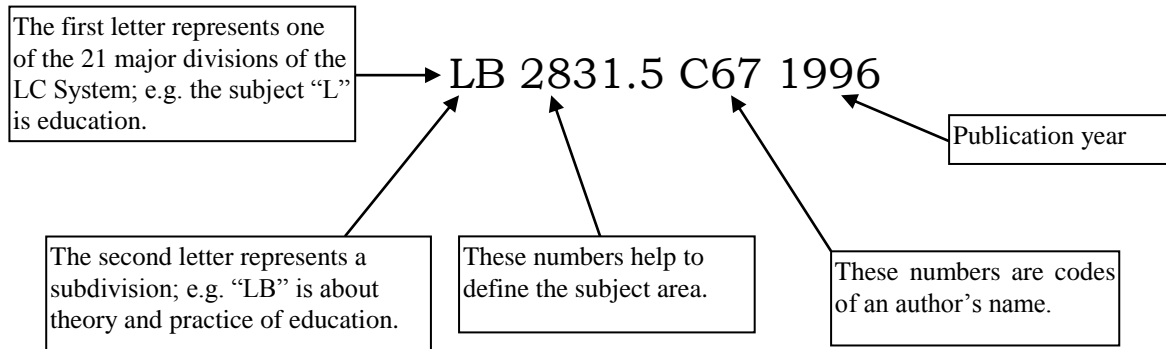


# HOW TO ...

## Read the Call Numbers

### 1. What is a call number?

Think of a call number as being the address of a book, a video or a teaching kit. A call number is made up of numbers and letters which denote the subject matter of the material, with the year of its publication at the end. Let's look at a simple Library of Congress (LC) call number:



### 2. How do I read call numbers?

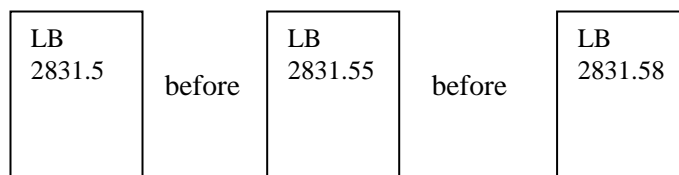
- Read the first line in alphabetic order

A call number that begins with A is shelved before that begins with B, C, etc. e.g. LB before LG

- Read the second line as a whole number

A call number with a smaller number in its second line is placed before one that has a larger number for its second line

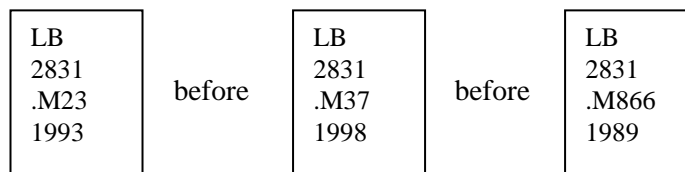
e.g.



- The third line is a combination of a letter and a number.

Read the letter alphabetically and read the number as a decimal

e.g.



This makes sense if you read the numbers as decimals:

0.23 before 0.37 before 0.866

- The final lines of the call numbers may include publication years, volume indicators, issues numbers, copy numbers, etc.

## Library of Congress Classification Scheme

<b>A</b>	<b>General Works</b>		<b>M</b>	<b>Music</b>	
	AE Encyclopedias			M 5-1490	Instrumental music
	AS Academies & learned societies			1495-5000	Vocal music
	AY Yearbooks. Almanacs. Directories			ML Literature on music	
				MT Musical instruction & study	
<b>B</b>	<b>Philosophy</b>		<b>N</b>	<b>Fine arts</b>	
	BF Psychology. Parapsychology. Occult sciences			N Visual arts	
	712-724.85 Developmental psychology			81-390	Study & teaching. Research
	BJ Ethics. Social usages. Etiquette			NB Sculpture	
	BL-BX Religion			NC Drawing. Design. Illustration	
<b>C</b>	<b>Auxiliary Sciences of History</b>			ND Painting	
<b>D</b>	<b>History: General &amp; Old World</b>			NK Decorative arts. Applied arts	
	D-DJ History (General). History of Western Europe			NX Arts in general	
	DS History of Asia			280-410	Study & teaching. Research
	796.H7 Hong Kong		<b>P</b>	<b>Language &amp; Literature</b>	
<b>E-F</b>	<b>History: America</b>			P Philology. Linguistics	
<b>G</b>	<b>Geography. Anthropology. Recreation</b>			PA Classical philology. Classical literature	
	G-GB Geography			PE English	
	GE Environmental Sciences			1001-1693	Modern English
	GN Anthropology			PL Languages of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania	
	GV Recreation. Leisure			1001-2245	Chinese language
	201-555 Physical education & training			(1065-1069	Study & teaching. Research)
	557-1198.995 Sports			2250-2443	Chinese literature(history & criticism)
				2450-2659	Chinese literature(collections)
<b>H</b>	<b>Social Sciences</b>			PN Literature (General)	
	HA Statistics			59-72	Study & teaching
	HB-HC Economics			80-99	Criticism
	HF-HJ Commerce & finance			PR English literature	
	HM Sociology			PS American literature	
	HN Social problems			PZ Fiction & juvenile belles letters	
	HQ Family. Marriage. Woman		<b>Q</b>	<b>Science</b>	
	767.8-792.2 Children. Child development			QA Mathematics	
	HV Social pathology. Social and public welfare. Criminology			75.5-76.95	Electronic computers. Computer science
<b>J</b>	<b>Political Science</b>			QC Physics	
	JZ International relations			QD Chemistry	
<b>K</b>	<b>Law</b>			QH Biology	
<b>L</b>	<b>Education</b>			QM Human anatomy	
	L 900-991 Directories of educational institutions			QP Physiology	
	LA History of education		<b>R</b>	<b>Medicine</b>	
	LB Theory & practice of education			RA Public aspects of medicine	
	1025-1050.75 Teaching (principles & practices)			421-790.95	Public health. Hygiene. Preventive medicine
	1050.9-1091 Educational psychology			RC Internal medicine	
	1101-1139 Child study			512-569.5	Psychopathology
	1139.2-1139.5 Early childhood education			1200-1245	Sports medicine
	1140-1140.5 Preschool education			RD Surgery	
	1141-1489 Kindergarten			92-97.8	Wounds & injuries
	1501-1547 Primary education			RJ Pediatrics	
	1555-1602 Elementary education			125-145	Physiology of children & adolescents
	1603-1696.6 Secondary education. High schools			RM Therapeutics. Pharmacology	
	1705-2286 Teacher training			214-258	Diet Therapy
	3401-3495 School hygiene. School health services			RT Nursing	
	3525-3575 Special days		<b>S</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	
	3602-3640 School life. Students manners			<b>Technology</b>	
	LC Special aspects of education			TA Engineering (General). Civil engineering (General)	
	8-59 Forms of education			TD Environmental technology	
	65-245 Social aspects of education			TK Electrical engineering. Electronics	
	251-951 Moral & religious education			5101-6720	Telecommunication
	1001-1099.5 Types of education			7885-7895	Computer engineering. Hardware
	1200-1203 Inclusive education			TR Photography	
	5161-5163 Fundamental education		<b>U</b>	<b>Military science</b>	
	5201-6660.4 Adult education. Continuing education			<b>Naval science</b>	
	LD-LG Individual institutions			<b>Library science</b>	
				1001-8999	Bibliography
				ZA Information resources (General)	