

Alternate Class Numbers: Bibliography F 150

BACKGROUND: Except for bibliographies of law and music and those topics classed in Z1-Z1200, the Library of Congress classification provides for the classification of bibliographies in class Z. Many libraries that use LC cataloging records prefer to classify bibliographies in topical numbers rather than in the bibliography numbers in class Z. As a service to these libraries, LC provides in its cataloging records for bibliographies both the Z classification number and an alternate topical class number. The latter number is not used to shelve LC's own copy(ies) of the work.

1. When to assign an alternate number. Assign an alternate class number to all bibliographies classed within the following ranges of numbers:

Z1201-4980	National bibliography (except as noted below)
Z5051-7999	Subject bibliography
Z8001-8999	Personal bibliography

For works classed in the numbers for national bibliography, assign an alternate number only if the bibliography is on a specific topic, not if it is a general listing of the imprints of a particular country or locality within a country.

2. Selecting the alternate number. Assign the number in classes A-J, L, or N-V, that most closely corresponds to the topic of the bibliography. If the focus of the bibliography is on a topic in a particular place, period, etc., assign when possible a number that includes those elements rather than the number for the topic in general.

3. Use of the General works number. If the schedule provides various form numbers under a specific topic, select the **General works** number, or its equivalent. Do not assign numbers for periodicals, directories, dictionaries, pictorial works, textbooks, etc., even if the items listed in the bibliography are limited to those forms.

If the **General works** number is broken down by language or dates, select the appropriate number from those breakdowns.

4. Establishing new numbers. If the topic of the bibliography is not represented in the LC classification, establish a new number or topical Cutter as needed.

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5. Alternate numbers for specific types of materials.

TYPE OF MATERIAL	ALTERNATE NUMBER
Belles lettres	General works number under History and criticism in class P, as appropriate for the language, form, and period of the bibliography
Children's literature	PN1009, and numbers in specific P subclasses
Disserations from a single institution	AS11+
Disserations from many institutions, not limited to a specific topic	None
Government publications, not limited to a specific topic or agency	Appropriate topical number
National bibliography with no topical focus, e.g., list of imprints of a specific country	None
Newspapers	PN4700+
Personal bibliography	Number for biographies of the person
Subject bibliography, including topical bibliographies classed in national bibliography numbers	General works number for the topic in classes A-J, L, N-V, Z1-1200
University bibliography, i.e., publications issued by a university, not limited to a specific topic	AS11+

6. **Inputting the alternate number.** Enter the alternate number as a second \$a subfield in the 050 field. *Example:*

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