

Locate a Book on the Shelf

In this video, you will learn how to:

- locate a book on the shelf at UNB Libraries.

Finding a book at the library for the first time can seem a little confusing.

The title of the print book I want to borrow is, *About time: narrative, fiction, and the philosophy of time*.

The book is available in the HIL-STACKS Main Collection, in the Harriet Irving Library, on the Fredericton campus. You can find a list of all library locations, including the Hans W. Klohn Commons on the Saint John campus, in the Locations Guide.

The call number for finding the item on the shelf is **PN56 T5 C87 2007**. Call numbers use a sequence of letters and numbers to group books together by subjects and assign them a very specific location on the shelf. A call number is much like an address for the book at the library. Start with the letter or letters at the beginning of your call number to pin down where you need to go.

If there are multiple floors or locations in your library, you may need to check a floor plan from UNB Libraries' home page. Since our call number begins with PN, I am headed to the 4th floor at the Harriet Irving Library.

Now that I found the PN area, I can use the second part of the call number, the number 56, to help me narrow down my search a bit further. These shelf cards state the range of call numbers contained on each shelf.

I will check the book spines working in alphanumeric order. The next part of the call number consists of both letters and numbers. I am looking for T5. Here it is. Now I am ready to go to the service desk and borrow the book.

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