Library of Congress Subject Guide

Looking for a particular subject and not sure where to look? Just want to browse the topics of our resources? This guide gives the Library of Congress Catalog Subject denotations by letter with further in-depth subdivisions in areas in which we have several sources.

To use, look through the main subjects in the Table of Contents, then locate the page of the guide which will hopefully have more subdivisions concerning what you are interested in. When you’re ready to look at the sections, look for shelf signs indicating call number ranges (sometimes there’s a subject indicator, too!) Browse the books and enjoy! If you need more help, any staff member will be more than glad to assist you!

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Women’s Center Resource Library SUBJECTS
(Library of Congress Classifications)
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Numbered subdivisions are inclusions within the larger division, but are not appropriated for every resource.
^ Denotes subcategory or numerical division different from or not denoted by the Library of Congress.

A: General Works
   AC – Collections, Series, Collected Works
   AS – Academies and Learned Societies (General)

B: Philosophy, Psychology, Religion
   B – Philosophy (General)
   BF – Psychology, Parapsychology, Occult Sciences
       1 – 940 = Psychology
       (712 – 724.85 = Developmental Psychology)
       1001 – 1389 = Parapsychology
       1404 – 1999 = Occult Sciences
   BJ – Ethics, Social Usages, Etiquette
   BL – Religions, Mythology, Rationalism
       425 – 490 = Religious Doctrines (General)
       624 – 627 = Religious Life
       700 – 820 = Classical (Etruscan, Greek, Roman)
   BP – Islam, Bahaism, Theosophy
   BR – Christianity
   BS – The Bible
   BT – Doctrinal Theology
   BV – Practical Theology
   BX – Christian Denominations

C: Auxiliary Sciences of History
   CB – History of Civilization
   CT – General Biography
       3200 – 3830 = Biography of Women (Collective)

D: History – General & Outside the Americas
   DA – Great Britain
   DC – France
   DS – Asia
       101 – 151 = Israel, The Jews, Palestine
       350 – 375 = Afghanistan
   DT – Africa
   DU – Oceania, Australia, New Zealand

E: History – United States
   51 – 73 = Pre-Columbian America, The Indians
   98 – 99 = Indian Tribes and Cultures
   184.5 – 185.98 = African-Americans
   441 – 453 = Slavery in the United States, Antislavery Movements
   740 – 837.7 = Twentieth Century
       Includes the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt & Franklin Delano Roosevelt
       Biographies (General)

F: History – United States Local and America
   590.6 – 596.3 = The West, Trans-Mississippi Region, Great Plains
   1201 – 3799 = Latin America, Spanish America

G: Geography, Anthropology, Recreation
   G – General Geography, Atlases, Maps
   GN – Anthropology
49 – 298 = Physical Anthropology
301 – 673 = Cultural Anthropology, Ethnology
GR – Folklore
GT – Manners and Customs (General)
GV – Recreation, Leisure
561 – 1198.995 = Sports
1580-1799 = Dancing

H: Social Sciences
HC – Economic History and Conditions
HD – Economic History and Conditions
28 – 88 = Production
4801 – 8943 = Labor
6050 – 6305 = Classes of Labor
HF – Commerce
5001 – 6182 = Business
5381 – 5386 = Vocational Guidance, Career Development
5500 = Women in Business^

HG – Finance
179 = Personal Finance
4501 – 6051 = Stocks, Investment, Speculation

HM – General Sociology
131 – 134 = Association, Mutuality, Social Groups
251 – 291 = Social Psychology

HN – Social History, Problems, and Reform
HQ – The Family, Marriage, Woman
12 – 449 = Sexual Life
19 – 30.7 = Sexual Behavior and Attitudes, Sexuality
31 – 64 = Sex Instruction and Sexual Ethics
71 – 72 = Sexual Deviations [Incest^]
74 = Bisexuality
75 – 76.8 = Homosexuality, Lesbianism
77.7 – 77.9 = Transsexualism
(471 = Erotica, Pornography)

503 – 1064 = The Family, Marriage, Home
(536 = The Family from a Feminist Perspective^

755.7 – 759.92 = Parents, Parenthood; including parent and child, husbands, fathers, wives, mothers)
760 – 767.7 = Family Size, Birth Control, Abortion
767.8 – 792.2 = Children, Child Development; including child rearing, child life, play, socialization, children’s rights)
(798 – 799^ = Young Men and Women)
(800 = Single People)
(801 = Man-Woman Relationships, Courtship, Dating)
(811 – 960.7 = Divorce)
(1060 – 1064 = Aged, Gerontology [Social Aspects], Retirement)

1075 – 1075.5 = Sex Role
1088 – 1090.7 = Men

1101 – 2030.7 = Women, Feminism
1402 – 1420 = Women in America, Historical and Social Perspectives^
(1421 – 1426 = Feminist Ideology and History^
(1438 = Women in the South and MidWest^
(1460.5 – 1508 = Hispanic Women^
(1588 – 1767 = Women Around the World^

HS – Societies: Secret, Benevolent, etc.
HT – Cities, Communities, Races
HV – Social Service, Welfare, Criminology
1442 – 1448 = Women
1450 – 1493 = Aged
1551 – 3024 = Handicapped (including blind, deaf, mentally
handicapped, and physically handicapped)

5001 – 5720.5 = Alcoholism, Intemperance, Temperance Reform

6001 – 7220.5 = Criminology

(6556 – 6570 = Topics on Rape; including coping and statistics^)

(6592 – 6626 = Stalking and Abuse^)

