Homeopathy
RZ- Other Medicine
S - Agriculture
S- General Agriculture
SB- Plant Culture
SD- Forestry
SF- Animal Culture
SH- Aquaculture
SK- Hunting
T - Technology
T- general Technology
TA- General Engineering
TC Hydraulic Engineering
TD- Environmental Technology
TE- Highway Engineering
TF- Railroad Engineering
TG- Bridge Engineering
TH- Building Construction
TJ- Mechanical Engineering
TK- Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Nuclear Engineering
TL- Motor Vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics
TN- Mining Engineering
TP- Chemical Technology
TS- Manufactures
TT- Arts and Crafts
TX- Home Economics
U - Military Science
U- General Military Science
UA- Armies
UB- Military Administration
UC- Miantenance, Transportation
UD- Infantry
UE- Cavalry, Armor
UF- Artillery
UG- Military Engineering, Armed Forces
UH- Other Services
V - Naval Science
V- General Naval Science
VA- Navies
VB- Naval Administration
VC- Naval Maintenance
VD- Naval Seamen
VE- Marines
VF- Naval Ordnance

VG- Minor Services
VK- Navigation
VM- Naval Architecture
Z - Library Science & Information Resources
Z- Books, Writing, Libraries, Bibliography
ZA- General Information Resources

Structure: The first letters and numbers describe the subject (level 1-2). The next set of letter+number often is based on the author's last name. The last code segment is the date of publication.

Dewey Decimal [used by public libraries]

000- General
010- Bibliography
020- Libraries + Information Sciences
030- General Encyclopedic
050- General Serials
060- General Organizations
070- News Media
080- General Collections
090- Manuscripts, Rare Books
100- Philosophy/ Psychology
110- Metaphysics
120- Epistemology
130- Paranormal Phenomena
140- Specific Philosophies
150- Psychology
160- Logic
170- Ethics
180- Ancient Philosophy
190- Modern Philosophy
200- Religion
210- Natural Theology
220- Bible
230- General Christian Theology
240- Christian Moral Theology
250- Christian Orders
260- Christian Social Theology
270- Christian Church History
280- Christian Denominations
290- Other Religions
300- Social Sciences
310- Statistics
320- Political Science
330- Economics
340- Law
350- Public Administration
360- Social Services
370- Education
380- Commerce
390- Customs
400- Language
410- Linguistics
420- English
430- Germanic
440- Romanic, French
450- Italian
460- Spanish, Portuguese
470- Latin
480- Greek
490- Other Languages
500- Natural Sciences/ Math
510- Mathematics



520- Astronomy
530- Physics
540- Chemistry
550- Earth Sciences
560- Paleontology
570- Life Sciences
580- Botanical Sciences
590- Zoological Sciences
600- Technology
610- Medical Sciences
620- Engineering
630- Agriculture
640- Home Economics
650- Management
660- Chemical Engineering
670- Manufacturing
680- Specific Manufacturing
690- Buildings
700- Arts
710- Civic + Landscape Art
720- Architecture
730- Plastic Arts
740- Drawing
750- Painting
760- Graphic Arts
770- Photography
780- Music
790- Performing Arts
800- Literature
810- American
820- English
830- Germanic
840- Romance Languages
850- Italian
860- Spanish, Portuguese
870- Latin
880- Greek
890- Other Literatures
900- Geography/ History
910- Geography, Travel
920- Genealogy
930- Ancient History
940- Europe
950- Asia
960- Africa
970- North America
980- South America
990- Other Locations

Structure: The call number begins with the general category. The numbers that follow, separated by periods, describe sub-categories.