Library Quick Guide

How to find a Book on the Shelf

- The Main Collection is arranged by subject area across Levels 1 & 2.
- Each book is located at a specific Shelfmark. For example 378.198/ALL. This shelfmark is displayed on the Library Catalogue.
- All books are labelled at the foot of the spine with the corresponding shelfmark.

Books are shelved as follows:
- Level 1: 500-699
- Level 2: 1-499 and 700-900
- Level 3: High Demand items
- Level 4: Leisure Reading Collection

Follow these four simple steps to find a book by its shelfmark

To find 378.198/ALL go to the 300 section on Level 2.

Look in numerical order until you find 370 numbers and follow the sequence until you reach 378.

Look at the number after the decimal point. Look numerically again until you find 198.

Once you find all the books with the label 378.198 look in alphabetical order for the letters ALL.

Main Subject Areas by Shelfmark

000 - Computer Science
100 - Philosophy
150 - Psychology
200 - Religion
300 - Social Sciences
310 - Statistics
320 - Political Science
330 - Economics
340 - Law
370 - Education
400 - Languages & Dictionaries
500 - Pure Science
510 - Maths
530 - Physics
540 - Chemistry
550 - Earth Sciences
570 - Biology
600 - Technology

610 - Medicine & Health
620 - Engineering
650 - Management
660 - Chemical Engineering
670 - Manufacturing
690 - Construction
700 - Fine Arts
720 - Architecture
730 - Sculpture
740 - Graphic Arts
750 - Painting
770 - Photography
780 - Music
790 - Recreation & Performing Arts
796 - Sports & Athletics
800 - Literature
820 - English Literature
900 - History

Location Key

Level 1 - Main Collection
500-699

Level 2 - Main Collection
1-499 and 700-999

Level 3
High Demand Collection

Level 4
Leisure Reading Collection

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