

# The Library of Congress Classification

## A GENERAL WORKS

AE Encyclopedias  
AG Dictionaries & General Reference

## B PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGION

B-BJ Philosophy  
BF Psychology  
BL-BX Religion

## C AUXILIARY SCIENCES OF HISTORY

CB History of Civilization  
CC Archaeology  
CS Genealogy  
CT Biography (general)

## D GENERAL & EUROPEAN HISTORY

D History (General)  
DA Great Britain  
DB-DX Other Countries

## E-F HISTORY OF AMERICA

E 11-143 America  
E 151-889 United States  
F 1-975 U. S. Local History  
F 1201-3799 Latin/Spanish America

## G GEOGRAPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, RECREATION

G-GB Geography  
GE Environmental Sciences  
GN Anthropology  
GV Sports, Recreation, Leisure

## H SOCIAL SCIENCES

HA Statistics  
HB-HJ Economics  
HM-HX Sociology

## J POLITICAL SCIENCE

JA-JC Political Science  
JF-JQ Political Institutions  
& Public Administration  
JS Local Government  
JX International Law

## K LAW

## L EDUCATION

## M MUSIC

ML Literature on Music  
MT Musical Instruction

## N FINE ARTS

NA Architecture  
NC Drawing, Design, Illustration  
ND Painting

## P LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

P Linguistics  
PA Classical Languages  
PC Romance Languages  
PD Germanic Languages  
PE English Language  
PJ Oriental Languages  
PN General Literature  
PQ Romance Languages  
PR English Literature  
PS American Literature  
PT Germanic Literature  
PZ Fiction & Juvenile Literature

## Q SCIENCE

QA Mathematics  
QA 75 Computers  
QB Astronomy  
QC Physics  
QD Chemistry  
QE Geology  
QH Natural History - Biology  
QK Botany  
QL Zoology  
QM Human Anatomy  
QP Physiology  
QR Microbiology

## R MEDICINE

R Medicine (General)  
RC Internal Medicine  
RG Gynecology & Obstetrics  
RJ Pediatrics  
RM Pharmacology  
RS Pharmacy  
RT Nursing

## S AGRICULTURE

SB Horticulture  
SD Forestry  
SF Animal Culture  
SH Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling

## T TECHNOLOGY

TA General Engineering  
TK Electrical/Electronics/Nuclear  
Engineering  
TR Photography  
TX Home Economics

## U MILITARY SCIENCE

## V NAVAL SCIENCE

## Z BIBLIOGRAPHY, LIBRARY SCIENCE, INFORMATION RESOURCES (GENERAL)



COLLEGE of SAN MATEO LIBRARY

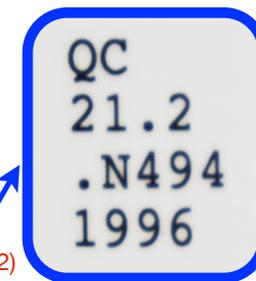
# Finding a Book

The CSM Library uses the Library of Congress (LC) Classification System to organize our books. They are shelved together by subject, as listed on the back of this pamphlet.

## Call Numbers/Location

A *call number* is much like a street address. They help us find the location of a book on the shelves. We can identify a book's *call number* from the online catalog on our website. It is important to note both the *call number* and *location* of the book.

<b>Title</b>	<b>The New physics / edited by Paul Davies.</b>
<b>Publication Info.</b>	Cambridge [Cambridgeshire] ; <b>New</b> York : Cambridge 1989.
<a href="#">Permanent link to this record</a>	
Location	Call No.
College of San Mateo Circulating Collection	QC21.2.N494 1996



In the online catalog (1), Call Numbers are shown horizontally, but on the spine of the book (2), they are stacked vertically.

## Location

Books from our *Circulating Collection* are located upstairs. If you see a "REF" in the beginning of the call number the book is a part of our *Reference Collection*, which is located downstairs. CSM Library also provides access to *College Reserves* (class materials -- i.e. textbooks, DVD's, CD's, etc.). Books from the *Reference Collection* or *College Reserve Collection* are for library use only.

## LOCATING BOOKS USING THE LC SYSTEM: Finding a book by call number

Call No. : **QC21.2.N94 1996**

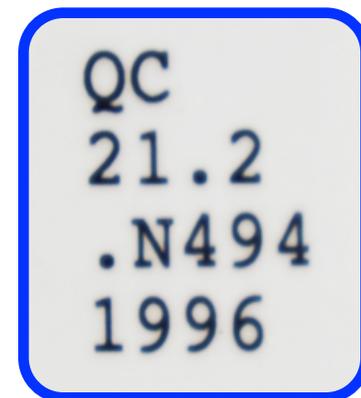
Elements of a Call Number:	Location Directions
<b>QC</b>	Shelved <b>alphabetically</b> by first letter, then alphabetically by second letter.
<b>21.2</b>	Shelved <b>numerically</b> . (Look for "Twenty-One point two")
<b>.N94</b>	Cutter Number - Shelved <b>alphabetically</b> by letter (N), then <b>numerically</b> by number (94).
<b>1996</b>	Shelved numerically to represent the <b>year</b> of publication.

\*\* After finding your book in the online library catalog, write down the **Call Number** here:

\*\* Write the same **Call Number** in the boxes below:

Elements of a Call No.	Description
	Letter(s)
	Numbers
	Cutter Number
	Year

*Example of a Call Number on the Spine of a Book*



The first letter of the **call number** tells us what the book is about. For example, if the first letter is a "Q", this tells us that the book is about **Science**.

The combination of the first and second letters gives us a more specific subject. For example, if the first two letters of the **call number** are "QC", this tells us that the book is about **Science**, but more specifically, it is about **Physics**.

### Q SCIENCE

QA Mathematics  
 QA 75 Computers  
 QB Astronomy  
 QC Physics  
 QD Chemistry  
 QE Geology  
 QH Biology  
 QK Botany  
 QL Zoology  
 QM Human Anatomy  
 QP Physiology  
 QR Microbiology

### Shelf Guides



Shelf Guides indicate the range of call numbers and are placed above, on the ends of every aisle.

1. Use first letter(s) to find the correct aisle and book shelf.
2. Scan for the numbers after you've found the correct section on the shelves.