

Shelving

The library's books are classified by subject, given a call number and placed on the shelves in numerical order by Dewey classification numbers, so that books on the same subject stand together, e.g.

551 Geology, hydrology & meteorology
551.1 Gross structure and properties of the earth
551.2 Volcanoes and earthquakes
551.21 Volcanoes
551.21094 Volcanism in Europe
551.2109491 Volcanism in Iceland

When two or more books have the same classification number the second line of the call number is placed in alphabetical order. The second line usually shows the first three letters of the first name of an Icelandic author and the last name of a foreign author, or the title if there is no identifiable author.

Examples:

Book: Jarðfræði, author: Þorleifur Einarsson
DDC-number: 550 - second line: Þor

Book: Dagskrá og ágríp : ráðstefna um jarðfræði og umhverfismál
12. apríl 1991, author: Jarðfræðafélag Íslands
DDC-number: 554.91 - second line: Jar



The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) is used in The National and University Library of Iceland to organize and shelve its holdings.
The DDC organizes all knowledge into ten main classes.

000-099 GENERALITIES

- 000 Computer science, information & general works
- 010 Bibliography
- 020 Library and information science
- 030 General encyclopedic works
- 050 General serial publications
- 060 General organizations & museology
- 070 New media, journalism, publishing
- 080 General collections

100-199 PHILOSOPHY & PSYCHOLOGY

- 100 Philosophy
- 110 Metaphysics
- 120 Epistemology, causation, humankind
- 130 Paranormal phenomena
- 140 Specific philosophical schools
- 150 Psychology
- 160 Logic
- 170 Ethics
- 180 Ancient, medieval, Oriental philosophy
- 190 Modern western philosophy

200-299 RELIGION

- 200 Religion
- 210 Philosophy & theory of religion
- 220 The Bible
- 230 Christianity & Christian theology
- 240 Christian practice & observance
- 250 Christian pastoral practice & religious orders
- 260 Christian organization, social work & worship
- 270 History of Christianity
- 280 Christian denominations
- 290 Other religions

300-399 SOCIAL SCIENCES

- 300 Social sciences, sociology & anthropology
- 310 Statistics
- 320 Political science
- 330 Economics
- 340 Law
- 350 Public administration & military science
- 360 Social problems & social services
- 370 Education
- 380 Commerce, communications & transportation

400-499 LANGUAGE

- 400 Language
- 410 Icelandic
- 420 English & Old English languages
- 430 German & related languages
- 440 French & related languages
- 450 Italian, Romanian & related languages
- 460 Spanish & Portuguese languages
- 470 Latin & Italic languages
- 480 Classical & modern Greek languages
- 490 Other languages

500-599 SCIENCE

- 500 Science
- 510 Mathematics
- 520 Astronomy
- 530 Physics
- 540 Chemistry
- 550 Earth sciences & geology
- 560 Fossils & Prehistoric life
- 570 Life sciences; biology
- 580 Plants (Botany)
- 590 Animals (Zoology)

600-699 TECHNOLOGY - MEDICINE

- 600 Technology
- 610 Medicine & health
- 620 Engineering
- 630 Agriculture
- 640 Home & family management
- 650 Management & public relations
- 660 Chemical engineering
- 670 Manufacturing
- 680 Manufacture for specific uses
- 690 Building & construction

700-799 ARTS & RECREATION

- 700 Arts
- 710 Landscaping & area planning
- 720 Architecture
- 730 Sculpture, ceramics & metalwork
- 740 Drawing & decorative arts
- 750 Painting
- 760 Graphic arts
- 770 Photography & computer art
- 780 Music
- 790 Sports, games & entertainment

800-899 LITERATURE

- 800 Literature, rhetoric & criticism
- 810 Icelandic literature
- 820 English & Old English literatures
- 830 German & related literatures
- 840 French & related literatures
- 850 Italian, Romanian & related literatures
- 860 Spanish & Portuguese literatures
- 870 Latin & Italic literatures
- 880 Classical & modern Greek literatures
- 890 Other literatures

900-999 HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

- 900 History
- 910 Geography & travel
- 914.91 Geography & travel in Iceland
- 920 Biography & genealogy
- 930 History of ancient world (to ca. 499)
- 940 History of Europe
- 949.1 History of Iceland
- 950 History of Asia
- 960 History of Africa
- 970 History of North America
- 980 History of South America
- 990 History of other areas