

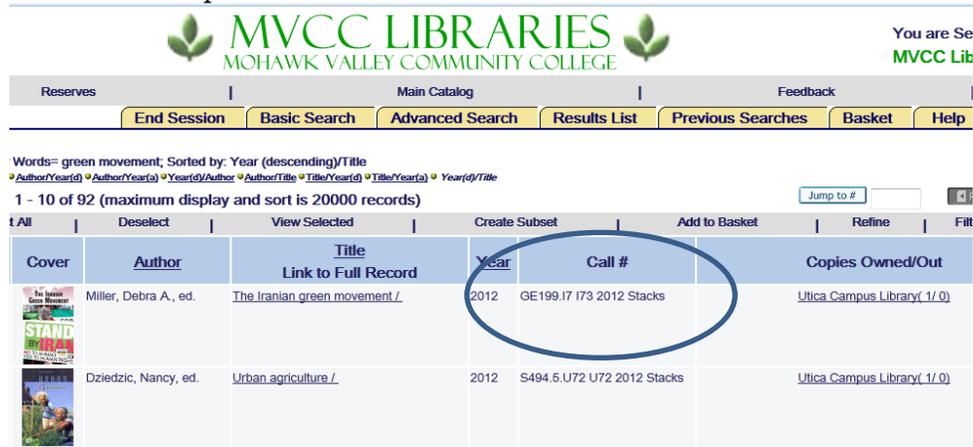
Locating Books @ MVCC Libraries

What is a Call Number?

A call number is a unique identifier used to locate an item in the library. One way to think of a call number is as an address. Each book has its own call number and specific place or address on the shelf.

The call numbers in the MVCC Libraries follow the Library of Congress Classification Scheme which organizes books according to subject.

Call numbers are found in two locations: the library catalog which is available online to search for items and as labels on the spine of books.



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Words= green movement; Sorted by: Year (descending)/Title
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Cover	Author	Title Link to Full Record	Year	Call #	Copies Owned/Out
	Miller, Debra A., ed.	The Iranian green movement /	2012	GE199.I7 I73 2012 Stacks	Utica Campus Library(1/0)
	Dziedzic, Nancy, ed.	Urban agriculture /	2012	S494.5.U72 U72 2012 Stacks	Utica Campus Library(1/0)

To find an item in the library, look up its call number in the library catalog and use that number to locate the item.

How to Read Call Numbers?

Each call number contains unique information about the book, including its subject, author and year of publication.

For example, the call number for the book, *For the Thrill of It* by Simon Baatz, published in 2008:

HV 6245 B27 2008

In the catalog, the call number would look like HV6245 .B27 2008 Stacks

To read the call number, to actually find the item on the shelf, read it line by line.

HV	←
6245	←
B27	←
2008	←

Read the first line alphabetically. HV would fall between HU and HW

Read the next line as a number. 6245 is larger than 6240, but smaller than 6248

In the next line, read the letter alphabetically and read the number as a decimal, not as a whole number. .B27 is between .B256 and .B29

The last line is the item's publication date. The books will be arranged chronologically.

One piece of information to pay attention to is the word which follows the publication date or last number in the call number. The library collection is divided into separate areas depending on the type of resource. Here is a key to understand what those words mean:

Stacks: Circulation collection. Items can be borrowed for three weeks.

Example: TR139 .B35 2011 Stacks

Reference: Reference Collection. Items can be used in the library and pages can be photocopied.

Example: E185 .A2515 2011 Reference

Reserves: Item is on Course Reserve for a particular class. Items may be used in the library for shortened loan periods. These items are kept behind the Circulation Desk.

Example: RT41 .I362 2013 Reserves

Children's Collection: Books are written for a juvenile audience and may be borrowed for 3 weeks.

Example: PZ10.W456 Gr 2012 Children's Collection

Educational DVDs: Film Collection. Educational DVDs have a longer loan period.

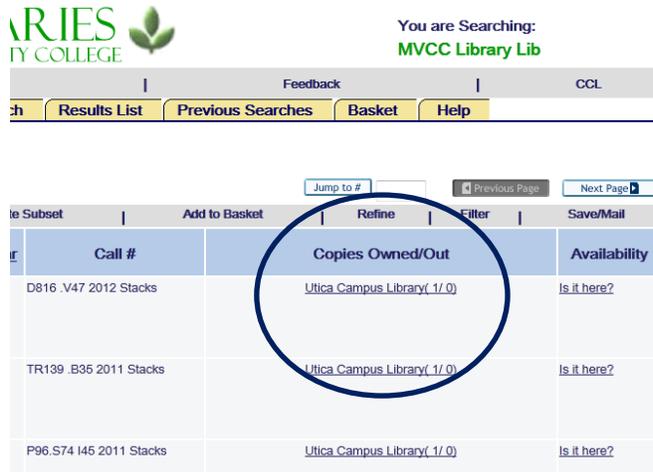
Example: TR820 .N38 2010 Educational DVDs

Feature DVDs: Film collection. Feature films are borrowed for four days.

Example: PQ586 .C38 2012 Feature DVDs

Is it here?

In the catalog, to determine if an item is available or on loan to someone else, look in the Copies Owned/Out column. If the two numbers in the parenthesis are equal, all copies of the item are on loan. If the first number is greater than the second number, a copy is available. Don't forget to check which campus library owns the book!



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TR139 .B35 2011 Stacks	Utica Campus Library(1/0)	Is it here?		
P96.S74 I45 2011 Stacks	Utica Campus Library(1/0)	Is it here?		

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