

UNDERSTANDING CALL NUMBERS



The East Georgia College Library uses Library of Congress (LC) Classification System. This system uses letters and numbers to arrange books and other items by subject. Books and other items on similar subjects are assigned similar call numbers.

Here is a brief listing of the LC system:

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| A = General works | M = Music |
| B-BJ = Philosophy | N = Fine arts |
| BF = Psychology | P = Language & Literature |
| BL-BX = Religion | Q = Math, Science, Computer Science |
| C,D,E,F = History | R = Medicine |
| G = Geography, Anthropology, Recreation | S = Agriculture |
| H = Social Sciences, Business | T = Technology, Engineering |
| J = Political Science | U = Military Science |
| KF = Law of the United States | V = Naval Science |
| L = Education | Z = Bibliography, Printing, Publishing |

What are call numbers? **Call numbers are shelf addresses.** All items in a library are assigned a call number which is an address telling you where the items have been shelved.

The call numbers appear in two places:

 <p>↕</p> <p>DG75 .A35 1998</p> <p>On the spine of books, videos...</p>	 <p>DG75.A35 1998</p> <p>In the online catalog</p>
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This is how a title will appear in *GIL@EGC*, our online catalog. The call number is listed on the second line.

	Adkins, Lesley	Handbook to life in ancient Rome / Lesley Adkins and Roy A. Adkins.	1998
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Library Location: Reference</i>	<i>Call Number: DG75.A35 1998</i>	<i>Status: Not Checked out</i>

Reading Call Numbers

DG75	Read this line alphabetically and then numerically A, B, C ... D, DA, DG... and 1,2,3,45,75,...100,1450,1500,2430...
.A35	This line is a combination of a letter and digits. Read the letter alphabetically and read each digit as a decimal, e.g. .A35 = .35 .C567 = .567 etc.
1998	This line is the year the book was published.

Understanding Order.

(LA before LB)

(8777 before 8778)

LA2301 .C54	LB2337 .D67	DC8777 .P23	DC8778 .R23	DC8778 .R38	DC8778 .R388	DC889 .H59 1982	DC889 .H59 1995
		(P before R)	(.23 before .38 before .388)			(1982 before 1995)	

What Does the Call Number Mean?

Book Title: Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome

Author: Adkins, Lesley

Call Number: **DG75.A35 1998****DG75** This first line describes the subject of the book. DG75 = History of Italy**.A35** This line often represents the author's last name .A35 = Adkins**1998** This is the year the book was published.

Because books are classified by subject you will find similar books about the same subject shelved together.

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DG75 .A35 1998	DG77 .B317 1965	DG77 .H3

1. Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome by L. Adkins
2. Rome in the East: the Transformation of an Empire by W. Ball
3. The Roman Way by Edith Hamilton