Call Numbers

Two systems used in US:

DEWEY Decimal System
- Used mostly in public libraries
- (George Peabody Library uses it)
- Divides knowledge into 10 classes, with further subdivision.
  Languages: 400
  Literature: 800

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (LC)
- Used mostly in research and academic libraries
- 21 major divisions (letters of the alphabet, except I, O, W, X, Y).
- More flexible than Dewey.
- In almost all libraries, you will find a map of the physical building linked to call numbers letters.

EXAMPLE of LC Call Number in German literature:

Morbus Kitahara. by Christoph Ransmayr.
PT 2678 .A65 M6 1995

PT Germanic Literatures
1-4897 German literature
2660-2688 Individual authors, 1961-2000 (Birth date)
.A65 Cutter number for Ransmayr (Sometimes the letter corresponds to the author’s last name)
M6 Cutter number for this title (M is the first letter of the title. This is almost always true)
1995 Year of publication