

Do you Dewey? To locate a non-fiction book at the library:

Look up your title, author, or subject in our online card catalog. Your search will give you a call number, such as 815.08 Nix.

Look at the call number stickers on the spines of the books. Books are placed in order by the number, then alphabetically by the letters. Be sure to read the full number: all the decimal places matter! The letters usually tell you part of the author or editor name, but sometimes it shows letters of the title, if there is no author. You may have to pull the book out from the shelf to read the complete call number if it wraps around the spine.

The call number will bring you to a specific book, but also to the general section where books about your topic can be located.

****Books quickly become misplaced when call numbers are not read carefully. If you ever take a book off the shelf, don't put it back unless you use the Dewey Decimal system, so that someone else looking for the book will be able to find it.** You can always place the book on a cart to be shelved by the librarians.**

At Ringwood Public Library, Young Adult non-fiction books are shelved with the Adult books. Children's non-fiction books are shelved separately and will have call numbers that start with JUV (for juvenile).

In the Dewey Decimal System, books are grouped by subject:

Dewey #	10 Main Classes
000-099	General Works
100-199	Philosophy and Psychology
200-299	Religion
300-399	Social Science
400-499	Language
500-599	Natural Science
600-699	Applied Science
700-799	Fine Arts and Recreation
800-899	Literature
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