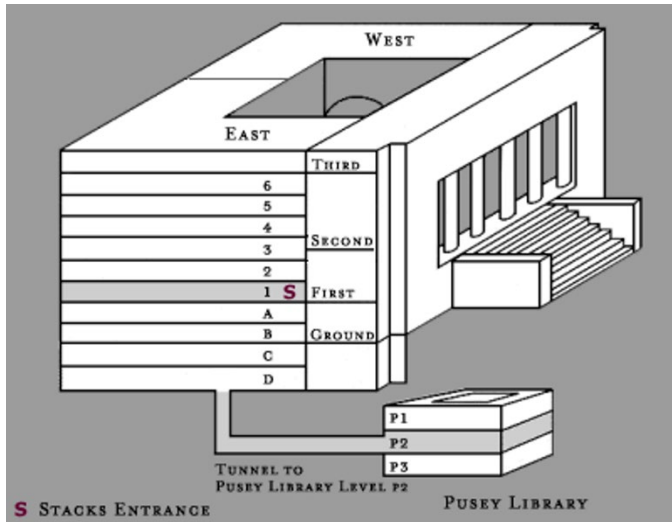


How to Find Books in the Widener Stacks



Entrance and Exit on 1-EAST

Enter and exit the stacks on the First Floor to the right of the Circulation desk. This is **1-East**.

Stacks Layout

Ten Widener levels are divided into East and West. A, B, and C-West are not connected to the East side and can be accessed by stairs or elevator from 2-West or D-West. The stacks include Pusey levels 2 and 3, accessible by tunnel from **D-East**. Pusey Level 1 is not accessible from the Widener Stacks.

Finding the Call Number in HOLLIS

Find books online at hollis.harvard.edu. Computers are available in Circulation, the Atkins Reference Room, Room 180, and in the stacks. For assistance, consult staff at the Stacks Entrance or the Circulation Desk. Reference Staff are available remotely at <https://ask.library.harvard.edu>.

The Two Widener Call Number Systems

Widener uses two classification systems: the Old Widener System and the Library of Congress System. In HOLLIS, call numbers are indicated as **Old Widener** or **WID-LC**. Use the call number location chart to find the stacks location for the call number you are looking for.

In WID-LC classes, call numbers are divided by periods that confer a decimal value and are ordered as follows:

First	Second	Third	First	Second	Third
WID-LC	WID-LC	WID-LC	WID-LC	WID-LC	WID-LC
E	E	E	BP	BP	BP
128	128	128	819.25	819.7	819.8
.M297	.M33	.M4			

In the OLD WIDENER System, periods *do not* confer a decimal value. Each part of the call number acts as a whole number and so they are ordered as in this example:

First	Second	Third
BP	BP	BP
819.7	819.8	819.25

Important notes on the Widener Stacks Collection

- About two dozen class names appear in *both* the Old Widener and Library of Congress systems (e.g. **B, C, G, H, L**, etc.). Check HOLLIS for WID-LC or Old Widener next to the call number.
- Oversize books with call numbers ending in **F** or **PF** (folio or portfolio) are generally shelved in separate sections at the end of each class or class range, except where noted on the location chart.
- Old Widener has five *all number* classes which start with numbers and only have numbers.
- Many classes formerly in Widener have been moved entirely to offsite storage. Refer to the **detailed** call number location handout. Items in offsite storage may have call numbers in their records, but are offsite, not in the stacks.
- Request items in **offsite storage** for pickup at a Harvard library by signing in and placing a request in HOLLIS.
- Some current issues of periodicals need to be requested through the Widener Reading Room. Check HOLLIS for details.