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How to Use the BLR Reads Catalogue

The BLR Reads Library uses the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system to catalogue books, journals, and archival material. This means every subject is given a number, making it easy to find and browse related works.

How it Works

Numbers = Subjects

The more digits, the more specific the subject

Example:

720 - Architecture

720.9 - Historical treatment of architecture

720.97 - Architecture of the United States

So, if you're looking for books on Architecture in India, you'll find them under 720.954 (Architecture in South Asia (India))

Quick Guide to Our Collection

Here are some common numbers you'll see in the BLR Reads Library:

300 - Social Sciences | Cities, communities, governance

304 - Environmental Studies | Sustainability, ecology, climate

307 - Communities | Urban sociology, neighbourhoods

710 - Civic & Landscape Art | Urban planning, landscape design

711 - Area Planning | Town & city planning

720 - Architecture | General works on architecture

750-770 - Arts & Photography | Urban visual culture, maps, and images

900 - History & Geography | Local histories, cultural heritage

Tips for Navigating

Browse by number if you know the subject.

Ask us — we're here to help you decode the numbers and point you to hidden gems.

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1	741.01 WOO	Everything Signs	Denis Wood	Explores how signs, symbols, and visual communication shape perception, meaning, and everyday experience.
2	741.954 EIC	Bangalore City Maps	Eicher	Offers detailed street maps, landmarks, transport routes, and navigation guidance.
3	741.954 SAC	The Bangalore Street Atlas	Street Atlas Company	Provides comprehensive maps, routes, and detailed navigation across Bangalore.
4	741.954 SHA	A Historical Atlas of Karnataka	H. Shashidhar and N. Sreenivasa Murthy	Visually traces Karnataka's history, culture, politics, and geography through detailed maps and illustrations.
5	741.09 ATK	Great City Map - A historical journey through maps, plans and paintings	Sam Atkinson	Explores urban evolution worldwide through historic maps, architectural plans, and artistic depictions of cities.
6	741.01 BRO	Great Maps	Jerry Brotton	Presents iconic maps across history, revealing their cultural, political, and artistic significance.
7	741.954 LAH	Mapping India	Manosi Lahiri	Traces India's cartographic history, showcasing maps' roles in exploration, politics, and identity.
8	741.01 CON	Maps for Advocacy	Sean O'Connor	Demonstrates how maps can powerfully communicate issues, mobilize communities, and influence change.
9	741.954 GUE	Maps of Delhi	Pilar Maria Guerrieri	Traces Delhi's urban evolution through rare historical maps, plans, and visual narratives.
10	760 STR	Website Graphics - The best of global site design	Liesbeth Den Boer/ Geert J Strengholt / Willem Velthoven.	Showcases cutting-edge website design from across the world, highlighting visual creativity, usability, and emerging digital aesthetics that shaped early web design practices globally.
11	741.60 LAS	Graphic thinking for architects and designers	Paul Laseau	A foundational guide that explores visual thinking and drawing as essential tools for architectural design.
12	741.60 DOY	Colour drawing	Michael Doyle	A comprehensive manual on rendering techniques for architecture, interior design, and landscape design.
13	741.60 POR	Graphic design techniques for architectural drawing	Tom Porter	A practical guide teaching architects graphic techniques to create clear, creative, and impactful architectural drawings.
14	741.60 POR	Architectural Drawing Master class	Tom Porter	An advanced guide exploring creative techniques, styles, and concepts to enhance architectural drawing and visual communication.
15	741.60 FON	Clip Arts catalogue	Kruti Fonts	A diverse collection of clip arts from Kruti Fonts, offering ready-to-use designs for creative projects.
16	741.60 WIR	Drawing a creative process	Kurt Wirth	A visual exploration of drawing as a dynamic creative process, blending art, design, and imaginative expression.
17	741.60 HAM	Architectural signing and Graphics	John Follis and Dave Hammer	A guide to architectural signage and graphics, integrating design, communication, and functionality in built environments.
18	741.60 STI	The McGraw Hill Working Drawings, Planning & Management Manuals	Fred A Stitt	Comprehensive manuals offering working drawings, planning strategies, and project management tools for architects and builders.
19	741.60 CRA	Designing with type	James Craig	A foundational guide to typography, teaching principles of type selection, layout, and creative communication design.
20	741.60 DUE	Architectural Programming	Donna Duerk	A practical guide to architectural programming, linking client needs, functions, and design requirements into effective solutions.
21	741.60 HOK	Architectural graphic standards - Ninth Edition	John Ray Hoke	Comprehensive reference offering architectural design standards, construction details, and guidelines essential for professional practice.
22	741.60 YOU	Visual studies	Frank M Young	Explores methods of visual analysis, perception, and representation to enhance design thinking and communication skills.
23	741.60 FUK	City signs - Innovative Urban Graphics	Gail Debler Fuke	Showcases creative urban signage and graphic design, highlighting how city signs shape identity and navigation.

