

How are books arranged in library?

Books in IIT Jodhpur Library are arranged subject wise using the Dewey Decimal Classification System (22nd Ed.). In this system, all knowledge is represented by 10 broad subject classes:

000	Computer science, information & general works
100	Philosophy & psychology
200	Religion
300	Social sciences
400	Language
500	Science
600	Technology (Applied sciences)
700	Arts & recreation
800	Literature
900	History & geography

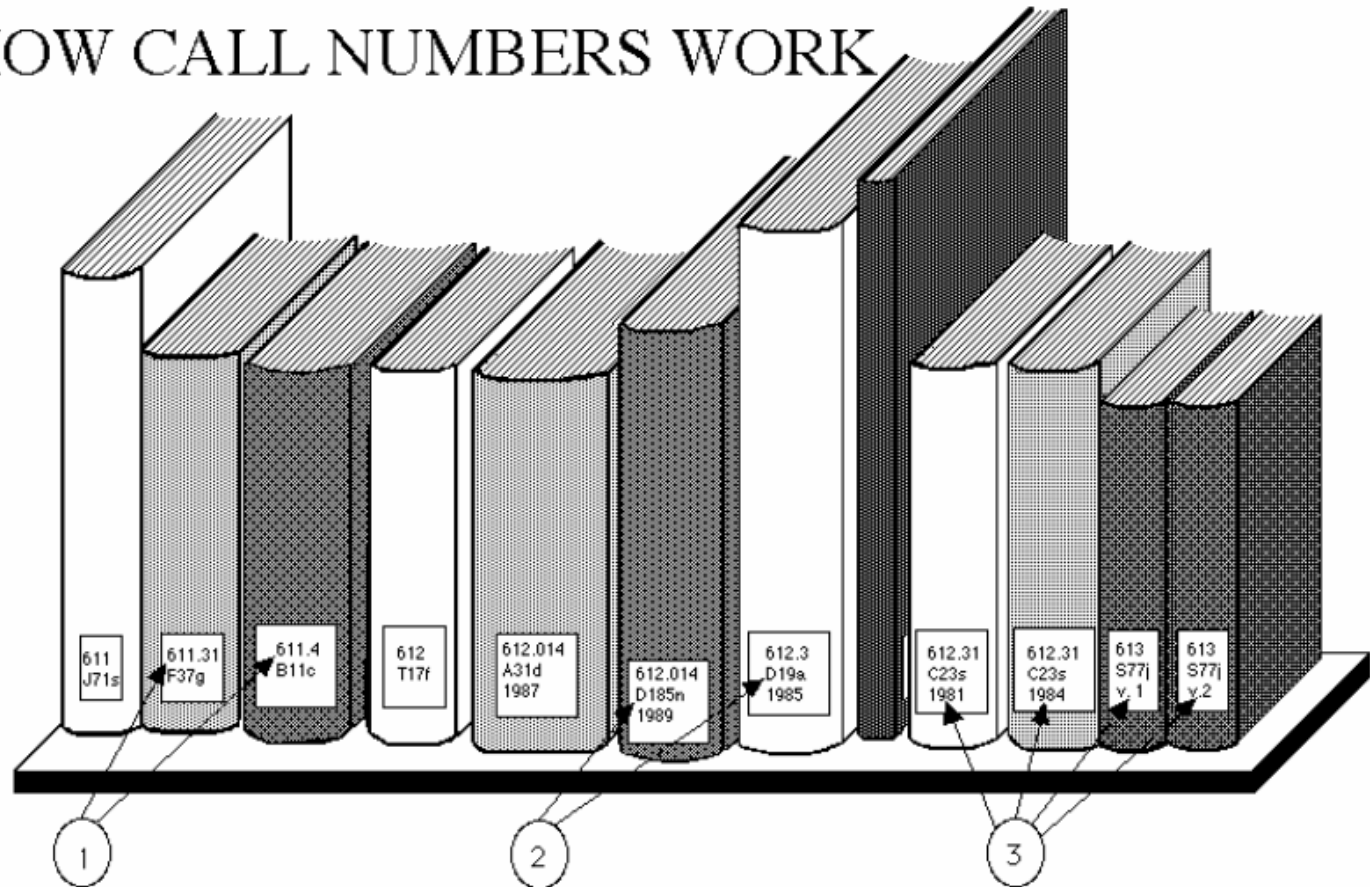
The Dewey Decimal system is a hierarchical system, which means, within each broad class, it develops progressively from the general to the specific.

For example:

600	Technology (Applied sciences)
620	Engineering and allied operations
621.3	Electrical, magnetic, optical, communications, computer engineering;
621.39	Computer engineering
621.397	Storage
621.3973	Internal storage (Main memory)
621.39732	Semiconductor memory (bi-polar, MOS, thin-film memory etc.)

Each item in the Library has a unique call number and is arranged under that number on the shelves. To ensure that you find the exact item you want, be sure to copy the **complete** call number.

HOW CALL NUMBERS WORK



1
Using decimal notation, books are shelved numerically (left to right) by the first line in the call number. In other words, they are arranged number by number. For example 611.31 comes before 611.4 because it is a smaller number.

2
All books of the same number group are then arranged according to the second line of the call number, first alphabetically, then number by number (D185n comes before D19a) and then alphabetically again by the last letter(s).

3
If all information in the call number is identical, the books are then arranged according to publication dates, chronologically from oldest to newest. Multi-volume sets are filed numerically by volume number.