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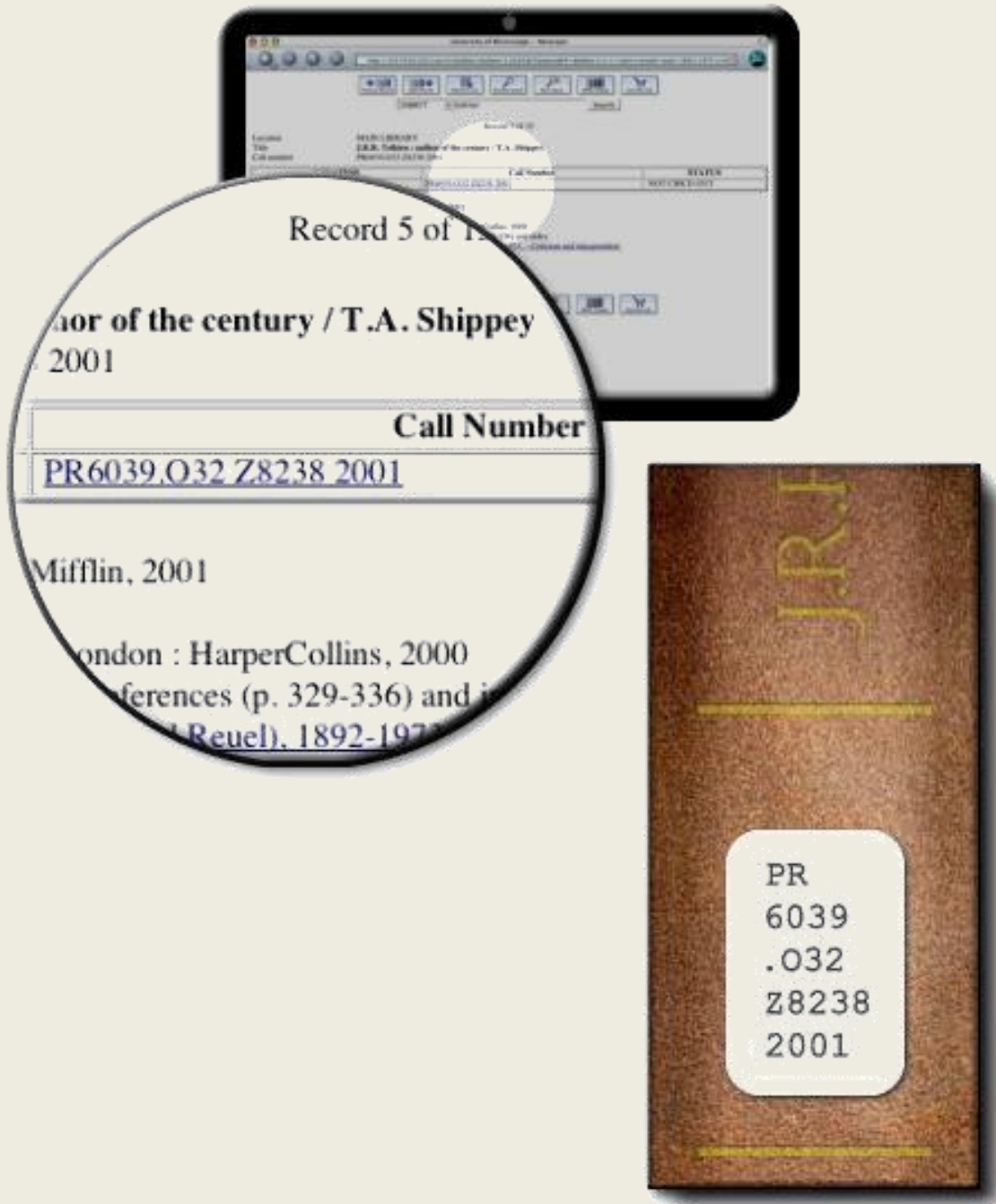
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HM	Sociology	TE	Highway Engineering, Roads and Pavements
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HV	Social and Public Welfare, Criminology	TH	Building Construction
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K	Law (General)	TP	Chemical Technology
KD	Law of the United Kingdom and Ireland	TR	Photography
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For a more detailed outline, please visit: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/lcco/lcco.html>

How to Read LC Call Numbers

The call number's appearance differs depending where it is found. On a book's label, the parts of the call number are stacked vertically, and are read from top to bottom.

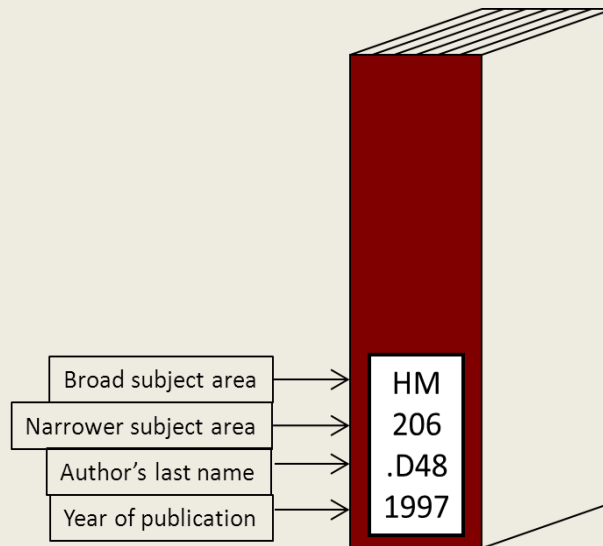
In the online catalog, the call number is written horizontally in a single line, and is read from left to right.



Understanding LC Call Numbers

Most call numbers have four parts :

- General / Broad Subject
- Narrower Topic
- Cutter Number (represents author, corporation, or title)
- Year of Publication



Title: Price control under fair trade legislation
Author: Ewald T. Grether

HF Commerce
5415 Business Marketing General works
.G67 Cutter number for Grether
1939 Year of publication

But there are other forms that call numbers can take. For example:



Title : The sun also rises
Author : Ernest hemingway

PS American literature
3515 Individual authors
.E37 Author's cutter number, using second letter (Emingway)
S8 Title (sun - the, a, an ignored)
1954 Year of publication



Title : Almanac of the 50 states

REF Library collection → Reference
HA Statistics
203 Statistical data → By region or country
→ America → Serials
.A5 Title
1996 Year of publication

How LC Call Numbers are arranged on the Shelves

The average call number has four lines on a book label, and each of those lines is read differently.

TH
880
S53
2012

The first line is made up of 1-3 letters, and is read in alphabetical order.

A B BC BF CJ D G GE GR H

TH
880
S53
2012

The second line is made up of whole numbers, and is read numerically. The numbers in this line may sometimes have decimals.

1 5 25 78 126 333 790 790.5 1357 4274

TH
880
S53
2012

This line is called the cutter number, which usually represents the author's last name, but can also stand for the name of a corporation or the book's title. It is read first alphabetically by letter, and then the numbers are read as a decimal.

.S12 .S3 .S45 .S5 .S53 .G564 .G5643 .G6 .G67 .H2

TH
880
S53
2012

The last line is the year of publication, and is read in chronological order.

1854 1910 1959 1959b 1978 1999 2001 2008 2012

Code Used for Collection according to format of Materials

Ending the call number may be letters or numbers designating the various format of the library collection. Example:

BP
133
K36
2008
Ref

Reference Collection

GV
1060
M695
Jrn

Journal collection

HD
69
P75
2010
Thesis

Thesis collection

GV
1060
M695
Jrn

Rare collection
(Books published
before 1950)

Arrangement of the books on the shelves

