HOW TO FIND BOOKS ON OUR LIBRARY SHELVES

So, you have a Call Number for the book you need ... now where is it in the Library “stacks?”

At Wiggins Memorial Library, there are stacks in two places: Wiggins Basement and the Library side of Kivett. So first, look at a library map and identify which area of the Library holds the book(s) you need. Proceed to that area.

1) Signage at the end of each row of books lists the range of call numbers you’ll find down that row. Think of these as “street signs.”

2) Now, think of the Call Number you need as a specific alpha-numeric “address.” The first element is a letter or letters (e.g., B or QC), followed by numerals (e.g., B99 or QC801).

3) You’ve narrowed the search to a specific shelf or set of shelves; now you’ll look at the second set of letters/numbers in the Call Number, usually preceded by a period (e.g. QC801.G43). Think of these as the house or apartment number. Follow the alpha-numeric system and you’ll get there.

4) Some books have another line of “directions”; just remember to continue, line by line, in alpha-numeric order till you reach your destination.