

## **Meyricke Library classification**

A Mathematics

B Physics

C Chemistry

D Biochemistry

E Engineering

F Biology

G Zoology

H Medicine

J Psychology

JES Jesus authors

K Computer science

L History

LA Ancient history

LM Scandinavia

LAG Greek history

LN Netherlands

LAR Roman history

LP Eastern Europe

LB Early Middle Ages

LR Russia

LC Europe

LS Spain and Portugal

LE Britain

LT Central and South America

LF France

LU North America

LG Germany

LV Africa

LI Italy

LW Asia

M Classics

MG Ancient Greek

ML Latin

N+	Literature		
	NC	Film and photography	NL Arabic
	ND	Drama	NM Persian
	NE	English	NN Polish
	NF	French	NP Portuguese
	NG	German	NR Russian
	NH	Hebrew	NS Spanish
	NI	Italian	NX Czech and Slovak
	NK	Modern Greek	NZ Other languages
OS	John Wellingham Organ Studies Library		
OX	Oxford		
P	Politics		
Q	Philosophy		
R	Economics		
S	Sociology		
SS	Student support		
ST	Librarianship		
T	Theology		
V	Music		
W	Law		
Y	Geography		
Z	Celtic		

**A**                      **Mathematics**

A1	Algebra and number theory
A2	Set theory and logic
A3	Analysis
A4	Differential equations
A5	Topology
A6	Geometry
A7	Probability and statistics
A8	Mechanics (see also E3 in Engineering)
A9	Mathematical physics (see also E7 in Engineering)
A10	General mathematics; history of mathematics
A11	Discrete mathematics, combinatorics, graph theory
A12	Numerical analysis
A13	Information theory
A14	Mathematics in education

**B**                      **Physics**

- B1                      Mathematical and theoretical physics, quantum and relativity mechanics  
(see also E7 in Engineering)
- B2                      Nuclear physics, elementary particle physics
- B3                      Atomic and molecular physics, spectroscopy (see also C13 in Chemistry)
- B4                      Optics, quantum electronics, light, lasers
- B5                      Electricity, magnetism and electromagnetic theory, plasma physics
- B6                      Electronics, linear circuits (see also E6 in Engineering)
- B7                      Heat, thermodynamics, low temperature physics (see also E4 in Engineering)
- B8                      Solid state physics, crystals (see also C9 in Chemistry)
- B9                      Properties of matter, vacuum, kinetic theory, acoustics
- B10                     General physics; astrophysics, astronomy, atmospheric physics

## **C                      Chemistry**

C1	General organic chemistry
C2	Systematic organic chemistry
C3	Physical and theoretical organic chemistry; enzymes
C4	Natural products, biosynthesis
C5	Organometallics
C6	General inorganic chemistry; bonds
C7	Non-metals
C8	Metals (see also E5 in Engineering)
C9	Crystallography and molecular structure (see also B8 in Physics)
C10	Physical inorganic chemistry
C11	General physical chemistry
C12	Thermodynamics, statistical thermodynamics (see also B7 in Physics and E4 in Engineering)
C13	Spectroscopy (see also B3 in Physics)
C14	Kinetics, photochemistry
C15	Quantum chemistry and group theory
C16	Electrochemistry

**D** Biochemistry

## **E                      Engineering**

- E1                      General engineering; nuclear engineering
- E2                      Applied mechanics, vibrations, dynamics
- E3                      Fluid mechanics (see also A8 in Mathematics)
- E4                      Thermodynamics (see also B7 in Physics and C12 in Chemistry)
- E5                      Science of materials, metallurgy, soil, structures
- E6                      Electrical engineering, control theory
- E7                      Mathematical methods (see also A9 in Mathematics and B1 in Physics)
- E8                      Engineering management
- E9                      *vacant*
- E10                     Chemical and biochemical engineering; biomedical engineering
- E11                     Civil and environmental engineering

## Biological sciences

FI Biology

F2 Ecology (see also Y18 in Geography)

F3 Mathematical and theoretical biology



**G      Zoology**

<b>H</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
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H1	General medicine
H2	Neurophysiology
H3	Anatomy, histology, embryology
H4	Pathology
H5	Pharmacology
H6	Bacteriology
H7	Respiration
H8	Circulation
H9	Endocrinology
H10	Digestion
H11	Exercise
H12	Genetics and reproduction
H13	Immunology
H14	Clinical medicine and surgery

