Finding Library Materials Using Call Numbers

York University Libraries use the Library of Congress Classification call number system to organize most of their materials on shelves (sometimes called stacks).

To find materials, record the call number from the catalogue. For example, the call number **PR 468 S34 E64 2008** would be found in the **P section** of the relevant library and would be read as follows:

The item with this call number would be filed as per the example below:

Special formats, such as government documents, maps and audiovisual materials use different classification systems. If you are unsure about where a section for a particular call number is located within a library, consult signs near the shelves or inquire at one of the library’s help (circulation, research, or reference) desks.