

History of Numbering

1870 - 1894 No classification (one letter of the alphabet used before the numbers each year through the entire alphabet, omitting "J". The letters did not indicate the class of material registered but, rather, the year).

<u>Beginning date</u>	<u>Closing No.</u>	<u>Beginning date</u>	<u>Closing No.</u>
July 1, 1870	A 1 - 5600	Jan. 1, 1885	Q 1 - 28411
Jan. 1, 1871	B 1 - 12831	Jan. 1, 1886	R 1 - 31241
Jan. 1, 1872	C 1 - 14180	Jan. 1, 1887	S 1 - 35084
Jan. 1, 1873	D 1 - 15648	Jan. 1, 1888	T 1 - 38228
Jan. 1, 1874	E 1 - 16206	Jan. 1, 1889	U 1 - 40985
Jan. 1, 1875	F 1 - 14197	Jan. 1, 1890	V 1 - 42798
Jan. 1, 1876	G 1 - 14883	Jan. 1, 1891	W 1 - 48917 (prior to this year non-resident foreigners could not register claims for copyright)
Jan. 1, 1877	H 1 - 15758		
Jan. 1, 1878	I 1 - 15799		
Jan. 1, 1879	K 1 - 18125	Jan. 1, 1892	X 1 - 54748
Jan. 1, 1870	L 1 - 20687	Jan. 1, 1893	Y 1 - 58973
Jan. 1, 1881	M 1 - 21085	Jan. 1, 1894	Z 1 - 62803
Jan. 1, 1882	N 1 - 22929		
Jan. 1, 1883	O 1 - 25294		
Jan. 1, 1884	P 1 - 26895		

1895 - 1897 No classification (One letter followed by small figure 2 before the number, as a symbol of the year).

1895 AA 1 - 67574
 1896 B2 1 - 72482
 1897 C2 1 - 74191

1898 No classification. No letters before the numbers. 1 - 77621
 1899 No classification. No letters before the numbers. 1 - 85602

1900 Four classes. Letter before the numbers indicating the class.

A (Books and dramas)	A 1 - 31965
B (Periodicals)	B 1 - 21589
C (Music)	C 1 - 20024
*D (Miscellaneous)	D 1 - 24642

* Miscellaneous included maps, charts, chromos, lithographs, engravings, prints, photographs and fine arts

1901 - June 30, 1909. *Nine Classes. Letter before the numbers indicated the class. Letter followed by xxc (i.e., twentieth century) and the number.

A	(Books)	A xxc 1 - 243564
B	(Periodicals)	B xxc 1 - 189240
C	(Music)	C xxc 1 - 210861
D	(Drama)	D xxc 1 - 16208
E	(Maps and Charts)	E xxc 1 - 15227
F	(Engravings, cuts & prints)	F xxc 1 - 78218
G	(Chromos & Lithographs)	G xxc 1 - 21857
H	(Photographs)	H xxc 1 - 129497
I	(Orig. works of art)	I xxc 1 - 30269

* Numbering was continued after July 1, 1909, with the changes given below. Numbers between closing numbers here and beginning numbers in 1909 were unused.

1904 Books and works of art deposited and registered at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Missouri.

Books	LPE Group 1 No. 1 - 183
Works of art	LPE Group 2 No. 1 - 178

1905 April 11 separate numbering started for deposits of foreign books for reservation of copyright. Act of March 3, 1905.

Res. No. 1 - 3073 (Completed June 30, 1909)

1909 Changes in classes, and Renewals and Notice of Uses added. (Act of March 4, 1909) Effective July 1, 1909. Numbering continued 1901 series above.

		<u>Completed date</u>
*A	(Domestic books) A xxc 243600 - 1087999 (1057000-1060999 unused)	Oct. 13, 1928

*Certain records books were assigned to particular classes of books but were numbered as a single class.

AA and AO Pamphlets, small books, leaflets, etc. Oct. 6, 1928

A5 Contributions to periodicals Nov. 21, 1928

A5ct Contributions in Chicago Tribune Feb. 18, 1929

A5nt Contributions in New York Times Aug. 29, 1929

A for. (Foreign books) A For. xxc 1 - 39999 Oct. 1928

A int. (Ad interim books) A int. xxc 1 - 12999 Jul. 3, 1929

B (Periodicals) B xxc 189300 - 900999 Oct. 2, 1928

C (Lectures, sermons) C xxc 1 - 4115 Oct. 1, 1928

*D (Drama & Dramatico-Mus.) D xxc 16206 ** - 87999 Feb. 28, 1929

*Certain record books were assigned to particular kinds of drama but numbered as one class: D1c Unpublished drama

D2c Published dramas

DM Dramatico-musical comp.

