How to read a Library of Congress Call Number

A - General Works

B - Philosophy, Psychology, Religion

C - Auxiliary Sciences of History

D - History: General & Outside of the Americas

E - History: United States

F - History: United States - Local & Americas

G - Geography, Anthropology, Recreation

H - Social Sciences

J - Political Science

K - Law

L - Education

M - Music

N - Fine Arts

P - Language

Q - Science

R - Medicine

S - Agriculture

T - Technology

U - Military

V - Naval

Z - Library Science & Information Resources

BF Line 1: is the general subject class and subclass (B=Philosophy/Religion; BF= Psychology)

1078 Line 2: is the classification number narrows the subtopic within the specified class (1078 = Dreams)

S5 Line 3:Cutter number Represents the author's name or the title of the work (S5 = Ella Freeman Sharpe)

1978 Line 4: Publication year (1978 = Year book was published)

LC call numbers are read from left to right, and from top to bottom. The letters at the beginning of the call number are alphabetical. The numbers immediately following are in basic numerical order, i.e. 5 then 6, 50 is after 49 and before 51, and 100 is after 99.