

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

Badke, p. 187

# finding information in library catalogs

April 4, 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)

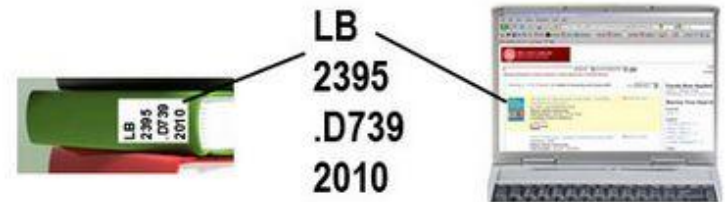
Read the third line in combination.  
First, read the letter alphabetically.  
Then, read the number as a decimal: .65  
(Some call number have more then one letter-number line)

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



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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# For Tuesday, April 9

*Discussion:* Searching article databases

*Reading:* Badke Ch. 5 pp. 94-120

*Assignment:* Your annotated bibliography is due! Please get in touch with *\*any\** questions.

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