



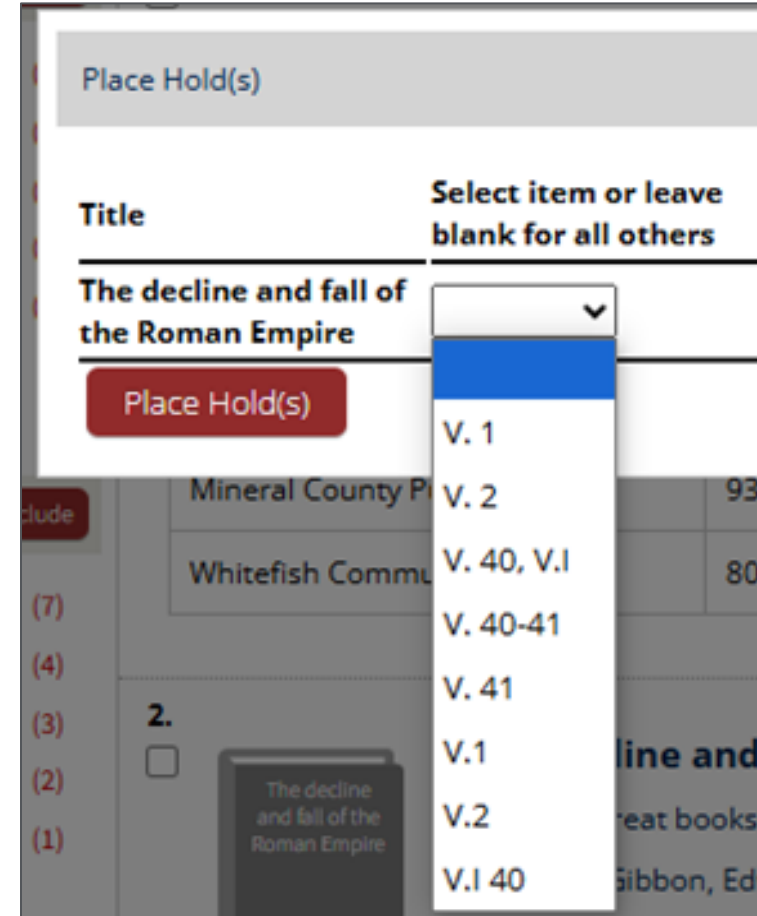
Call Number Analytics in the MSC
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Changes to Call Number Analytics



What is a call number analytic?

- A call number analytic is the bit that comes after |Z in a call number.
 - You may hear |Z referred to as "bar Z" or "pipe Z."
- The system "analyzes" what comes after the |Z to know which part of a series or multi-part work you own. This is useful for sorting and allowing users to place holds (when used consistently).



Three changes starting this month (May 2025)

1. WorkFlows will no longer "force" a |Z into a call number when you type V. or other text combinations like month and year.
 - a. This change applies only to the DEWEY classification scheme. Catalogers will need to add the |Z manually when necessary.
 - b. The DEWEYPER class scheme (for periodicals only) will still force the |Z.
2. The space between the V. and number (e.g., |ZV. 4) will be removed in batch so that it will read as |ZV.4.
 - a. This will improve labeling issues and create consistency.
 - b. Catalogers will be expected to enter the analytic without a space between V. and #.
 - c. DVD call number analytics will NOT be changed in batch.
3. Catalogers will be expected to use separate bibliographic records for series.
 - a. This will improve holds issues and create consistency.

Books that come out annually/regularly

- Select a title record that is for the **specific year** of your book.
- If no record exists for the specific year, open a ticket.
- **Do NOT add a |Z**; you may add the year to the call number if that is your library's preference.
- **Exceptions:** yearbooks, annual reports, and some similar items.

Book	Call Number
Fodor's Italy	914.50493 FOD 2023
Guinness World Records	J 032.02 GUINNESS 2025
Taste of Home Christmas	641.568 TASTE 2024

Books that are part of a complete set

- If your set shares **one barcode for all volumes**, add |Z at the end of the call number followed by V.#-V.#, e.g., |ZV.1-3 or |ZV.1-27.
- If **each volume has its own barcode**, add |ZV.# at the end of the call number, e.g., |ZV.4.
- Do NOT include any other information after the |Z.

Book(s) in Set	Call Number
Encyclopedia Britannica (one barcode)	973 ENCYCLO ZV.1-27
The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (individual barcodes)	DG 311 .G5 1845 ZV.1
A History of Montana (individual barcodes)	978.6 SANDERS ZV.1

How do I add a call number analytic (I^Z)?



[Alphabet Vectors by Vecteezy.](#)

Books in a series

- Books in a series should always have their own title record if they have individual title names; e.g., The Two Towers is part of the Lord of the Rings trilogy.
- **Do NOT add a |Z;** you may indicate the series order, e.g., #2 or V.2.
- A book in a series without an individual title (like manga) should still be on its own title record if one exists, e.g., Fruits Basket.
- If individual title records cannot be found, open a ticket.

Book in a Series	Call Number
The Two Towers	F TOLKIEN #2
Breaking Cat News, Elvis Puffs Out	J GN DUNN V4
Fruits Basket Volume 6	YA MANGA FRUITS
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	JF ROW HP #3
My Hero Academia Vol. 15, Fighting Fate	YA MANGA HORIKOSHI

Television series on DVD

- When possible, individual seasons of TV series should be on their own title records.
- It is recommended that libraries check out each season as a whole rather than by disc.
- If multiple discs check out together using one barcode, you **MUST** indicate that with |ZDISCS 1-3 or similar.
- If each disc checks out independently, you **MUST** add |ZDISC 1 or similar.
- Do NOT include other information after the |Z; series, season, or other "part" information can be in front of the |Z but not after.
- Do NOT use the "&" symbol to indicate two discs in an analytic, instead use the hyphen: |ZDISC 1-2, NOT |ZDISC 1&2.

TV Series	Call Number
The Office, Season One	DVD OFFICE S#1 ZDISCS 1-4
The Sopranos, Season Two	TV BLU-RAY SOPRANOS S#2 ZDISCS 1-4
Yellowstone, Season Three	DVD YELLOWSTONE S.3 ZDISCS 1-4

Still have questions?

- See the [Cataloging Serials, Series, Multi-Part Works, and Applying Analytics](#) article in our knowledge base.
 - This contains detailed instructions, screenshots, and flow charts to help you catalog items in a variety of formats.
- Additional articles are forthcoming and will be shared in the MSC GovDelivery newsletter.
- Open a ticket!