**J \_\_\_\_\_ Psychology**

**JES** \_\_\_\_\_ **Jesus authors**

**K                      Computer science**

**L                      History**

- L1                      General history; historiography
- L2                      History of science
- L3                      History of gender and sexuality

**LA                      Ancient history**

**LAE                      Persian history**

**LAG                      Greek history**

- LAG1                  General
- LAG2                  Archaic period (to c. 500 BCE)
- LAG3                  Fifth century BCE
- LAG4                  Fourth–third centuries BCE
- LAG5                  Religion and culture
- LAG6                  Art, architecture, numismatics
- LAG7                  Music

**LAR                      Roman history**

- LAR1                  General; Roman Britain
- LAR2                  Early period (to 287 BCE)
- LAR3                  Roman Republic (287–31 BCE)
- LAR4                  Roman Empire (31 BCE–192 CE)
- LAR5                  Later Empire (192–527 CE)
- LAR6                  Religion, law, culture
- LAR7                  Art, architecture, numismatics

**LB**            **Early Middle Ages**

LB1            Early Middle Ages; Byzantine Empire

LB2            Early Church (see also T11)

**LC**            **European history**

LC1            General

LC2            1000–1500

LC3            1500–1815

LC4            1815–1870

LC5            1870–1945

LC6            1945–

<b>LE</b>	<b>British history</b>
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LE1	General
LE2	Scottish, Welsh, Irish history
LE3	Economic history, general and up to 1300 (see also R5)
LE4	Economic history 1300–1500
LE5	Economic history 1500–1700
LE6	Economic history 1700–1870
LE7	Economic history 1870–
LE8	English history to 1066
LE9	1066–1485 (general)
LE10	1066–1216
LE11	1216–1399
LE12	1399–1485
LE13	1485–1837 (general)
LE14	1485–1603
LE15	1603–1688
LE16	1688–1760
LE17	1760–1837
LE18	1837– (general)
LE19	1837–1914
LE20	1914–1945
LE21	1945–



<b>LF</b>	<b><u>French history</u></b>
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LF1	General
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LF2	987–1500
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LF3	1500–1661
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LF4	1661–1715
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LF5	1715–1789
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LF6	1789–1815
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LF7	1815–1870
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LF8	1870–1945
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LF9	1945–
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**LG**            **German / Austrian history**

LG1	General
LG2	to 1500
LG3	1500–1648
LG4	1648–1815
LG5	1815–1870
LG6	1870–1945
LG7	1945–1989
LG8	1989–

**LI**            **Italian history**

LI1	General
LI2	to 1500
LI3	1500–1815
LI4	1815–1870
LI5	1870–1945
LI6	1945–

**LM**            **Scandinavian history**

LM1	General
LM2	to 1800
LM3	1800–

**LN**            **Dutch history**

- LN1            General
- LN2            to 1800
- LN3            1800–

**LP**            **Eastern European history**

- LP1            General
- LP2            Medieval (ca. 1000– )
- LP3            20th century

**LR**            **Russian history**

- LR1            General
- LR2            to 1815
- LR3            1815–1917
- LR4            1917–1945
- LR5            1945–

**LS**            **Spanish and Portuguese history**

- LS1            General
- LS2            to 1815
- LS3            1815–

**LT**            **Central and South American history**

- LT1            General
- LT2            to 1900
- LT3            1900–

**LU**            **North American history**

- LU1            General
- LU2            to 1776
- LU3            1776–1898
- LU4            1898–1945
- LU5            1945–

**LV**            **African history**

- LV1            General
- LV2            to 1884
- LV3            1884–1960
- LV4            1960–

**LW**            **Asian history**

- LW1            General
- LW2            Middle East
- LW3            South Asia
- LW4            Southeast Asia
- LW5            East and Central Asia
- LW6            Oceania

## **M**            **Classics**

- M1            General; classical scholarship; rhetoric
- M2            Ancient Greek language (see also NK for Modern Greek)
- M3            Ancient Greek and Latin verse and translations

