Find a book in the Law Library

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**Step 1: Search FindIt@Flinders**

1a. Type in the title – you can include the author as well

1b. Choose to search over ‘Books, journals, DVDs & more’

**Step 2: Click on ‘Location’**

2a. Check that the item is available

2b. Write down the Location Number

For this book, it is KL155 L426.9
**What do the location numbers mean?**

Books in the Law Library are arranged according to the Moys classification system.

Each number starts with a K

This is followed by another letter
This indicates the broad area of law

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This is followed by a number
This indicates the specific area of law

KL26 = Australian legal system

The last part of the call number is an individual identifier for each book

KL26 M155l

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**Step 3: Go to the Law Books Collection**

In the Law Library, Level 3 of the Central Library

When you enter the sliding doors, go down the corridor…

…and you’ll see the books to the right (starting from row 15)
How law books are arranged

Books are arranged by their location number

First by the letter
KA will be before KL

Then by the number
KL26 will be before KL155

And then by the last part of the call number
KN30 G221o will be before KN30 L946t.6

Step 4: Look at the signs on the end of each row

This tells you which location number range is located there.

Look for the range that covers the location number you wrote down

e.g. this row is where you will find KL155
Step 5: Look at the shelves for the location number

The location numbers go…

1. From left to right on the shelf
2. Then down to the next shelf from left to right
3. Then down to the next shelf, and so on until the bottom shelf
4. Then to the top shelf to the right

Once you’ve found the book, you might want to…

… use it in the Library…

… or borrow it

Go to the Loans Desk on Level 1
Or use one of the Self-Check machines

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