Call Numbers

Library of Congress Classification System

Line 1: Letters Only

Read the first line in alphabetical order.

A, AB, AD, B, C, D, DA, DE, ...

Line 2: Numbers Only

Read the second line as a whole number

1 2 3 4 40 400 4000

(one, two, three, four, forty, four hundred, four thousand)

If there is a decimal place after the whole number, remember to take each space separately.

405 405.12 405.126 405.1299 405.2

Line 3: Letters and Numbers

Read the letters alphabetically, then read the numbers as a decimal (NOT as a whole number).

.C6 .C67 .C6799 .C7 .CB23

Line 4: Other Information

If line 4 has a year, then arrange the years from oldest to newest.	1989	1990
If line 4 has a copy number, then arrange the copies numerically.	Copy 1	Copy 2

PA before PB				.67 before .84				1990 before 1992	
		2324 be	efore 2325			.741 before .82			
PA 5888 .H37	PB 2324 .H37	PB 2324 .T21	PB 2325 .E78	PB 2325 .E67	PB 2325 .E84	PB 2325 .E741	PB 2325 .E82	PB 2854 .M58	PB 2854 .M58
.1157	.1157	.121		.L07	.204		.1.02	1990	1992

