Call Numbers:
How to read them, how to write them
Library of Congress (LC) Call Numbers
Calling the Shots: Profiles of Women Filmmakers by Janis Cole

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Dissecting an LC Call Number

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Class/Subclass

Subdivision

1st Cutter

2nd Cutter

Extra Element(s)
Subclass

PN 1995.9.W6C65 1993

P - Language and Literature
   P - Philology and Linguistics
   PA - Classical Philology (Greek and Latin)
   PB - Modern European Languages (General), Celtic Languages and Literatures
   PC - Romance Languages
   PD - Old Germanic and Scandinavian Languages
   PE - English Language
   PF - Dutch, Flemish, and German Languages
   PG - Slavic, Baltic, Albanian: Languages and Literatures
   PH - Finno-Ugrian, Basque Languages & Literature
   PJ - Oriental, Semitic Languages and Literatures
   PK - Indo-Iranian Languages and Literatures
   PL - Language and Literatures of Eastern Asia, Africa, and Oceania
   PM - American Indian and Artificial Languages

PN - Literary History, Drama, Literary Collections (General)
   PQ - Romance Literatures
   PR - English Literatures
   PS - American Literature
   PT - German Literatures
   PZ - Children's & Juvenile Literature
Subdivision

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Indicates a “special topic” falling under the heading of “drama.”
1st Cutter

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Special topic is: “women—including feminism and feminist films”.
2nd Cutter

PN1995.9.W6C65 1993

 Represents the first 3 letters of the author’s last name: Cole
# Extra Elements

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Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) Call Numbers

Adelaide R. Hasse
(developer of the SuDoc classification system)

Judy Russell
(current Superintendent of Documents)
The National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace by United States Dept. of Homeland Security

ALEX DOCUS PR 43.8:IN 3/2003

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Dissecting a SuDoc Call Number (Monograph)

- **Cutter Number**: PR 43.8
- **Series Designation**: IN
- **Government Department/Agency and Subordinate Office**: 3
- **Extra Element(s)**: /2003
Government Department/Agency and Subordinate Office

PR 43.8:IN 3/2003

Indicates the specific government department/agency, and the particular subordinate office of that department/agency. (PR = White House; 43 = 43rd President George W. Bush) Note the space between the letters and numbers
Series Designation

PR 43.8:IN 3/2003

This is a period and a whole number (not to be read as a decimal) that identifies the publication series of the particular department or agency.
Cutter Number

PR 43.8:IN 3/2003

Just like in LC Call Numbers, the Cutter Number corresponds to a subject, author, or title. In this case, IN 3 likely refers to the internet. Note the colon and the space between the letters and number.
Extra Element(s)

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For SuDoc monographs, the first editions end with just the Cutter Number; later editions end with a slash and the year. (pre-2000, only the last 3 digits of the year are used)
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(SuDoc Monograph)

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Uniform Crime Reports for the United States by U.S. Dept. of Justice
Dissecting a SuDoc Call Number (Serial)

- **J 1.14/7:930-31**
  - **Government Department/Agency and Subordinate Office**
  - **Series Designation/Related Series**
  - **Extra Element(s)**
Done exactly the same as the monograph.

The letter and number combination represents the government dept./agency
Series Designation / Related Series

J 1.14/7:930-31

Done exactly the same as the monograph.

**Period** and **whole number** identifies the publication series. Note that a new series that is closely related to an already existing series is attached to the series with a slash (/) instead of given a new number.
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