How to find books in the stacks:

Use the call number like a map.

Look at the call number to figure out where the book is. Call numbers are alphabetical. Look at the first letter first. Here's an example: BL 2760. This book's first letter is B. It will be shelved after all the books whose call numbers start with A.

The book’s second letter is L. It will be shelved after all the books whose call numbers start with BC, BD, BE, BF, and so on.

Numbers come after the first set of letters. These are organized in ascending order as well, so that BL 2 is after BL 1, BL 100 is after BL 99, and so on.

Now you can figure out where in the library this call number will be. Check the box at the top right of the page for a clue.

At the end of each bookshelf you will see a sign which tells you which call numbers live in that bookshelf. You can use that to see which bookshelf your book lives in.

Next, scan the call numbers in the stacks to get closer to the location of your book.

Read the call numbers from left to right, starting at the top of the shelf, like so:

- When you get to the bottom shelf, start reading at the top of the next shelf.
- When you read call numbers from the end of one row of books to the beginning of another, snake around the stacks like this:

If you have any trouble, ask a librarian and we'll help you find it!