Finding books in the
NHTI Library

If you need assistance at any point please contact a reference librarian at nhtireference@ccsnh.edu or by phone at 603-230-4028.

Included in this guide:

- Using the catalog to find books
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Library Catalog

The Library’s catalog can be accessed on the homepage. Search by keyword, title, author, or subject.

Examples: Global warming, Perks of Being a Wallflower, Edgar Allen Poe, genetically modified foods

The books that closely match your search will be listed at the top. You can also refine by publication year, format, subject, and author.

[Screen shot of library catalog interface]

Enter search terms

Refine by year, subject, etc

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How to read a call number

Call numbers are taped to a book’s spine and list its location in the Library. The Library is organized by Library of Congress Classification, which groups books in sections based on their subject. Each subject is assigned a letter. (See p. 3 for a listing of subjects and letters.)

Example:

First, go to section HV, which contains books about criminology

Next, begin at HV1 and continue until you reach HV6653

This book was published in 2004

C.1 stands for copy one

These are called Cutter Numbers. A47 symbolizes Ballad and R83 stands for Rubinstein. Cutters help library staff keep books in order on the shelf.
Library of Congress Classification Subjects

A  Reference books, Encyclopedias, Collected works
B  Philosophy, Psychology, Ethics
C  Archaeology, Genealogy, Biographies
D  World History
E-F History of America (Western Hemisphere)
G  Geography, Maps, Anthropology, Folklore, Recreation
GV Recreation, Leisure, Sports
H  Social Science: Statistics, Economics, Sociology
HF – HG Commerce, Finance
HQ Family, Marriage, Women
HV Social Welfare, Criminology
J  Political Science
K  Law
L  Education
M  Music
N  Fine Arts: Architecture, Sculpture, Painting
P  Literature
PZ Young Adult and Children’s Literature
Q  Math, Computers, and Sciences
R  Medicine
RK Dentistry
RT Nursing
S  Agriculture: Plants, Forestry, Farm animals
T  Technology
TR Photography
TX Cookbooks
U  Military Science
V  Naval Science
Z  Bibliography, Library Science