How books are organized in the library

University of Alabama Libraries organizes books by subject using the Library of Congress Classification system, or LCC. Each book is assigned a call number, which is like the book’s address in the stacks. The letters at the beginning of the call number designate a general subject (social sciences, education, music, etc.), and the letters and numbers that follow organize by subtopic and by the author’s last name. Items are arranged alphabetically and numerically.

Example: *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Gender* by Judith Butler, call # HQ1154 .B88 1990

You find books by first locating the letter range at the beginning of the number, and then following the numeric and alphabetical order to find the book. Each shelf in the library is labeled with the range of call numbers you can find there.
Ranges related to Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Most materials specifically focused on women, gender, and sexuality are in the HQ range, which you'll find on floor 2M in Gorgas. The list below breaks down the most relevant areas of the HQ range, along with some other ranges that you may want to browse and their locations. However, keep in mind that materials with information on women and gender are often categorized in other sections. For example, if you're interested in studying Frida Kahlo, works about her will be shelved under painting, in the ND range.

Gorgas Library
Lower Level
- BF 692-692.5 - Psychology, sex and gender

Floor 2M
- HB 72 - Economics and social justice
- HD 6053-6223 - Women and work
- HQ 12-449 - Sexual life
- HQ 75-76.9 - Bisexual, gay, and lesbian studies
- HQ 503-1064 - Marriage and the family
- HQ 1075-1075.5 - Sex roles
- HQ 1101-2030.7 - Women and feminism
- HQ 1121-1150 - Women and feminism
- HV 6626 - Domestic abuse
- KF 4758 - Legislation and women's rights

Floor 3
- P 94.5 W65 - Women in the media
- PN 471-494 - Women writers and women in literature
- RA 564.83-564.9 - Health and gender, health and sexuality
- RC 451-451.5 - Mental health and gender, mental health and sexuality

McLure Library (materials on education)
- LC 212-212.93 – Discrimination and education, sex differences and education, right to education
- LC 1200-1203 – inclusive education
- LC 1390 – Education of men and boys
- LC 1401-2572 – Education of women and girls
- LC 2574 2576 – LGBT people in education
- LD 7020-7251 – Women’s Colleges