

The Library at Grand Lodge

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

The Library at Grand Lodge is composed of our general collection, archives, reference texts and the Francis J. Burd Collection.

This booklet describes our catalogue system and details the index used, as well as includes a floorplan.

The library is operated as a reading room and research library; not a lending library, although district and lodge education officers

may borrow books from the general collection for up to three weeks. The sign-out ledger is located behind the librarian's desk.

The library can be accessed during regular business hours by enquiring at the Grand Secretary's Office. The curator is on site from 5:00 to 10:00 pm on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, July and August excepted.

Masonic library cataloging system

Amended 1996 for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon,
Revised 2012

The following is a variant of the Boyden Classification System for Masonic Libraries and the Standard Library book numbering system (Cutter Numbers).

Standard Library Numbering System (Cutter Numbers)

Simplified Standard Library Numbering System (Cutter Numbers)
Composed of one capital letter, a two digit number and a lowercase letter, written without spaces or hyphenation.

1. Use the first letter of the author's last name.

2. After initial vowels
for the second letter:
use number:

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3. After initial letter S
for the second letter:
use number:

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| a | ch | e | h-i | m-p | t | u | w-z |
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4. After initial letters Qu
for the second letter:
use number:
For initial letters Qa-Qt, use: 2-29

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5. After other initial consonants
for the second letter:
use number:

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6. For expansion
for the letter:
use number:

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7. Use the first letter in the title in lowercase to complete the cutter number. (Ignore A, An, The, &c.)

8. For authors or titles starting with Arabic numbers use A 12-19.

Example:

Information in the catalog:

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| Author | Mackey, Albert Gallatin |
| Title | The History of Freemasonry |
| Publisher | The Masonic History Company |
| Date of Publication | 1898 |
| Notes | 7 volumes, Index, Illustrated |
| Cal | M 10 M33h |
| Descriptor(s) | History |

Label on spine of book

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| 1st line | M | Masonic |
| 2nd line | 10 | Classification number |
| 3rd line | M33h | Cutter number |

In addition to the M (Masonic) main heading, it is suggested that the cataloger use other letters and the same numbering system for non-masonic books.

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| A | Archives |
| B | Francis J. Burd Collection |
| R | Reference |
| G | General Reading |
| L | Literary Works |
| T | Religious Works |
| F | Other Fraternal Orders |
| H | Other Historical Works |
| N | Art and Architecture |
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| S | Mathematics |
| T | Theosophy |

Abbreviations used for media type:

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| AU | Audio |
| BO | Booklet |
| BR | Brochure |
| CD | Compact Disks |
| CL | Cloth |
| CU | Curio |
| HC | Hardcover |
| MA | Manuscript |
| MG | Magazine |
| PA | Pamphlet |
| PB | Paperback |
| PH | Photocopy |
| PR | Programme |
| TP | Trade Paperback |
| VI | Video, DVD, other electronic format |

Subject classification

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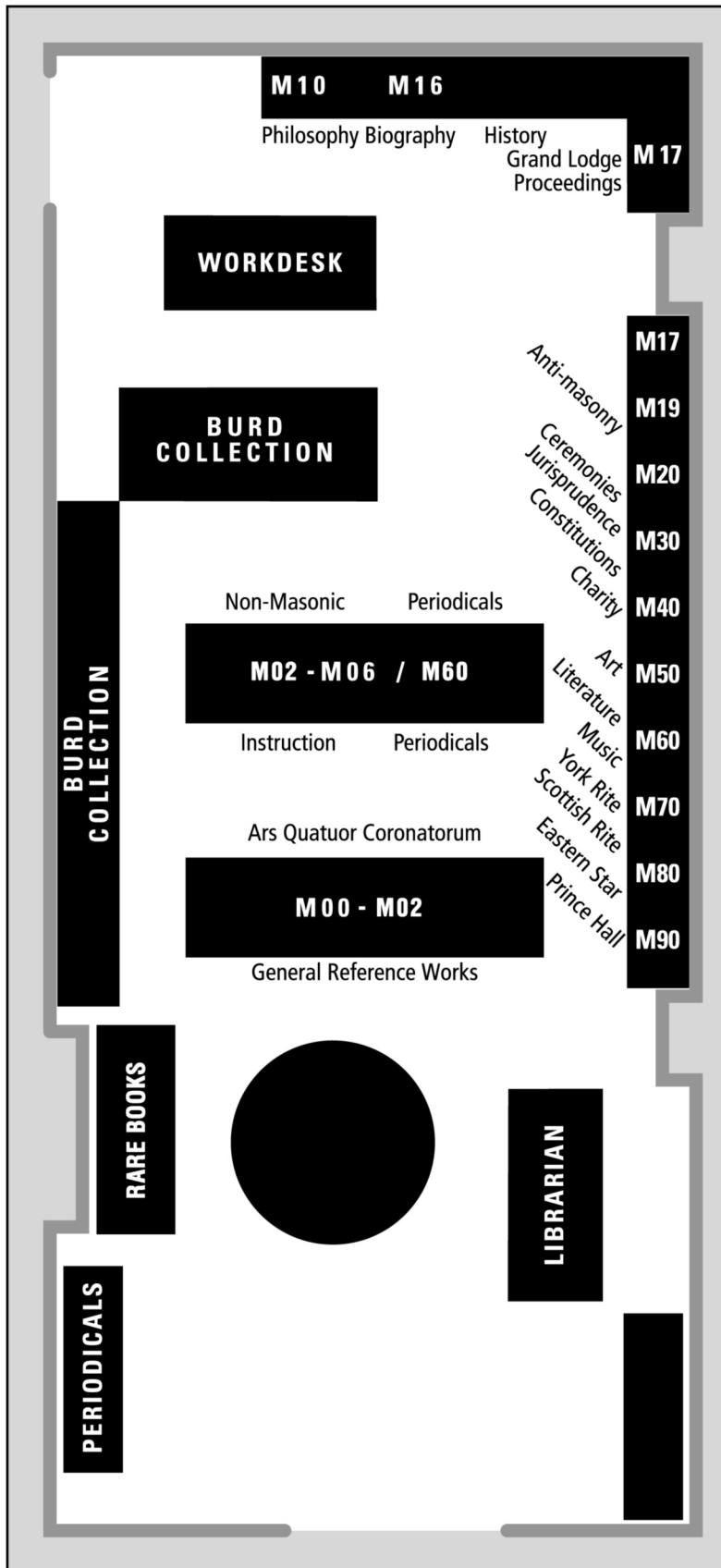
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