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The Library of Congress System is made up of letters and numbers.

### Library of Congress Subject Areas:

- **A - General Works**
- **B - Philosophy, Psychology, Religion**
- **C - Auxiliary sciences of history**
- **D - World History**
- **E-F - History of the Americas**
- **G - Geography, Anthropology, Recreation**
- **H - Social Sciences**
- **J - Political Science**
- **K - Law**
- **L - Education**

- **M - Music and Books on Music**
- **N - Fine Arts**
- **P - Language and Literature**
- **Q - Science**
- **R - Medicine**
- **S - Agriculture**
- **T - Technology**
- **U - Military Science**
- **V - Naval Science**
- **Z - Bibliography. Library Science**

### Read call numbers line by line:

- **LB 2395 .C65 1991**

  - **LB**: Read the first line in alphabetical order: A, AB, AC, AD, ... C, D, ..., L, LA, LB, LC, ...
  - **2395**: Read the second line as a whole number: 1, 2, 3, 4, 45, 100, 101, 1000, 2000, 4000, ...
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  - **1991**: This is the year the book was published. Chronological order: 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2012, ...

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**A-K on the Second Floor and L-Z on the Third Floor.**