**16206. 7, 8, are dup. nos. of old series

1909 Continued:

- *E (Music) **E xxc 211000-704999 Sept., Oct. 1928
*After no. E xxc 264703 (1911) certain record books were assigned to published, unpublished and foreign music but were numbered as a single class.
**This numbering was a continuation of Class C of the 1901 group.
- *F (Maps and Charts) **F xxc 15228-56999 Sept. 23, 1929
*Certain record books were assigned to maps from the Sanborn Map Co. and marked FS- the last book was completed Sept. 15, 1929.
**This numbering was a continuation of Class E of 1901 group.
- *G (Works of art) G xxc 30270 - 84999 Jan. 2, 1929
*This is a continuation of Class I of the 1901 group.
- H (Reproductions) H xxc 1 - 1072 June 30, 1925
- I (Drawings or plastic works of scientific or technical character) I xxc 1 - 15999 Dec. 11, 1928
- *J (Photographs) **J xxc 129500 - 300999 Nov. 24, 1928
*Certain record books were assigned to unpublished photographs and marked Jo but numbered as a single class.
**This numbering was a continuation of Class H of the 1901 group.
- *K (Prints and pictorial illustrations) K xxc 1 - 246999 Dec. 3, 1928
*Certain record books were assigned to pictorial illustrations from the Chicago Tribune and marked Kct but were numbered as a single class.
- *R (Renewals) R xxc 1 - 49999 **Sept. 4, 1928
*Certain record books were assigned to renewals from the West Publishing Co. and marked RW but were numbered as a single class.
**A new numbering was begun in Sept. 1928 but the one book assigned to the West Publishing Co. entries was not completed until Jan. 1933.
- *U (Notice of use) Not numbered
*Started Sept. 2, 1909

1912 (Act of Aug. 24, 1912 following classes added)

	Completed date
L (Motion pictures - photoplays) Lxxc 1 - 25999	Jan. 12, 1929
M (Motion pictures - not photoplays) Mxxc - 5999	Mar. 23, 1929

Registration made at Panama Pacific International
Exposition (Act of Sept. 18, 1913)

No. 1, July 25, 1915, pages 27-33 inclusive entries,
1 certificate.

1928 - Dec. 31, 1945. Closing the xxc series and beginning
the series without xxc.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>	<u>Numbering</u>
A	Oct. 14, 1928	A 1 - 192186
AO	Oct. 8, 1928	AO 1 - 4325 Discontinued Dec. 4, 1928
[These registration numbers are bound with the AA registrations]		
AA	Sept. 27, 1928	AA 4326 - 501314
A5	Dec. 12, 1928	A5 1 - 140664
A5ct	Feb. 18, 1929	A5ct 1 - 2999 Discontinued Dec. 3, 1930
A int.	July 3, 1929	A int. 13000 - 29298
A for.	July 16, 1928	A for. 1 - 51150
B	Oct. 1, 1928	B 1 - 705364 (704269- 704999 not used)
C	Oct. 1, 1928	B 4116 - 18031
*D	April 11, 1930	D 1 - 96581
*Published drama marked D pub.; Unpublished drama marked D unp.; certain record books assigned to Dramatico-musicals and marked DM.		
E pub.	Oct. 20, 1928	E pub. 1 - 137736
E unpubl.	Oct. 6, 1928	E unp. 1 - 451923
E for.	Sept. 22, 1928	E for. 1 - 71662
*F	Sept. 23, 1928	F 1 - 20127
*Certain record books assigned to maps from Sanborn Map Co. and marked F.		
G	Jan. 2, 1929	G 1 - 46841
*H	Oct. 23, 1937	H 1073-3060
*No registrations made from June 30, 1925-1937		

1928 Continued:

*I Dec. 17, 1928 I 1 - 37139
 *Published entries marked I pub.
 Unpublished entries marked I unpub.

*J Nov. 24, 1928 J 1 - 3900
 *Certain record books assigned to unpublished
 entries and marked Jo - discontinued and
 same numbering with unpub. marked J unpub.

