

Looking for a book? Call numbers can be confusing!

Here are a few tips:

GF 1006 R45 N367 1954

- GF** ● The **first letters** are taken at face value.
GF comes before GR
- 1006** ● The **first number** in a call number is the **only whole number**,
So 1006 really is One-thousand-and-six, not 1, 0, 0, 6.
- R45** ● Any **Additional Letters and Numbers** are taken as **individual values**. Read as **R, 4, 5, N, 3, 6, 7**.
N367 ● This means **R45 comes before R5** because 4 is smaller than 5, (*even though 45 is larger than 5!*)
And N367 comes before N4, since 3 is smaller than 4.
- 1954** ● However, when it looks like a year at the end, it is a **publication date**, in this case, 1954.
Not all call numbers contain the year of publication.

GF 21 S333 2010

- GF** Read straightforwardly as **GF**
(comes after GE)
- 21** This is one **whole number**,
read as **21**, *not 2, 1*
- S333** These are **individual values**,
read as **S, 3, 3, 3**, *not S333*
- 2010** The book was published in 2010