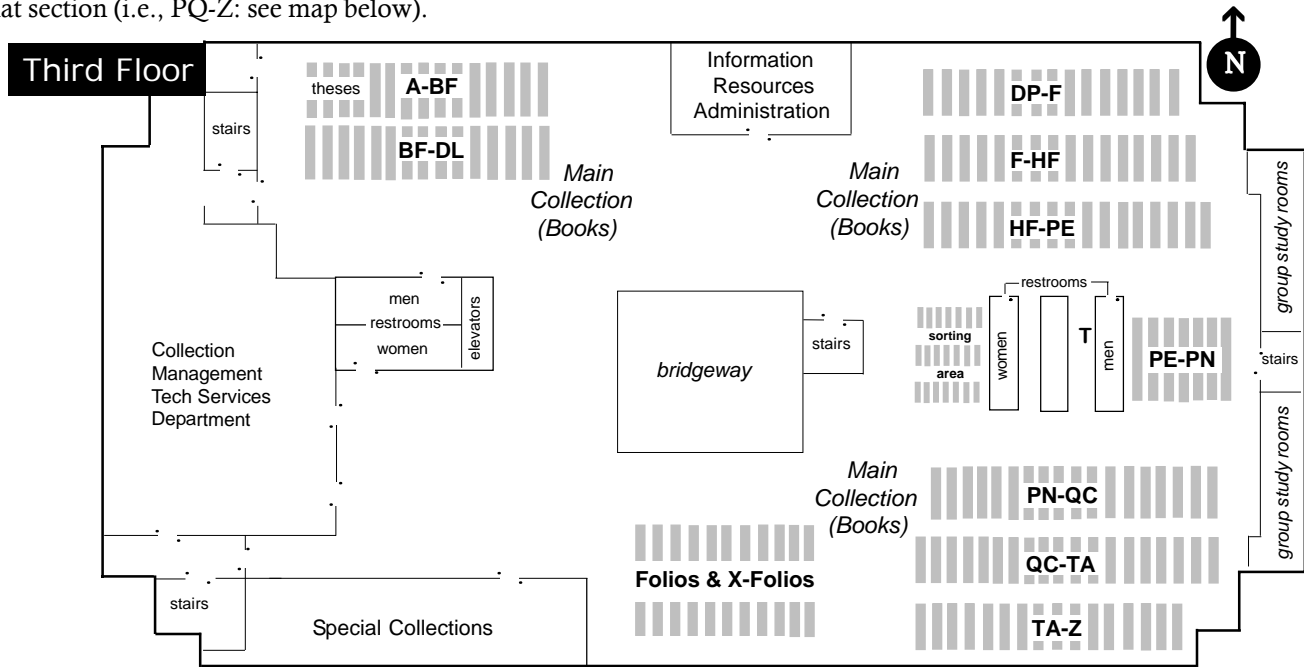


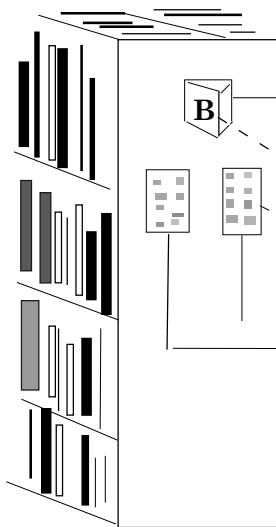
Locating Books in the Meriam Library

California State University ~ Chico

Main Collection books are located on the **third floor of the Meriam Library** and may be checked out at the Circulation desk on the 1st floor. Books are shelved in Library of Congress Classification number order (see other side for an outline of the classification system). Above each group of book stacks is a sign indicating the call number range of the books located in that section (i.e., PQ-Z: see map below).



Book Stack End Panel



On the end panel of each book stack are several signs. The bold single letter sign is the first call letter of all the books shelved in that particular stack. The other signs indicate the call number range of the books located on each side of the stack.

EXAMPLE:

Assume you are looking for a book with the call number **BD 431 C465 1986**

- First locate the book stacks labeled **B**.
- Second find the detailed call number sign where the book should be located.

BD	BD	BD	BF
215	to 581	581	to 76.5
B44	A75	B8	K4
1986	1983	1982	1973

In this case, the book's call number falls between **BD 215 B44 1986** and **BD 581 A75 1983**. Therefore, it would be shelved on the left side of the stack.

Note about Library of Congress Call Numbers

The call number is composed of both letters and numbers. The first letter(s) and number(s) refers to the subject content (class) of the work. The second combination of letter(s) and number(s) usually refers to the author, except some subject class numbers are subdivided in greater detail. In those cases the third combination of letter(s) and number(s) refers to the author. An example of a shelving sequence is below. Read call numbers from top to bottom. Some call numbers may include decimals in the third line while others may not. This does not effect shelving.

B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
1	1	1	86	86	86	86.2	86.2
A25*	.A8	A86	.K57	K7	K8	.A24	A3
				1986			

*A25 comes before A8. From the third line onward, read the numbers decimally.

Library of Congress Classification System

Class

- A General Works**
Encyclopedias, reference books
- B Philosophy, Psychology, Religion**
B Philosophy (General)
BF Psychology
BL-BX Religion
- C Auxiliary Sciences of History**
CC Archaeology
CS Genealogy
CT Biography
- D History (General)**
D World history
DA-DZ Individual countries
- E-F History: America**
E 11-143 America
E 151-889 United States
F 1-957 States and Local
F 1001-1140 Canada
F 1202+ Other countries
- G Geography, Anthropology, Recreation**
G-GB Geography
GE Environmental sciences
GN Anthropology
GR Folklore
GV Recreation. Sports. Physical Education
- H Social Sciences**
HA Statistics
HB-HJ Economics. Business
HM Sociology
HQ Family. Marriage. Women
- J Political Sciences**
JA Political science (General)
JF-JQ Public administration
JS Local government. Municipal government
JZ International relations
- K Law**
KDZ America. North America
KF United States
KZ Law of nations
- L Education**
LA History of Education
LB Theory and Practice
- M Music**
M Musical works. Scores
ML Literature on Music
MT Musical instruction
- N Fine Arts**
NA Architecture
NC Drawing. Design. Illustration
ND Painting

Class

- P Language and Literature**
P Philology. Linguistics
P 87-96 Communication. Mass media
PA Classical languages
PN Literature (General)
PQ Romance literature
PR English literature
PS American literature
PT Germanic literature
- Q Science**
QA Mathematics
QA 76 Computer Science
QB-QC Astronomy. Physics
QD Chemistry
QE Geology
QH Biology. Natural history
QK Botany
QL Zoology
QP Physiology
QR Microbiology
- R Medicine**
RA Public health
RC Internal medicine
RC435-571 Psychiatry
RT Nursing
- S Agriculture**
SB Plant science. Horticulture
SD Forestry
SF Animal Science
SK Hunting sports. Wildlife
- T Technology**
TA Engineering (General) & Civil
TC Hydraulic engineering
TD Environmental technology
TE Highway engineering
TH Building construction
TJ Mechanical engineering
TK Electric/onic engineering
TL Motor vehicles. Aeronautics
TN-TP Mining. Metallurgy
TP Chemical technology. Plastics
TR Photography
TS Manufacturing. Production industries
TT-TX Home economics
- U Military Science**
- V Naval Science**
- Z Bibliography and Library Science**