

## Narrative/Fiction Call Numbers (Part 1 of 2)

Skills Category	Understanding how Narrative/Fiction call numbers are created
Grade Level	5th
Time Required	15 minutes
Objectives	Students will understand how a call number is created and what it represents.
Materials Needed	Handouts and pencils
Preparation	Have copies made for each class. One per student or to share
Procedure	<p>Addresses help you find where people live and where businesses are located. What do we call the address of a book? (responses) That's right; a book's address is called a call number. Today we are only going to talk about call numbers for Narrative/Fiction books.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are the Narrative/Fiction books located in the library?</li><li>• What kind of books are Narrative/Fiction books?</li><li>• Where is the call number located on the book?</li></ul> <p>What does a call number on a Narrative/Fiction book represent? (responses) The call number consists of two parts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FIC on the first line to let you know what type of book it is and in what section of the library the book is located.</li><li>• The second part is for the author's last name. In our library we use the first three letters of the author's last name. That is what most libraries do.</li></ul> <p>Why do you think Narrative/Fiction books are organized by author's last name? (responses) Make sure to point out that if we like a certain author all of his/her books will be together. You can find a book without the computer if you know the author.</p> <p>Today you get to be the library cataloger, that's the person who puts call numbers on books. You can do this by yourself or with a buddy. Figure out the call numbers for these Narrative/Fiction books and write them down.</p>