Locating Books at James Madison University

To locate books held at any JMU library you will need to search online using the JMU Library Catalog or Quick Search. If you already have the call number for a book, you can use this handout to find out where that item is located on campus.

- **Rose Stacks**: Rose 2nd Floor (G-GE), 3rd Floor (Q), and 4th Floor (R, S, T, U, V)
- **Rose Journals**: Rose 2nd Floor
- **Rose Reference**: Rose 1st Floor
- **Rose Information Desk**: Rose 1st Floor
- **Carrier Stacks**: Carrier 2nd Floor (A-K) and 3rd Floor (L-P)
- **Carrier Journals**: Carrier 1st Floor
- **Carrier Reference**: Carrier 1st Floor
- **Media Resources**: Carrier Basement
- **Microform**: Carrier 1st Floor, ask for help at the Circulation Desk

Materials at one JMU library can be delivered to another campus library for you to pick up. In the JMU Library Catalog, click the “Request” button. In Quick Search, click the “Check JMU Library Catalog / Request Item” link and then the “Request” button. Then choose which library you want as your pick up location.

Books in the JMU Libraries permanent collections are shelved according to the Library of Congress system. Their call number should be read as follows:

- **Read the first line in alphabetical order**: A, B, BF ... Q, QA, QB ... QE, QH, QK ...

- **365**

- **.08**

- **C48**

- **1995**

- **V.3**

For more details about the Library of Congress system and which call numbers are specific to science, please see the back of this handout.
Library of Congress Classification System

Most books in the JMU Libraries are cataloged according to the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) system, using a combination of numbers and letters in a set order. The letters at the beginning of each call number indicate subject area. The main categories in LCC are:

**B:** Philosophy, Psychology, Religion

**C:** Auxiliary Sciences of History

**D:** History – World, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia

**E:** History – United States

**F:** History – The Americas, United States Local

**G:** Geography, Anthropology, Recreation

**H:** Social Sciences

**J:** Political Science

**K:** Law

**L:** Education

**M:** Music

**N:** Fine Arts

**P:** Language & Literature

**Q:** Science

**R:** Medicine

**S:** Agriculture

**T:** Technology

**U:** Military Science

**V:** Naval Science

**Z:** Library Science

Categories Q, R, S, T, U, and V are located at Rose Library. Category G is split between Rose (G-GE) and Carrier (GF-GV). All other categories are located at Carrier Library. Science, health, and technology related subcategories are detailed below.

**BF:** Psychology

**G:** Geography – General

**GA:** Mathematical Geography, Cartography

**GB:** Physical Geography

**GC:** Oceanography

**GE:** Environmental Science

**HD:** Industries, Land Use, Labor

**HE:** Transportation and Communications

**NA:** Architecture

**Q:** Science – General

**QA:** Mathematics

**QB:** Astronomy

**QC:** Physics

**QD:** Chemistry

**QE:** Geology

**QH:** Natural History, Biology

**QK:** Botany

**QL:** Zoology

**QM:** Human Anatomy

**QP:** Physiology

**QR:** Microbiology

**R:** Medicine – General

**RA:** Public Aspects of Medicine

**RB:** Pathology

**RC:** Internal Medicine

**RD:** Surgery

**RE:** Ophthalmology

**RF:** Otorhinolaryngology (Ear, Nose, and Throat)

**RG:** Gynecology and Obstetrics

**RJ:** Pediatrics

**RK:** Dentistry

**RL:** Dermatology

**RM:** Therapeutics, Pharmacology

**RS:** Pharmacy, Materia Medica

**RT:** Nursing

**RV:** Botanic, Thomsonian, and Eclectic Medicine

**RX:** Homeopathy

**RZ:** Other Systems of Medicine

**S:** Agriculture – General

**SB:** Plant Culture

**SD:** Forestry

**SF:** Animal Culture

**SH:** Aquaculture, Fisheries, Angling

**SK:** Hunting

**T:** Technology – General

**TA:** Engineering – General & Civil

**TC:** Hydraulic and Ocean Engineering

**TD:** Environmental Technology, Sanitary Engineering

**TE:** Highway Engineering

**TF:** Railroad Engineering

**TG:** Bridge Engineering

**TH:** Building Construction

**TJ:** Mechanical Engineering and Machinery

**TK:** Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Nuclear Engineering

**TL:** Motor Vehicles, Aeronautics, Astronautics

**TN:** Mining Engineering, Metallurgy

**TP:** Chemical Technology

**TR:** Photography

**TS:** Manufacturing

**UG:** Military Engineering

**VM:** Shipbuilding, Marine Engineering