

If the record is already in the library catalog, try looking at the subject headings. Then do a subject authority search using the authority files in the library catalog. If you're lucky, the authority record for your subject heading will contain an 053 field. That's where you'll find the suggested LC# or LC# range.

In o1057859734, [Train like a bodybuilder](#) (by Eric Stern), the first subject heading is **Bodybuilding**.

Search the library catalog's authority files and do an LCSUBJECT search for "bodybuilding." Look for **Bodybuilding** in the result list (it should have a small shield with a green checkmark next to it). When you view the authority record, you will see that it contains an 053 field: **GV546.5 |b GV546.56**. That means the LC# for **Bodybuilding** is in between **GV546.5** and **GV546.56**. Now you need to figure out *where* within that range it goes.

That's where the Library of Congress comes into play. Search for that LC# in the Library of Congress' set of LC Classification numbers. The full text for [the set is available, free of charge, online](#). I suggest you use the outline first, then the text. Scroll down the screen until you see the area of LC you need:

- **G Outline** Geography. Maps. Anthropology. Recreation (PDF, 7 p., 109 KB)
- **G Text** Geography. Maps. Anthropology. Recreation (PDF, 689 p., 1.38 MB)

NOTE: This includes ALL of the G's in the LC classification schedules.

Open the **G Outline** first. Use the **CTRL-F** command to open a search box, then enter **GV546.5**.

**NOTE: Entering the full LC# only works in the outline.**

In this example, that exact LC# did not show up. This (see below) is what showed up:

GV460-555 Gymnastics. Gymnastic exercises Including calisthenics, heavy exercises, acrobatics, etc.

So far, so good. Bodybuilding fits well in that area of LC. Now you open the **G Text**...

Use the **CTRL-F** command again, only this time you enter **546.5**. **The reason you leave out the GV is because the letters only display at the tops of the pages.**

This is where it went in the text...

GV RECREATION. LEISURE (This is what displays at top of the page)

Then you scroll down that page and until you see **546.5**.

Bodybuilding

**546.5**

General works

Contests, competitions, etc.

This means that **546.5** is the LC# for **General works** or **Contents, competitions, etc.**, under **Bodybuilding**.

So **GV546.5** is confirmed as your LC# for this title.

Next, you will need to add an LC cutter #. You typically cutter a work by the main entry. The main entry in your example is an author main entry: Stern, Erin.

It's important to be consistent when assigning cutter numbers. I suggest that you use the LC cutter table that can be found as part of the [Cataloging Calculator](#).

Simply click on the radio button for **LC Cutter**, then enter the author's surname in the search box: **stern** (You don't have to capitalize the surname). The cutter # will then display for that author. You don't have to use the entire # that displays. (I generally stop after 2 or 3 digits).

In this example, the result came up as **S7476**. I opted to stop after the second digit (4).

All that's left to do is add the year of publication that's generally noted in the 260 or 264 |c. In this example, it is 2019. Add them all together and you get your call number in LC for this title:

GV546.5 .S74 2019

In MARC code format it displays like this:

050 04 GV546.5 |b .S74 2019

You might also want to refer to my [Cataloging tips: Where can I find classification numbers \(LC, Dewey\)](#). It can be found on the [Library Services](#) web page.