Finding Books at UBC Library

# Four pieces of information displayed in Summon can help you find an item:

1. **Availability:** This tells you whether the material is currently available, checked out by another library user, or not on the shelf for some other reason.
2. **Call Number:** The Library of Congress call number determines where the book will appear on the shelf. Books are shelved in alphabetical order, then by number.
3. **Library Branch:** This is the name of the library building where a book is kept. UBC Library has multiple branches across its campuses. Locations for all branches can be found on the website [hours.library.ubc.ca](https://hours.library.ubc.ca/).
4. **Location Within Branch:** Most branches have separate areas called **stacks** (the majority of the shelves, these books can be borrowed normally), **reference** (background reading that is kept in the library and can only be borrowed with special permission), and **reserves** (books that have been set aside for course use, with varied borrowing periods).