K Dec. 3, 1928 K 1 - 60530

K ct* Dec. 3, 1928 Kct - 8402 Discontinued
 *ct - Chicago Tribune

L Jan. 14, 1929 L 1 - 13711

M March 26, 1929 M 1 - 16613

*R September 5, 1929 R 1 - 146584
 *Certain books assigned to West Publishing Co.,
 and marked RW

U Not numbered

1940 Following classes added - (Act of July 31, 1939) -
 effective July 1, 1940: closed Dec. 31, 1945

KK (Prints and labels) KK 1 - 36703
 RR (Renewals of Prints and labels) RR 1 - 151

1946 January 1 all classes began numbering with No. 1 -
 Following the Act of June 3, 1949, a separate series
 of numbers for foreign works deposited without fee
 was set up (AFO, EFO . . .) These works were registered
 upon receipt of application and deposit. In general,
 F means foreign, P published, U unpublished, I ad interim.

Books	A	1 -	
Pamphlets, etc.	AA	1 - 230874	Discontinued Dec. 31, 1952
	AF	1 -	
	AFO	1 -	Began July 28, 1949
	AI	1 -	
	AIO	1 -	Began Aug. 16, 1949
Periodical contribution	A5	1 - 6699	Changed to B5 May 1947
Periodical	B	1 -	

1946 Continued:

Periodical B5 contribution	1 - 33161	May 13, 1947 - Jan. 9, 1956 (Changed to BB)
BB	1 -	Began Jan. 9, 1956
BF	1 -	Began Feb. 14, 1952
BFO	1 -	Began July 26, 1951
BI	1 -	Began July 25, 1951
BIO	1 -	Began July 25, 1951
Lectures, C sermons, addresses	1 -	
Dramatic D compositions	1-23811	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
DF	1 -	Began Jan. 19, 1951
DFO	1 -	Began Sept. 8, 1949 (Nos. 1-58 DPO)
DP	1 -	Began Apr. 6, 1950
DU	23812	Began Apr. 6, 1950
E - music)		
EF	1 -	
EU	1 -	
EF	1 -	
EFO	1 -	Began Aug. 5, 1949
Maps F	1 -	
FF	1	Began Mar. 17, 1966
PFO	1 -	Began Oct. 5, 1949 (Nos. 1-20 FC)
Works of art G	1 - 16006	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
GF	1 -	Began July 30, 1962
GFO	1 -	Began Dec. 13, 1955
GP	1 -	Began Apr. 6, 1950
GU	16007	Began Apr. 6, 1950
Reproductions of art H	1 -	
HF	1 -	Began Feb. 22, 1966
HFO	1 -	Began Sept. 12, 1949 (Nos. 1-3 HO)

1946 Continued:

Drawings	I	1 - 6768	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
	IFO	1 -	Began Jan. 26, 1950 (Nos. 1-3 IPO)
	IP	1 -	Began Apr. 6, 1950
	IU	6769	Began Apr. 5, 1950
Photographs	J	1 - 6329	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
	JFO	1 -	Began Feb. 23, 1950 (No. 1-15, JO; No. 16-44, JPO)
	JP	1 -	Began Apr. 6, 1950
	JU	6330	Began Apr. 6, 1950
Prints and pictorial illustrations	K	1 -	
	KF	1 -	Began Oct. 4, 1966
	KFO	1 -	Began Nov. 14, 1949 (No. 1-19, KO)
Prints and labels	KK	1 -	
	KKF	1 -	Began Apr. 20, 1967
	KKFO	1 -	Began Jan. 6, 1959
Photoplays	L	1 - 2973	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
	LP	1 -	Began Apr. 7, 1950
	LU	2974	Began Apr. 13, 1950
	LF	1 -	Began Apr. 8, 1966
	LFO	1 -	Began Mar. 8, 1965
Motion pictures	M	1 - 5133	Discontinued Apr. 5, 1950
	MP	1 -	Began Apr. 7, 1950
	MU	5134	Began Apr. 13, 1950
	MFO	1 -	Began Aug. 31, 1965
Sound recordings	N	1 -	Began Feb. 15, 1972
Renewals	R	1 -	

1965 November 26 started numbering "NOTICE OF INTENTION TO USE", using the letter "V" preceding the number

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