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 Spanish literature:

Tu rostro mañana. Javier Marías.
PQ 6663 .A7218 T83 2002

PQ          Romance Literatures
6001-8929   Spanish literature
6650-6676   Individual authors, 1961-2000 (Birth date)
.A7218      Cutter number for Marías (Sometimes the letter corresponds to the author’s last name)
T83         Cutter number for this title (T is the first letter of the title. This is almost always true)
2002        Date of publication