



Library of Congress call numbers should be read **one line at a time** as follows:

Sample Call Number DA 36 A77	DA	Line 1
	36	Line 2
	A77	Line 3

1. First, look at Line 1

Books are arranged in alphabetical order, by the letters on the first line of the call number.

Example: first come all the **D** call numbers, then all the **DA** call numbers, then **DB**, etc.



2. Next, look at Line 2

Within the **DA** call numbers, books are arranged in number order. The numbers are arranged in numerical order, from low to high.

Example:



3. Then look at Line 3

Line 3 of the call number has a letter and a number. The letters are in alphabetical order. Then read the numbers -but BEWARE! The numbers are not whole numbers, they are decimal numbers!

Example: **A55** is read as **A .55** - this is why **A55** comes *before* **A6** (**A .55**, **A .6**, **A .65**, etc.)

