

USING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS (SUDOC) SYSTEM



Each department or independent agency is assigned a letter, or combination of letters, based on the agency name.

I = Department of the Interior

Sub-agencies within each department are assigned a number which comes after the department letter.

I 29 = Department of the Interior, National Park Service

The number after the period usually represents an information series created by the sub-agency.

I 29.6 = Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Parks Information
Circulars

The biggest difference between document call numbers and the rest of the library is that the period is a punctuation mark and not a decimal. Call numbers are shelved by whole number, not decimals.

I 29.1
I 29.2
I 29.11
I 29.37

After the colon, each document is assigned an unique identifier using numbers, letters, or a combination of both. In shelving, numbers come before letters.

I 19.27:14
I 19.27:47/3
I 19.27:C 43
I 19.27:C 43/7

Congressional documents are shelved in the following order:

Y 4.IN 7/2:101-171
Y 4.IN 7/2:St 8/3
Y 4.IN 7/2:S.HRG.101-42
Y 4.IN 7/2:S.PRT.101-41
Y 4.IN 7/2:S.PUB.101-6