

## Call Number Searching

The Catalog offers a Call number field to search in. This is a left-anchored search, so you may type the call number without using quotation marks (with one exception). Be sure to use the same punctuation as appears in the call number, and place a space between the lines in the call number label. Occasionally call numbers vary slightly, so the examples below reflect both standard ways of searching by call number, as well as some exceptional ways.

Examples:

- GV863 A1 B3755 2001 (LC) - many call numbers follow this pattern, with a space between each line
  - GV863 - will retrieve all books in this classification
- PN1995.9.B28 G58 2024 (LC) - some call numbers have internal decimals. Do not place a space before the decimal.
  - PN1995.9 - will retrieve all books in this classification
  - Try also PN1995.9. (with a decimal after the 9). This set of results differs from the first set.
  - PN1995.9 B28 G58 2024 (LC) - depending on how the "Copies in the library" area is configured, it may be necessary to replace the decimal before a letter with a space to retrieve a call number
- NLj20 891c - a Yale classification call number example
  - NLj20 - retrieves a set of books with this classification
- "Zab C549 +976B" - this is the exception mentioned above: when a + occurs in the middle of a call number, you must place quotation marks around the call number to search correctly. This is because the + is an operand in Solr, the indexing system used by Quicksearch, and indicates the following word or phrase must be included.
- For more examples, see [Help with Special Collections in Quicksearch](#) [1]

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[1] <https://web.library.yale.edu/quicksearch/tips/special-collections>