

THE ORGANIZATION OF BOOKS

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THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

The Kappe Library, like many academic libraries in the United States, uses Library of Congress Classification of call numbers. This system uses a combination of letters and numbers to arrange documents by subjects. The first letter(s) of a call number represent the broad subject of the material.

The Library of Congress system is based on the order devised by the 19th century American librarian Charles Cutter. It divides the field of knowledge into 20 large classes plus an additional class for general works. Each main class has a synopsis that also serves as a guide. The resulting order is from the general to the specific and from the theoretical to the practical.

Special features include differentiation between general and general specific (books treating general works in a special way); minute groupings of subjects and geographic places for individual titles; and association of subject by country rather than topic in certain classes (philosophy, social sciences, political sciences). There is no attempt to give mnemonic (memory) aids, and the fullness of each class varies. Subdivisions in the Library of Congress system are arranged roughly on a historical basis, and the notation is mixed: capital letters (single and double sets) and Arabic numerals. More combinations and, hence, greater specificity is possible, yet excessively long notations do not occur. Hence, university, special, and government libraries favor its use.

CALL NUMBER	SUBJECT
A	GENERAL WORKS
AE	ENCYCLOPEDIAS
B	PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION
BF	PSYCHOLOGY
BL-BX	RELIGION
C-D	HISTORY: GENERAL, EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA
E-F	HISTORY: AMERICA
G	GEOGRAPHY & MAPS
H	SOCIAL SCIENCES
HB-HJ	ECONOMICS
HD	HOUSING
HM-HX	SOCIOLOGY
HQ	FAMILY, MARRIAGE, HOME, CHILD DEVELOPMENT
HT	COMMUNITIES
HV	SOCIAL PROBLEMS, CRIME
J	POLITICAL SCIENCE
K	LAW
KF	LAW: U.S.
L	EDUCATION
LB	TEACHING
M	MUSIC
N	VISUAL ARTS (GENERAL)
400-4042	Art Museums
4390-5098	Exhibitions
5198-5299	Private Collections and Collectors
5300-7418	History of Art
7429.7-7433	Technique, Composition, Style, etc.
7475-7483	Art Criticism
7575-7624.5	Portraits
7790-8199	Religious Art
8554-8585	Examination and Conservation of Works of Art
8600-8675	Economics of Art
8700-9165	Art and the State, Public Art

	190-1613	History
	200-340	Ancient architecture
	350-373	Medieval architecture
	440-489	Gothic architecture
	570-590	Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo architecture
	630-700	18th - 20th century architecture
	700-1600	Architectural monographs (by nations)
	2500	Architectural theory
	2695-2793	Architectural Design and Drawing
	2835-4050	Architectural Details, Motives, Decoration, etc.
	4590-6199	Religious architecture
	6200-6280	Banks, office buildings, shops
	6820-6840	Theaters
	7100-7860	Houses, housing, hotels, apartment buildings
	9000-9428	Aesthetics of City, City Planning and Beautification
NB		SCULPTURE
NC		DRAWING, DESIGN, ILLUSTRATION
	997-1003	Commercial Art, Advertising Art
	1300-1766	Caricature, Pictorial Humor and Satire
	1800-1850	Posters
ND		PAINTING
	1290-1460	Special Subjects (human figure, landscapes, animals, still life)
	1700-2495	Watercolor Painting
	2550-2888	Mural Painting
	2890-3416	Illuminating of Manuscripts and Books
NE		PRINT MEDIA
NK		DECORATIVE ARTS, APPLIED ARTS, DECORATION AND ORNAMENT
	1135-1149.5	Arts and Crafts Movement
	1700-3505	Interior Decoration
	3600-9955	Other Arts and Crafts Industries
	3700-4695	Ceramics, Pottery, Porcelain
	4700-4890	Costume and its accessories
	880-9505	Textile arts and art needlework
NX		ARTS IN GENERAL
	654-694	Religious Arts
	700-750	Patronage of the Arts
	798-820	Special Arts Centers
P		LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
PE		ENGLISH
PN		DRAMA, RADIO, TELEVISION, MOVIES
PR		BRITISH LITERATURE
PS		AMERICAN LITERATURE
Q		SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS
QA		MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE
QB		ASTRONOMY
QC		PHYSICS
QD		CHEMISTRY
QE		GEOLOGY
QH		BIOLOGY
QK		BOTANY
QL		ZOOLOGY
R		MEDICINE
RA		PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
S		AGRICULTURE
SB		LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
T		TECHNOLOGY
T		OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH
T		MECHANICAL DRAWING, CAD
TA		ENGINEERING
TD		ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
TH		BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AIR CONDITIONING, FIRE PREVENTION
TJ		MACHINE SHOP, TOOLS
TK		ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS
TL		MOTOR VEHICLES, AERONAUTICS
TP		REFRIGERATION
TR		PHOTOGRAPHY
TS		WELDING
TT		HAIRDRESSING, COSMETOLOGY, FASHION
TX		NUTRITION, COOKERY
U		MILITARY SCIENCE
V		NAVAL SCIENCE
VM		BOATS AND BOATING
Z		BIBLIOGRAPHY, BOOK PRODUCTION & LIBRARY SCIENCE