## **MG**            **Ancient Greek**

- MG1            Ancient Greek literature: general
- MG2            Ancient Greek drama: general
- MG3            Epic writers: Homer, Hesiod
- MG4            Lyric writers: Bacchylides, Pindar, Sappho
- MG5            Tragic writers: Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides
- MG6            Comic writers: Aristophanes, Menander, Eubulus
- MG7            Orators: Aeschines, Demosthenes, Hyperides, Lysias, Isocrates, Menander
- MG8            Historians (Greek): Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon
- MG9            Historians (Roman): Appian, Polybius, Josephus, Dio Cassius
- MG10            Alexandrian poets: Theocritus, Herodas, Apollonius, Rhodius, Callimachus
- MG11            Late Greek prose writers: Plutarch, Pausanias, Heliodorus, Strabo, Lucian
- MG12            Literary critics: Longinus, Demetrius, Dionysius of Halicarnassus
- MG13            Miscellaneous

## **ML**            **Latin**

- ML1            Latin literature: general
- ML2            Latin language
- ML3            Epic writers: Virgil, Lucan, Statius
- ML4            Lyric writers: Catullus, Horace
- ML5            Comic writers: Plautus, Terence
- ML6            Cicero, Asconius

ML7	Historians: Livy, Sallust, Tacitus
ML8	Didactic writers: Lucretius, Manilius
ML9	Elegiac poets: Ovid, Propertius, Tibullus
ML10	Satirists: Persius, Juvenal, Petronius, Martial
ML11	Orators: Quintilian, Seneca the Elder
ML12	Seneca the Younger
ML13	Pliny the Younger, Suetonius
ML14	Apuleius, Gellius
ML15	Other authors and post-classical Latin

**N1**            **Writing and presentations**

**N2**            **Linguistics**

**NC**            **Film and photography**

**ND**            **Drama**

**NE**            **Literature in English**

NE1            Literature in English: general; literary criticism, literary theory, film theory

NE2            English language and linguistics

NE3            Medieval English literature (Old and Middle English)

NE4            Old English and Anglo-Saxon literature (also Norse and Icelandic)

NE5            Anglo-Saxon literature: specific texts

NE6            Middle English (to 1400)

NE7            Middle English: specific texts

NE8            Chaucer

NE9            1400–1550

NE10          Elizabethan literature 1558–1603

NE11          Shakespeare

NE12          1600–1660

NE13          Milton

NE14          Later Stuarts

NE15          18th century

NE16          Romantic period

NE17          Victorian literature

NE18          20th century

NE19          21st century

## **NEII        Shakespeare**

**Collected works**    NEII SHA

**Plays**                    NEII SHA + ...

<b>Comedies</b>	<b>Tragedies</b>	<b>Histories</b>
1.     All's well that ends well 2.     As you like it 3.     The comedy of errors 4.     Love's labour's lost 5.     Measure for measure 6.     The merchant of Venice 7.     The merry wives of Windsor 8.     A midsummer night's dream 9.     Much ado about nothing 10.    The taming of the shrew 11.    The tempest 12.    Twelfth night 13.    The two gentlemen of Verona 14.    The winter's tale	20. Antony and Cleopatra 21. Coriolanus 22. Cymbeline 23. Hamlet 24. Julius Caesar 25. King Lear 26. Macbeth 27. Othello 28. Pericles 29. Romeo and Juliet 30. Timon of Athens 31. Titus Andronicus 32. Troilus and Cressida	40. Henry IV, parts I-2 41. Henry V 42. Henry VI, parts I-3 43. Henry VIII 44. King John 45. Richard II 46. Richard III

**Works of collaborative or disputed authorship**    NEII SHA 50

**Poems** (Sonnets, *Venus and Adonis*, *The Rape of Lucrece*)    NEII SHA 60



**NF                    Literature in French**

NF1	Literature in French: general
NF2	French language
NF3	Literature in French: medieval
NF4	Literature in French: 16th century
NF5	Literature in French: 17th century
NF6	Literature in French: 18th century
NF7	Literature in French: 19th century
NF8	Literature in French: 20th century
NF9	Literature in French: 21st century

**NG                    Literature in German**

NG1	Literature in German: general
NG2	German language
NG3	Literature in German: medieval
NG4	Literature in German: 16th century
NG5	Literature in German: 17th century
NG6	Literature in German: 18th century
NG7	Literature in German: 19th century
NG8	Literature in German: 1901–1945
NG9	Literature in German: 1945–1989
NG10	Literature in German: 1989–

**NH                    Literature in Hebrew (see also T2 for Biblical Hebrew)**

**NI**            **Literature in Italian**

- NI1            Literature in Italian: general
- NI2            Italian language
- NI3            Literature in Italian: medieval
- NI4            Literature in Italian: 16th century
- NI5            Literature in Italian: 17th century
- NI6            Literature in Italian: 18th century
- NI7            Literature in Italian: 19th century
- NI8            Literature in Italian: 20th century
- NI9            Literature in Italian: 21st century