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24	741.60 MIL	Inside 3D Studio Max	Stephen Elliot and Philip Miller	Comprehensive guide to 3D Studio Max, covering modeling, rendering, and animation techniques for designers.
25	760 DON	Cutting edge web design, the next generation	Daniel Donnelly	Showcases innovative web design trends, creative techniques, and next-generation digital aesthetics for impactful online experiences.
26	741.60 CLI	ClickArt / User Guide & Visual Catalog	ClickArt	Comprehensive guide and visual catalog offering diverse ClickArt resources for creative, design, and communication projects.
27	741.60 EDW	Drawing on the artist within	Betty Edwards	A guide to unlocking creativity and problem-solving through drawing techniques, perception training, and artistic expression.
28	760 MUM	Simple Websites	Stefan Mumaw	A practical guide to designing clean, user-friendly, and effective websites with straightforward creative solutions.
29	741.60 FOR	3D Studio Ipas Plug-in Reference	Tim Forcade	Comprehensive reference guide to 3D Studio Ipas plug-ins, detailing functions, tools, and creative 3D applications.
30	741.60 HOL	The Best in Diagrammatic Graphics	Nigel Holmes	Showcase of Nigel Holmes' innovative diagrammatic graphics, blending clarity, creativity, and visual storytelling in design.
31	741.60 MYE	IDEO - Masters of Innovation	Jeremy Myerson	Explores IDEO's groundbreaking design philosophy, showcasing innovation, creativity, and human-centered solutions across industries.
32	741.60 SEC	The Fantastic World of Optical illusions	Al Seckel	A stunning collection of visual tricks and perceptual puzzles showcasing the science and art of illusion.
33	741.60 LIN	Marketing for architects and designers	Harold Linton / Laura Clary / Steven Rost	A practical guide offering architects and designers strategies for branding, promotion, and effectively marketing creative services.
34	741.60 CAT	Hindsight	Ken Cato	Ken Cato reflects on decades of design practice, sharing insights, lessons, and philosophies shaping visual communication.
35	741.60 SCH	Visual Story Telling - Inspiring a new visual language	Robert Klanten, S. Ehmann and F. Schulze	Explores innovative visual storytelling techniques, showcasing creative strategies, narratives, and imagery shaping contemporary communication design.
36	741.60 TUF	Envisioning information	Edward Tufte	Classic guide to presenting complex data clearly through innovative, elegant, and visually rich design.
37	741.60 PUS	Wonder Bay	Alexander Pushkin	
38	741.60 MUN	Design as Art	Bruno Munari	Munari redefines design as everyday art, blending creativity, function, and beauty to enrich modern life.
39	741.60 SPI	Hello I Am Erik	Erik Spiekermann	A visual biography of type designer Erik Spiekermann, exploring his influential work, philosophy, and legacy.
40	741.60 STE	Lettering	Thomas Wood Stevens	A classic guide exploring the art, history, and techniques of lettering for design and calligraphy.
41	741.60 MAS	Managing Brand Identity in a changing world	Nick Mason	A practical guide to building, adapting, and sustaining strong brand identities in today's evolving markets.
42	741.954 PAD	(de)Coding Mumbai	Sameep Padora, Shreyank Khemalpure	An architectural study decoding Mumbai's housing typologies, regulations, and urban fabric shaped by chawls and redevelopment.
43	741.01 MON	How to Lie with Maps: Second Edition	Mark Monmonier	Explores how maps distort reality, revealing biases, manipulations, and the power of cartographic representation.
44	741.01 GOL	India Within the Ganges	Susan Gole	Examines historical maps of India's Ganges region, exploring geography, culture, and cartographic traditions.
45	741.942 WHI	London: A Life in Maps	Peter Whitfield	Traces London's history through maps, revealing its growth, transformations, and the interplay of space and society.
46	741.954 GOL	Indian Maps and Plans - from earliest times to the advent of European Surveys	Susan Gole	Explores India's cartographic heritage, tracing indigenous maps and plans before systematic European survey methods emerged.
47	741.01 KNO	Atlas of Cities	Paul Knox	A richly illustrated exploration of global cities, examining their form, function, growth, and future challenges.

