



Nonfiction books and movies on the same topic are close to each other in the library. Each topic is given a number from 000 to 999. The books are then shelved in this order. This way of organizing nonfiction is called the **Dewey Decimal System**.

Sometimes looking on the library shelves for the “Dewey number” is the fastest way to find something interesting.

Dewey Numbers

000 – Computers & computer programs



100 – Philosophy & psychology

Includes topics such as horoscopes (133.5), psychology (150) and self-help books (158)



200 – Religion

- 220 Christianity
- 294.3 Buddhism
- 294.5 Hinduism
- 296 Judaism
- 297 Islam



300 – Social sciences

- 338 Local business directories
- 340 Law
- 362 Social issues
Includes drug and alcohol addiction, suicide
- 364 Crime
- 370 Education
- 395 Manners & customs



400 – Language

- 428.0076 TOEFL study books
- 428.34 Learning & improving your English
(Books, DVDs and CDs)



500 – Science

- 510 Mathematics
- 520 Astronomy
- 530 Physics
- 540 Chemistry
- 570 Biology



600 – Technology

- 610 Medicine
- 613.2 Diet and nutrition
- 613.7 Exercise
- 629.2 Car buying and repair
- 636.6 Pets
- 641 Cooking
- 643.3 Home repair and remodeling
- 649 Raising children
- 658 Business
- 690 Home building (& building outdoors: pools, decks)



700 – Arts & recreation

- 740 Drawing
- 745 Crafts
- 750 Painting
- 770 Photography
- 780 Music
- 794 Games
Chess (794.1)
- 796 Sports
Football (796.332); Soccer (796.334); Baseball (796.357)



800 – Literature

Books about books and their authors

900 – History & geography

- 910 Travel
- 930 The ancient world
- 940 Europe
- 950 Asia & the Far East
- 960 Africa
- 970 North America
- 971 Canada
- 980 South America



Biographies are shelved separately. A biography is a story about a person’s life. They have a **BLUE** sticker on the spine and are in alphabetical order by the last name of the person they are about.