**NK**            **Literature in Modern Greek (see also M2 for Ancient Greek)**

**NL**            **Literature in Arabic**

- NL1            Arabic language
- NL2            Literature in Arabic to 750
- NL3            Classical: 750–1258
- NL4            Post-classical: 1258–1800
- NL5            Al-Nahda (The Renaissance): 1798–

**NM**            **Literature in Persian**

**NN                    Literature in Polish**

NN1                Literature in Polish: general

NN2                Polish language

*then as other modern languages*

**NP                    Literature in Portuguese**

NP1                Literature in Portuguese: general

NP2                Portuguese language

NP3                Literature in Portuguese: medieval

NP4                Literature in Portuguese: 16th century

NP5                Literature in Portuguese: 17th century

NP6                Literature in Portuguese: 18th century

NP7                Literature in Portuguese: 19th century

NP8                Literature in Portuguese: 20th century

NP9                Literature in Portuguese: 21st century

**NR                    Literature in Russian**

NR1                Literature in Russian: general

NR2                Russian language

NR3                Literature in Russian: medieval

NR4                Literature in Russian: 16th century

NR5                Literature in Russian: 17th century

NR6                Literature in Russian: 18th century

NR7                Literature in Russian: 19th century

NR8                Literature in Russian: 20th century

NR9                Literature in Russian: 21st century

**NS**            **Literature in Spanish**

NS1	Literature in Spanish: general
NS2	Spanish language
NS3	Literature in Spanish: medieval
NS4	Literature in Spanish: 16th century
NS5	Literature in Spanish: 17th century
NS6	Literature in Spanish: 18th century
NS7	Literature in Spanish: 19th century
NS8	Literature in Spanish: 20th century
NS9	Literature in Spanish: 21st century

**NX**            **Literature in Czech and Slovak**

**NZ**            **Other languages**

including Chinese, Czech, Romanian

**OS**      **John Wellingham Organ Studies Library**

(see also section V, Music)

- OS1      Individual composers
- OS2      Anthologies and anonymous compositions
- OS3      History, theory, and technique

**OX**      **Oxford**

- OX1      Jesus College
- OX2      University of Oxford
- OX3      City of Oxford; Oxfordshire
- OX4      Oxford literature

**P**                      **Politics**

P1	General
P2	Political history
P3	Political theory
P4	Comparative politics
P5	Sociology of politics
P6	Socialism and Marxism
P7	International relations
P8	Political violence, terrorism, civil war
P9	Political institutions: U.K.
P10	Political institutions: European
P11	Political institutions: U.S.A.
P12	Political institutions: Russia & Eastern Europe
P13	Political institutions: Latin America
P14	Political institutions: Sub-Saharan Africa
P15	Political institutions: South Africa
P16	Political institutions: North Africa & Middle East
P17	Political institutions: Japan
P18	Political institutions: China
P19	Political institutions: rest of the world

**Q**                      **Philosophy**

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Q1	History of philosophy
Q2	History of Greek philosophy
Q3	Early Greek philosophy
Q4	Plato
Q5	Aristotle
Q6	Later Greek philosophy
Q7	Medieval philosophy
Q8	Early modern philosophy
Q9	17th-century philosophy
Q10	18th-century philosophy
Q11	Kant & post-Kantian philosophy
Q12	19th-century philosophy
Q13	Early 20th-century philosophy
Q14	Later 20th-century philosophy
Q15	21st-century philosophy

**R                      Economics**

R1	General economic theory
R2	Macroeconomic theory
R3	Microeconomic theory
R4	Economic organization
R5	Economic history (see also LE3–LE7)
R6	History of economic theory
R7	International economics
R8	Monetary theory
R9	Public finance
R10	Quantitative economics, statistics, econometrics
R11	Labour economics and industrial relations
R12	Economics of industry
R13	Economic development: general
R14	Economic development: communist countries
R15	Management; operations research



**S**                      **Sociology**

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S1	Sociological theory
S2	Social institutions: class, community, mobility
S3	Industrial and economic sociology
S4	Social policy
S5	Demography; population
S6	Education
S7	Family; women's studies
S8	Race
S9	Legal sociology; deviance, delinquency
S10	Media studies

