

Reading a Library of Congress Call Number

The **first line** of a call number may begin with up to three letters.

Read the first line in alphabetical order:
A, B, BF, C, CA, CB.

DS

The **second line** of the call number should be read as a whole number. A call number with a smaller value is placed before a call number with a greater value.

559.45

The **third line** is the trickiest part. It is a combination of a letter and a numeral. The number is treated as a decimal.

For instance: .H444 before .H64.

.H35

The **final line** of the call number can include a publication date, volume number, and copy number.

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