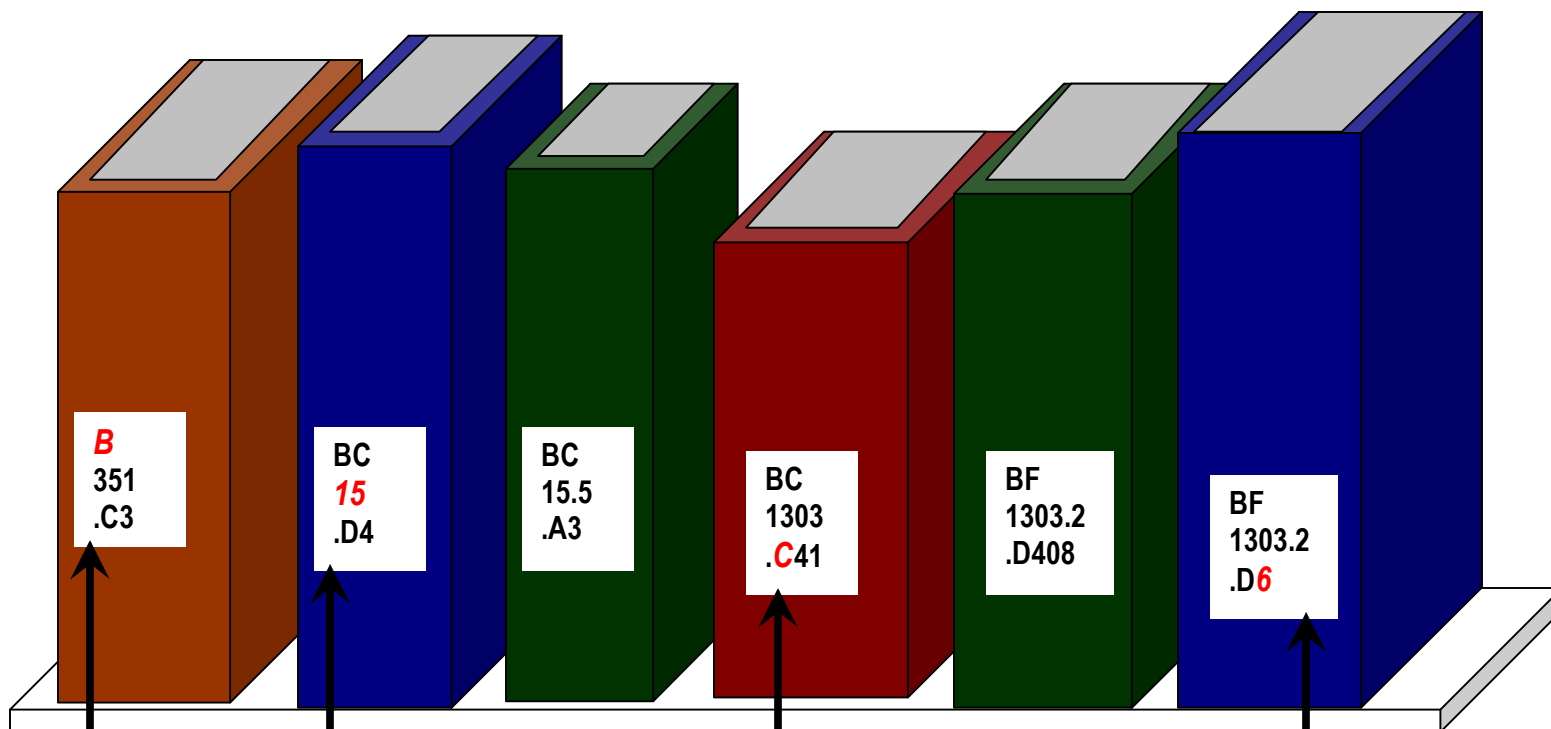


# Locating Books Using LC Call Numbers

VCU Libraries uses the Library of Congress (LC) call number system to catalog books. Use the online library catalog to locate the call number of a book – you can search by keyword (Words Anywhere), subject, title or author. Remember to check “Is this item available?” to see if the book you want is available.

## How to Read a Call Number:



Books are arranged alpha-numerically, starting with the first letter (or letters) of the call number.

Books are then shelved by the numbers before the decimal point.

After this first series of letters and numbers, books are shelved alphabetically by the next letter.

Finally, books are shelved by decimal numbers. Remember, the last set of numbers is always decimal numbers, not whole numbers!

### Find the right floor in Cabell Library:

Third Floor: Books that begin alphabetically with LC call numbers A-M

Fourth Floor: Books that begin alphabetically with LC call numbers N-Z

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