<b>SS</b>	<b><u>Student support</u></b>
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SS1	Study and research skills
SS2	Student life
SS3	General self-help
SS4	Sex and relationships; gender and sexuality
SS5	Mental health
SS6	Grief and trauma
SS7	Eating disorders; drug misuse
SS8	Autism spectrum
SS9	Dyslexia and dyspraxia
SS10	Travel
SS11	Environment
SS12	Careers

**ST**            **Librarianship**

ST1	Library administration and management
ST2	Reader services and library design
ST3	Cataloguing and collection management
ST4	Preservation and conservation
ST5	Law and copyright
ST6	Management of special collections

## **T                      Theology**

T1	Bible: general, commentaries
T2	Old Testament: general; archaeology, history, Hebrew grammar (see also NH)
T3	Genesis; Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers; Deuteronomy
T4	Joshua; Judges; Ruth; Samuel; Kings; Chronicles; Ezra; Nehemiah
T5	Esther; Job; Psalms; Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs
T6	Isaiah; Jeremiah; Lamentations; Ezekiel; Daniel; Prophets
T7	Apocrypha; Judaistica
T8	New Testament: general, grammar, history
T9	Gospels
T10	Acts of the Apostles; Letters; Revelation of John
T11	Patristics and church history (see also LB2)
T12	Systematic theology, dogmatics
T13	Philosophy of theology; comparative theology; sociology of religion
T14	Moral and ethical theology

## V Music

(see also section OS, John Wellingham Organ Studies Library)

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| V1  | Techniques of composition, orchestration, etc.; theory, analysis, form |
| V2  | Performance practice, practical skills, notation                       |
| V3  | Instruments; acoustics   |
| VA1 | General histories; philosophy; aesthetics; anthologies                 |
| VA2 | Histories and composers pre-1600                                       |
| VA3 | Histories and composers post-1600                                      |

**W**                      **Law**

W1	Jurisprudence
W2	Roman law: general
W3	Roman law: particular topics
W4–W7	<i>vacant</i>
W8	International law
W9–W10	<i>vacant</i>
W11	English legal system
W12	History of English law
W13	Common law: general
W14	Criminal law and criminology
W15	Tort
W16	Contract: general
W17	Contract: particular topics
W18	Personal property
W19	Real property, land law, and conveyancing
W20	Equity and trusts
W21	<i>vacant</i>
W22	Revenue law and tax
W23	Restitution
W24	Company and business law
W25	Intellectual property law
W26	Labour law
W27	Family law
W28	Evidence and procedure
W29	Constitutional law
W30	Civil liberties and human rights

W31	Administrative law
W32	Conflict of laws
W33	Public order and national security
W34	Liability and compensation
W35	<i>vacant</i>
W36	Medical law and ethics
W37–W70	<i>vacant</i>
W71	Laws of the United States
W72–W75	<i>vacant</i>
W76	EU law
W77–W80	<i>vacant</i>
W81	French law
W82	German law
W83–W84	<i>vacant</i>
W85	Islamic law
W86–W90	<i>vacant</i>
W91	Law dictionaries and encyclopaedias
W92–W94	<i>vacant</i>
W95	Legal biography
W96	<i>vacant</i>
W97	Law reform and development
W98	<i>vacant</i>
W99	General topics

<b>Y</b>	<b>Geography</b>
Y1	General
Y2	History of geography
Y3	Historical geography
Y4	British Isles
Y5	France
Y6	Europe (including Ireland and Greenland, excluding France)
Y7	Russia and the former U.S.S.R.
Y8	Middle East
Y9	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Y10	Far East (including Japan and Indonesia)
Y11	Australia, New Zealand, Pacific, Antarctic
Y12	Africa and developing countries
Y13	North America
Y14	Latin and Middle America (including the West Indies)
Y15	Social, human and regional geography, including urban/rural population
Y16	Political and economic geography, including agriculture
Y17	Cartography
Y18	Climatology, soils, vegetation, ecology (see also F2), biogeography, hydrology
Y19	Geomorphology and physical geography, oceans, oil, geophysics
Y20	Geology and earth sciences, including atmosphere and weather
Y21	Statistics



**Z Celtic**

Z	General
ZA	Welsh
ZB	Irish
ZC	Scottish Gaelic
ZD	Manx
ZE	Breton
ZF	Cornish

Each language has six broad subdivisions:

i	General
ii	Linguistics
iii	Literature
iv	History
v	Religion and mythology
vi	Music

These are being reclassified with arabic numerals as of 2025.