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48	741.954 KAP	Shahjahanabad: Mapping a Mughal City	Swapna Liddle, Pramod Kapoor, Sneha Pamneja	A visual and historical journey through maps, art, and narratives tracing Shahjahanabad's Mughal-era urban landscape.
49	741.954 LAH	Mapping India	Manosi Lahiri	A comprehensive history of India's cartography, tracing political, cultural, and scientific shifts through maps.
50	741.01 MCC	Knowledge is Beautiful	David McCandles	A stunning collection of infographics transforming complex data into visually engaging, insightful, and accessible knowledge.
51	741.01 TUF	The Visual Display of Quantitative Information	Edward R Tufte	Seminal guide to data visualization, emphasizing clarity, precision, and effective design in statistical graphics.
52	760.954 UND	Hyderabad: A Graphic Novel	Jai Undurti	A visually rich graphic novel exploring Hyderabad's layered history, myths, and urban culture through imaginative storytelling.
53	760.823 WAS	End After End	Damian A. Wassel	A fantasy graphic novel where ordinary life ends, but an eternal battle in another realm begins.
54	760.823 PAR	Bystander	Aarthy Parthasarathy	A graphic novel exploring memory, history, and urban change in Bangalore through personal and collective stories.
55	760.823 THO	UVEP	Pratheek Thomas, Rajiv Eipe	A visually striking Indian graphic novel blending satire, humor, and politics to critique contemporary urban life.
56	760.022 OLI	Drawn and Quarterly: Twenty Five Years of Contemporary Cartooning, Comics, and Graphic Novels	Tom Devlin, Chris Oliveros	A landmark anthology celebrating 25 years of Drawn & Quarterly's groundbreaking comics, artists, and storytelling legacy.
57	741.954 HEL	Architecture Reading Aid Ahmedabad	Niklas Fanelisa, Marius Helen	A visual and analytical guide exploring Ahmedabad's architecture, mapping its urban patterns, spaces, and cultural identity.
58	760.01 WEL	Managing Chaos - Digital Governance by Design	Lisa Welchman	Explores frameworks for digital governance, guiding organizations to align strategy, structure, and technology effectively.
59	760.01 BUL	The User Experience Team of One - A research and design survival guide	Leah Buley	Practical strategies and tools for solo UX practitioners to conduct research, design, and advocate effectively.
60	760.022 BIG	Yes is More	BIG BJARKE Ingels Group	An innovative comic-style manifesto showcasing BIG's architectural philosophy through playful storytelling, projects, and visionary design ideas.
61	741.01 TUF	Visual Explanations - Images & Quantities, evidence and narrative	Edward R Tufte	Explores how visual displays combine data, evidence, and narrative to clarify complex processes and information.
62	770.92 FED	The American architectural photographers	Jonathan T Federick	Showcases influential American architectural photographers, their techniques, and contributions to documenting and shaping architectural history.
63	770.954 NAT	Cities of Kerala Actually small towns	Baiju Natarajan	Explores Kerala's unique urban landscape, where vibrant small towns function as cities with cultural depth.
64	770.974 KID	Pittsburgh : Then and Now	Walter C. Kidney	A visual journey comparing Pittsburgh's historic past with its modern transformation through photographs and commentary.
65	770.954 MIC	Vijayanagara - Splendour in Ruins	George Michell	An architectural and historical exploration of Vijayanagara, revealing its grandeur, cultural significance, and enduring ruins.
66	770.932 CAS	Ancient Egypt	Lionel Casson	An engaging introduction to Ancient Egypt's civilization, highlighting its history, culture, architecture, and lasting legacy.
67	770.9747 HOL	Shop: Out of Practice	Kimberly J Holden	Explores SHoP Architects' innovative projects, blending design, technology, and collaboration to redefine contemporary architecture.
68	770.954 SAY	Ways of Water	Rafique Sayed	A photographic exploration capturing water's beauty, fluidity, and transformative presence in diverse natural and human landscapes.
69	750.954 MAH	The Raj Landscape: British views of Indian cities	Jagmohan Mahajan	Explores British visual and cultural representations of Indian cities, revealing colonial perceptions, urban landscapes, and power.
70	740.954 FER	Coast Line	Paul Fernandes	Whimsical illustrations capturing everyday life, culture, and nostalgia along India's vibrant coastal towns.

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71	<i>760.954 UND</i>	Bangalore - A graphic novel	Jai Undurti and Praveen Vempadapur	A vivid graphic exploration of Bangalore's history, culture, and contradictions through artful storytelling and illustration.
72	<i>742.60 MUL</i>	A Textbook of Perspective Sociography	Shankar Mulik	An academic guide exploring perspective sociography, analyzing social structures, cultural dynamics, and societal transformations.
73	<i>620.954 BBMP</i>	Namma Raste Kaipidi	BBMP	An illustrated handbook for standard operating procedure for Bengaluru;s roads.
74	<i>740.954 NAR</i>	India's Animal Drawn Vehicles	N S Ramaswamy and C L Narasimhan	A detailed study of India's traditional animal-drawn vehicles, highlighting cultural heritage, design, and sustainable mobility.
75	<i>760.01 FLE</i>	The art of looking sideways	Alan Fletcher	A playful, visual exploration of perception, creativity, and design, blending images, ideas, and witty observations.