

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

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

2. After initial vowels
 for the second letter: b d l-m n p r s-t u-y
 use number: 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

3. After initial letter S
 for the second letter: a ch e h-i m-p t u w-z
 use number: 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4. After initial letters Qu
 for the second letter: a e i o r t y
 use number: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 For initial letters Qa-Qt, use: 2-29

5. After other initial consonants
 for the second letter: a e i o r u y
 use number: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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 use number: 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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:

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

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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L	Literary Works
T	Religious Works
F	Other Fraternal Orders
H	Other Historical Works
N	Art and Architecture
P	Philosophy
S	Mathematics

Abbreviations used for media type:

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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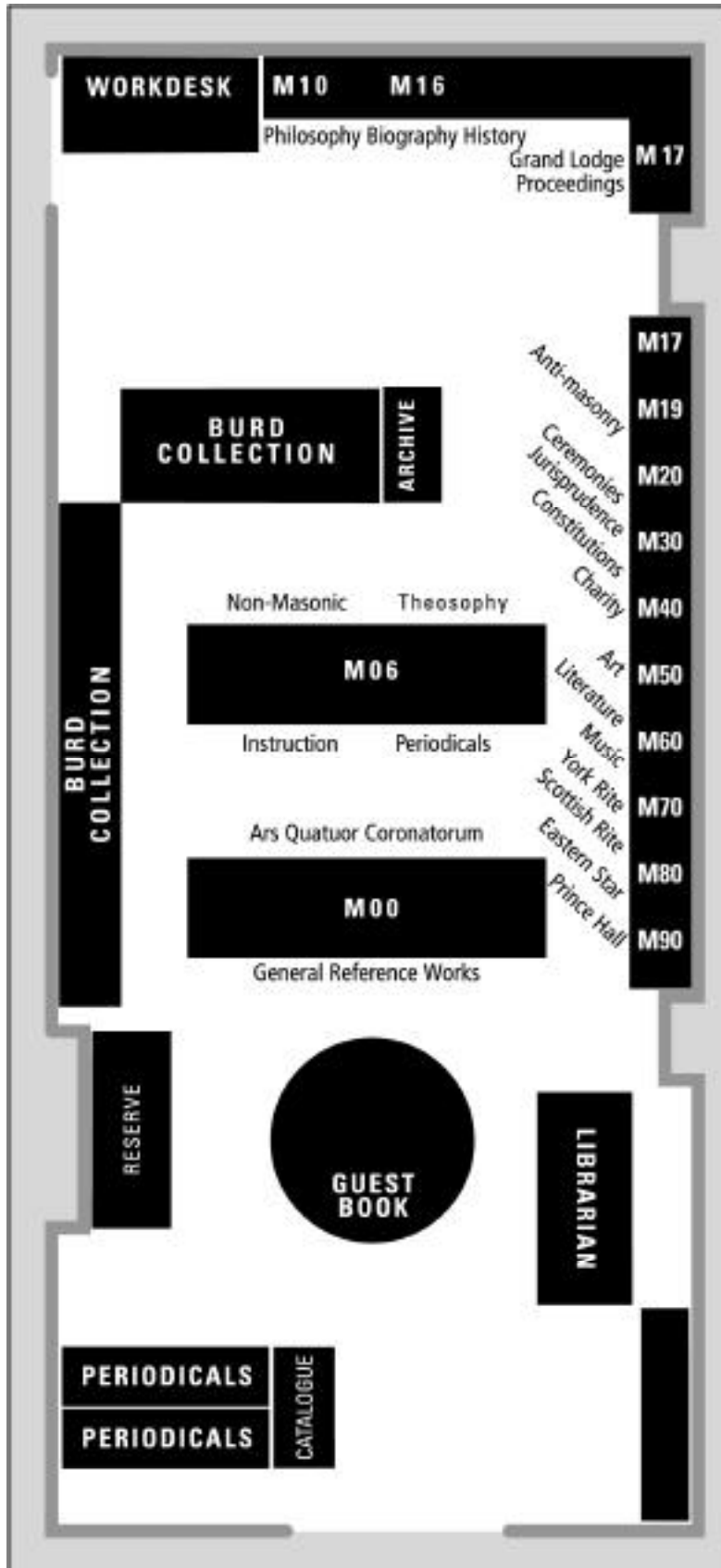
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