

# FINDING A BOOK ON THE SHELF

## What is a call number?



The Suna Kırac Library use the Library of Congress Classification system when assigning call numbers to books.

A call number is like an address. It determines the book location (or other item) on the shelf.

When searching SKL online catalog, a call number usually accompanies the record of an item.

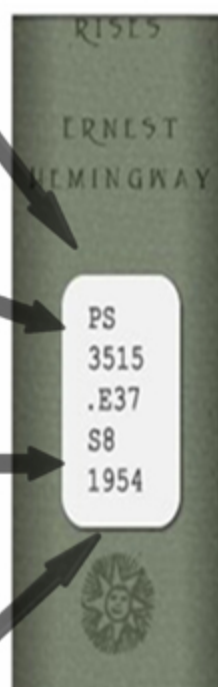
## Read Call numbers line by line:

The first sections of the call number represent the subject of the book Read the first line in alphabetical order: A single letter (P) comes before two letters (PS)

Read the second line as a whole number: 1, 5, 76, 200,3000, 3150, 3500, 3515, etc.

The letter-and-decimal section of the call number often represents the author's last name. The third line is a combination of a letter and numbers: Find the letter first, then read the number as a decimal, looking at each digit in turn from left to right. .01, .1, .19, .20, .75, .755, .76

last section of a call number is often the date of publication.: 1954, 1971, 1986, 1997, 1999...



Title: The Sun also rises  
Author: Ernest Hemingway

PS American literature

3515 Individual authors →  
1900-1960 → H

.E37 Author's cutter number,  
using second letter  
(H.Emingway)

S8 Title(sun - the, a, an ignored)

1954 Year of publication

Here is a shelf of books with the call number order explained.

