"Follow this rule – every research project must deal with only one issue expressed by one question."

Badke, p. 187

finding information in library catalogs

Monday, October 28, 2013

Library of Congress Classification Outline

- Organizing principle for academic libraries
- Arranges books/media by subject
- Review here: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpso/lcco/

How do you read call numbers?

Read call numbers line by line

LB
2395
.C65
2010

Read the first line in alphabetical order
A, B, BF, CD ... L, LA, LB, LC, M, ML ...

Read the second line as a whole number
1, 2, 3, 45, 100, 101, 1000, 2000, 2430
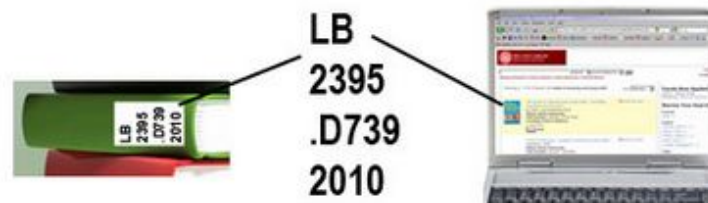(If this number includes a decimal, read the number after the period as a decimal)

Read the third line in combination.
First, read the letter alphabetically.
Then, read the number as a decimal: .65
(Some call number have more then one letter-number line)

The last line is the publication date, read it in chronological order: 1987, 1989, 2008, 2010

What is the purpose of call numbers?

Each book in the library has a unique call number. A call number is like an address: it tells us where the book is located in the library.

Call numbers appear ... on the spines of books ... and ... in the online catalog

LB
2395
.D739
2010

Note that the same call number can be written from top-to-bottom, or left-to-right.

Milner Library uses **Library of Congress Classification** for call numbers. This system uses a combination of letters and numbers to arrange materials by subjects.

In the Catalog, you can also find location of an item and its availability. For maps showing the path to the different locations, look at the Find an Item in the Library tab.

Jennifer Sharkey, Chris Worland. "Understanding Call Numbers. Overview of Call Numbers."

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- What's in it?
- How do I use it?
  - Search, browse
  - LibX toolbar
- How do I find a book on the shelf here?
- How can I get books from other CUNY libraries?
- What is My Account?

LibX Toolbar for
City Tech Library Resources

- Library toolbar for IE, Firefox, Chrome
- Download here:

  http://library.citytech.cuny.edu/instruction/how/libX.php

- Edit Preferences to select searchable fields
- Highlight text on screen and right-click to search

WorldCat.org

Public Libraries

- New York Public Library
  - nypl.org
  - Manhattan, Staten Island, the Bronx
- Brooklyn Public Library
  - brooklynpubliclibrary.org
- Queens Public Library
  - queenslibrary.org
- Anyone living, working, going to school or paying taxes in NYC can use any of them

Access to other libraries

- Academic Libraries of Brooklyn
  - Polytechnic Institute of NYU
  - Long Island University
  - St. Francis College
  - St. Joseph's College
  - Pratt Institute
  - SUNY Downstate Medical Center
  - Medgar Evers College
  - Brooklyn College

- METRO cards

For Wednesday, October 30

Discussion: Searching article databases; see my blog post for today for tutorials and practical info

Reading: Badke Ch. 5 pp. 94-120

Assignment: ~~Your annotated bibliography is due!~~ The annotated bibliography is now due on **Friday, November 1 by noon** emailed to me as an attachment. Please get in touch with *any* questions.