7231 – 9960 = Criminal Justice Administration

HX – Socialism, Communism, Utopias, Anarchism

J: Political Science

JC – Political Theory, Theory of the State

501 – 607 = Purpose, Functions, and Relations of the State

JF – Political Institutions and Public Administration

JK – Political Institutions and Public Administration: United States

1717 – 2248 = Political Rights, Practical Politics

JV – Colonies and Colonization, Emigration and Immigration, International Migration

JX – International Relations and Law

K: Law

K – Law (General)

KBP^ – Islam

KDC – Scotland


156 = Law Dictionaries, Words and Phrases

350 – 370 = History

465 – 485 = Persons: General, Status, Capacity

501 – 553 = Domestic Relations, Family Law

3300 – 3750 = Social Legislation

(3301 – 3580 = Labor Law; including Sexual Harassment^)

4741 – 4783 = Civil and Political Rights and Liberties

Includes Sex Discrimination

9223 – 9329^ = Special Topics in Criminal Law

Includes Law and Rape

KFC – Individual States: Colorado

KFM – Individual States: Minnesota

KFN – Individual States: Nebraska

KFU – Individual States: Utah

L: Education

LA – History of Education

LB – Theory and Practice of Education

1025 – 1631 = Teaching: From Early Childhood and Up^  
2300 – 2340 = Higher Education

LC – Special Aspects of Education

189 – 214.53 = Educational Sociology

(212 = Discrimination and Sex Differences in Education^)

1401 – 2572 = Women

~ LGBTQ issues scattered within LC category^ 

LE – Individual Institutions: American, except United States

LJ – Student Fraternities and Societies in the United States

M: Music

ML – Literature of Music

159 – 3799 = History and Criticism

(1400 – 3275 = Vocal Music)

MLCS^ – Quotations

N: Fine Arts

N – Visual Arts (General)

5300 – 7418 = History of Art

NB – Sculpture

ND – Painting

NE – Print Media
NK – Decorative Arts, Applied Arts, Decoration and Ornament
NX – Arts in General

P: Language and Literature
P – General Linguistics
PA – Classical Languages and Literature
PE – English
  Includes dictionaries
PJ – Oriental Languages and Literatures: General Works
PK – Indo-Iranian
PL – Languages and Literatures of Eastern Asia, Africa, Oceania
PN – Literary History and Collections: General
  411 – 1009.5 = Literary History
  1865 – 1999 = Special Types of Drama
  2000 – 3307 = Dramatic Representation, The Theatre
  4699 – 5650 = Journalism
  6010 – 6790 = Collections of General Literature
    (6080 – 6095 = Quotations)
    (6099 – 6110 = Poetry)
    (6120.15 – 6120.95 = Fiction)
    (6147 – 6231 = Wit and Humor, Satire)
    (6249 – 6790 = Miscellaneous)

PQ – Romance Literatures
  1 – 3999 = French Literature
  6001 – 8929 = Spanish Literature

PR – English Literature
  Includes works by Jane Austen, the Bronte sisters, Doris Lessing, Virginia Woolf, Margaret Atwood, Shirley Verel, Beth Brant, Anne Cameron, Jane Rule and Michelle Cliff.

PS – American Literature

PT – Germanic Literature

PZ – Juvenile Belles Lettres (All Languages) [*Youth’s Literature]
  Includes works by Collette, Doris Lessing, Mari Sandoz, Eudora Welty, June Arnold, Ursula K. LeGuin, Iris Murdoch, Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Walker

Q: Science
Q – General Science
QA – Mathematics
QD – Chemistry
QH – Natural History
QL – Zoology
  750 – 795 = Animal Behavior and Psychology
QP – Physiology
  251 – 285 = Reproduction, Physiology of Sex
R: Medicine
   R – Medicine (General)
      690 – 697 = Medicine as a Profession, Physicians
   RA – Public Aspects of Medicine
      421 – 790.85 = Public Health, Hygiene, Preventative Medicine
         (643 – 645 = Disease and Public Health)
         (778^ = Women’s Body and Health)
   RC – Internal Medicine, Practice of Medicine
      254 – 282 = Neoplasms, Tumors, Oncology (including cancer
                  and carcinogens)
      435 – 571 = Psychiatry
         (475 – 489 = Therapeutics, Psychotherapy)
         (512 – 571 = Psychopathology)
            [530 – 552 = Neuroses]
            [554 – 569.5 = Personality Disorders, Behavior
                      Problems (including sexual problems, drug
                      abuse, suicide, child abuse)]
      581 – 607 = Immunologic Diseases, Allergies
      627.5 – 632 = Metabolic Diseases
   RD – Surgery
   RG – Gynecology and Obstetrics
      121^ = Women’s Knowledge
      133 – 137.6 = Conception, Artificial Insemination,
                     Contraception
      159 – 208 = Functional and Systemic Disorders
         ^Includes menstruation and menopause
      211 – 483 = Abnormalities and Diseases of the Female Genital
                  Organs
      525^ – 591 = Pregnancy
      600 – 649 = The Embryo and Fetus
      651 – 721 = Labor, Parturition
   RJ – Pediatrics
   RM – Therapeutics, Pharmacology

S: Agriculture
   SH – Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling

T: Technology
   T – General Technology
   TA – General Engineering, General Civil Engineering
   TL – Motor Vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics
   TR – Photography
      624 – 835 = Applied Photography
   TT – Arts and Crafts, Handicrafts
      697 – 927 = Home Arts, Home Crafts (including sewing,
                   embroidery, decorative crafts)
   TX – Home Economics

U: Military Science
   U – Military Science (General)

Z: Library Science and Information Resources
   Z – Books in General
      278 – 549 = Bookselling and Publishing
      5051 – 7999 = Subject Bibliography
   ZA – Information Resources