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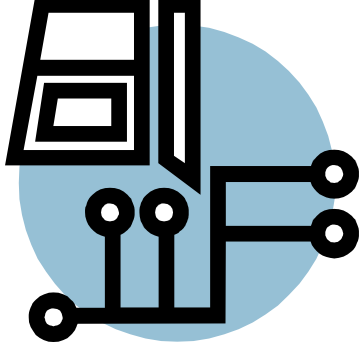
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## How to Use the Library of Congress System



# Library of Congress– How do I use the system?

1. What is the Library of Congress system?

The Library of Congress is the standard system used by most college libraries, and as you can probably guess, get's its name from the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

2. How does it work?

Each item whether it is a book, magazine, CD, or video is assigned a call number on the basis of its subject. All call numbers consist first of letters and then numbers.

For example:

The number

BF 637.S4 P43 1978

Corresponds to a book on the subject of psychology.

The last number 1978 in the call number means that the book was published in 1978.

3. How can I find items on the same subject?

This is easy. Just find a call number for one item in the subject matter and the rest of the items on the same subject will be in the same area and begin with the same first two letters.

For example:

Books on the topic of computers or technology are found in the area of QA and books on religion or copies of scriptures are found in BX.

Learn more about the Library of Congress numbers:

<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/>

Duke University's guide on how to use the Library of Congress:

<http://library.duke.edu/services/instruction/libraryguide/librarycongress.html>

One last thing to be aware of, as previously mentioned the Library of Congress system is used primarily by college libraries so if you go to the public library and look for a book you will find they use the Dewey system which uses completely different call numbers to organize their books by subject.

