



# Understanding Call Numbers

**When you find a  
book in the library  
catalogue, record all  
parts of the call  
number.**

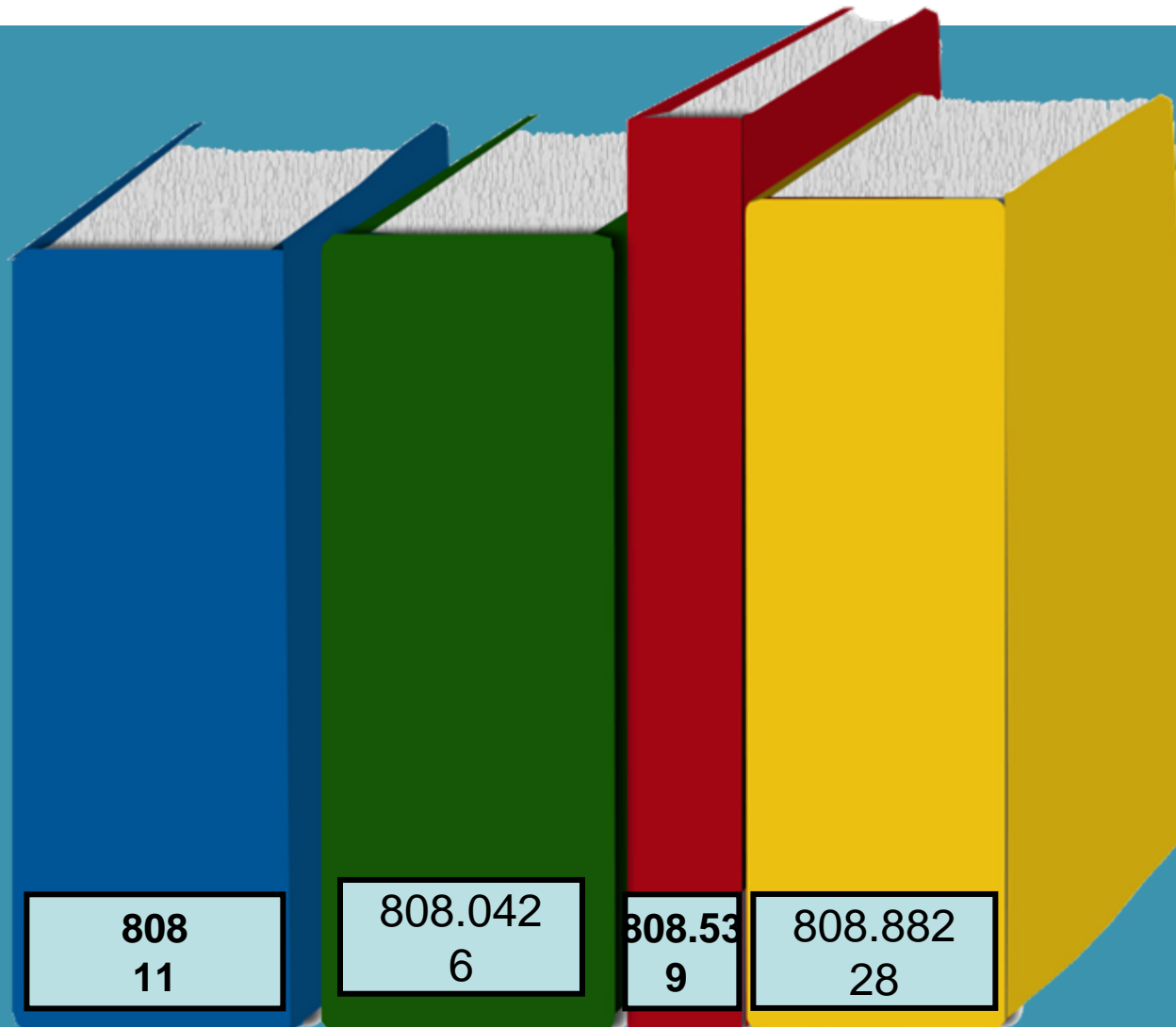


On the catalogue the call number will look like this

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
W'Gong Level 1	808.042/6	IN LIBRARY

*Remember, as well as the call number, make sure the book is available and take note of the location in the library*

# On the shelves call numbers will look like this



# What do the different parts of the call number mean?

808.042 / 6

The first part of the call number is a classification number which puts all items on the same subject together.

- This number can be a whole number: **808** / 11
- or a decimal number: **808.001** / 1

You need to look at the whole numbers (e.g., 808) before numbers followed by decimal points

E.g., 808 / 11 comes before 808.001 /1

- Items with the same classification number are given a **running number** to make them unique.

**808.042 / 6**

- For example, this book is the sixth title with the number 808.042

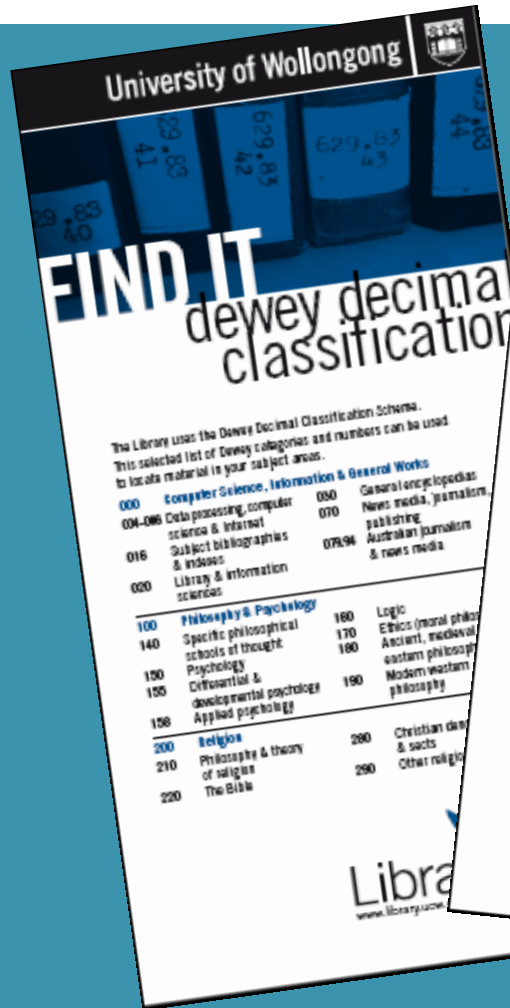
Some call numbers in the library may include an **alphabetic** sequence

For example:

823.8/**HAR**/10 (Literature)

005.133/**JAV**/409 (Computer program)

791.4372/**RAD**/1 (Film)



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