

QCat and Shelfmarks

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I'm looking for a book so I need to check QCat, the library catalogue, to find out where it is.

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QCat tells me if the book's available in the library or currently on loan

QCat also tells me where to find the book – like in the short loan collection

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...or on one of the upper levels.

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The shelfmark tells me where the book is on the shelves.

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There's a subject code I can use to find the right area for the book and four letters to find the particular book. Reference books have an R in front of them and are at the end of the library, closest to the stairs.

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Most books are standard size but there are some very big and small books too! These are kept on their own shelves at the far end of the book shelves. Big books are usually called folios or quartos and have an f or q in front of the shelfmark.

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Small booklets are usually called pamphlets and have a lower case p in front of the shelfmark.

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If you need to read a research article you will find these are often published in academic journals. They are usually available online on QCat but some are also available in print format.

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Print journals have the same subject shelfmark as books but without the letters.

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Earlier editions are bound and placed here in electronic shelving.

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There are steps with rails to use if the journal or book is too high

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Just ask at the enquiry desk if you need help.