

How to
Read a Call
Number

Call Number: NA737.W7 K29 1986

The call number NA737.W7 K29 1986 is shown with colored lines and arrows pointing to boxes below. A red line underlines 'NA', an orange line underlines '737', a green line underlines '.W7', a blue line underlines 'K29', and a purple line underlines '1986'. Arrows point from each line to a corresponding box: red to the first box, orange to the second, green to the third, blue to the fourth, and purple to the fifth.

Read the first part in alphabetical order:
A, B, BF, C, D...N, NA, NX

Read the second part as a whole number, 1, 2, 3,
98, 727, 737, 4900

The third line is a combination of a letter and numbers.
Read the letter alphabetically.
Read the number as a decimal. Ex: .W7= .7 and .W62= .62
.W62 comes before .W7 because as a decimal .62 comes before .7

Some call numbers have more than one letter, number line, like this
one

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chronological order: 1984, 1986, 2002