

Demystifying the Books

LI REF and **NY REF** each follow Dewey Decimal Classification. Some numbers tend to be more congested than others, usually because more publication is done on topics based on popular demand than on arcane ones. Some subjects are found in more than one area of a collection. (We'll be working to regularize that, now that duplicative areas have been identified.) That's when it helps to return to the Library catalog. Note: Often village and town histories are purchased in duplicate, so that one non-circulating copy goes to the Local History Room and a circulating copy is placed in Non-Fiction or the Q's. Be on the lookout for circulating copies, since a patron will sometimes be able to defer some research or reading, until they are at home, and can move on the next topic that interests them, saving them research and study time, which they generally appreciate.

The LI REF COLLECTION **(by the Dewey Decimal Hundreds)** (& the Corresponding LI REF Storage & Basement Collections)

- **000s – Generalities:** Montauk project; published Bibliographies (on general and specific areas of L.I. history); PML history & early accession books; *Directory of LI Libraries and Media Centers*, history of *Newsday*
- **100s – Think L.I. Weirdness:** Montauk Project (yet even more), UFOs, Alien abductions and conspiracies, time travel, ghosts of L.I., haunted houses & cemeteries, and other local para-normalities
- **200s – Think Old-Tyme Religion:** Histories, commemorative works, scrapbooks of individual L.I. religious institutions, including some local ones, of varying length, comprehensiveness, scholarship, and recency. Patchogue institutions represented include the: *Congregational Church of Patchogue, Emanuel Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church of Patchogue, Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Strict Congregational Church of Patchogue, and United Methodist Church of Patchogue.*
- **300s – Think Social Sciences (mainly socio-political):** Social planning studies, women's history, ethnic studies and histories, regional & local planning documents and studies, demographics, population surveys, Peconic County study, L.I. social movements, LI Nazis, economic studies, land use, military bounty lands (1825), environmental impact statements, LI parks & LI Park Commission documents, pollution, groundwater and other natural resource studies, wetlands, dredging, estuaries, beach erosion, LI Sound studies, waterfront revitalization, Hurricane Sandy, fish & wildlife studies, duck farm, (tax) rate lists of L.I. (1675, 1676, & 1683), Farragut Council of the JOUAM record books, baymen, commercial fishing, aerospace history, *Lighting Long Island*, Suffolk County Charter, L.I. witchcraft trials, Pine Barrens, whistleblowers, prohibition & rum running, Suffolk County Police, Suffolk County history and records, Suffolk County Catalogs, La Salle Military Academy, shipwrecks, Shipwreck diving, U.S. Life Saving Service, hospitals & hospital history, fallout shelters, civil defense, hurricanes and hurricane mitigation, Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant, National Grid Documents (mostly in Reference, outside the Room), local pollution remediation, historic preservation, famous LI murders, social and philanthropic institutions, higher education, Southampton College history, Suffolk County Transportation Plan, *Patchogue business & tel. directories* (irregular, 1864 to 1947), LIRR history, ferries, lighthouses, steamboats, ships & shipbuilding, airports, highways, trolleys.
- **400s – Languages – Nothing there**
- **500s – Think Science** – Nature & ecotourism, natural history, LI maps & mapmakers, physics, (more) environmental impact statements, LI geology & geography, hydrogeography, dunes, LI Sound (again), hydrology & water resources management, groundwater, Hurricane of 1938, tornadoes, Blizzard of 1888, Gales, Winters (1821-1870), aquifers, salt water biological survey, Fire Island restoration, wetlands ecology, LI biology (birds, clams, trees, mushrooms, grasses, birds, amphibians, reptiles, deer), shells, brown tide.
- **600s – Think Technology (Applied Science)** – 1939 World's Fair, Plum Island, U.S. Lifesaving Service (again), breast cancer, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Nicola Tesla, LILCO, Windmills, Brookhaven

- **600s (continued)** National Laboratory, scuba diving (again), warplanes, shipwrecks and lighthouses, boats & boatbuilding, proposed LI Sound Bridges, Great South Bay environmental impact statement, Barrier Island management, beach erosion (again), dredging (again), waste– treatment/management, water quality, LI Sound (temperature modeling), drinking water quality, ashfill, ambient air, fire department history, aerospace history (again), soil surveys, gardening, whaling, oyster industry, clam industry, oenology & wine industry, cookery, fireworks, bottles & bottling companies, manufacturers, Dominy Craftsmen, firearms & gunsmiths, shoes & shoemakers, carriages & carriage makers,
- **700's – *Think the Arts*:** Art & artists, architecture & architects, *SPLIA Historic Structure, Building-Structure, Historic & Natural District, & Archeological Site Inventories*, transmission towers, mills, railroad stations, schoolhouses & vacant school buildings, Guild Hall, *Houses for Science* (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory), manors & mansions, sculpture, LI graveyards & gravestones, scrimshaw, coins, pottery, goldsmiths, folk art, decorative art, dolls, decoys, quilts & quilting, studio furniture, painters and paintings, outdoor recreation & sports, Jones Beach, music, theater, sports, scuba diving (again), fishing, decoys (again), hunting.
- **800s – *Think Literature* --** Poets & Poetry, Literary works emanating from L.I.: e.g., Walt Whitman, Aaron Kramer, George Wallace, Daniel Thomas Moran, William Heyen, Hardy Boys, Paumanok
- **900s – *Think Geography, History, & Biography Records* –** Oral History, Shipwrecks (again), archeology, historic travel, gazetteers, place names, L.I. travel, walks, landmarks, *Long Island Illustrated* (series), *Sunrise Homeland* (series), food & drink, guidebooks, nautical experiences (*Hen Frigates*),
 - **920's – Genealogies**, L.I. families in general and specific families (alphabetically arranged by surname, mostly indexed with collateral/related family names), local censuses, L.I. wills, pension records, newspaper indexes generally with vital records (births, marriages, deaths), veterans burial sites/cemetery registers
 - **970s** – Indian prehistory & history, history of L.I. history and biography in general and thematic, Gold Coast mansions and millionaires
 - **974 – New York State** (*See also* NY REF Collection)
 - **974.721 – Long Island regional history** [Cuttered into **R-LI-2** (bi-county/ Nassau-Suffolk history) and **R-LI-4** (island-wide Suffolk-Nassau-Queens-Kings history)]
 - **974.7245 – Nassau County history** (after 1899, when it was separated from Queens. Note that this Dewey Decimal # has been subdivided (Cuttered) as follows: **CO-NASS** = countywide history, studies, official records; **T-HEMH, T-NHEMH, T-OYBAY** = The three towns of Nassau County (Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster Bay), **V-**[followed by an acronym for one of the villages of Nassau Co., or for one of its 2 cities, Glen Cove and Long Beach]; **VGP-**[followed by an acronym for a customarily grouped cluster of villages, e.g.: Five Towns]
 - **974.725 – Suffolk County history – CO-SUFF** [for general histories of the county]; similarly subdivided **T-**[followed by an acronym for one of the 10 towns in the county, e.g.: **T-BROO** = Brookhaven Town histories and records]; **V-**[followed by an acronym for one of the villages in Suffolk Co., e.g.: **V-EPATCH** = East Patchogue; **V-MEDFD** = Medford; **V-NPTCH** = North Patchogue; **V-PATCH** = Patchogue]; **VGP-**[followed by an acronym for one of the customarily grouped villages in Suffolk, e.g. Three Village area]; **I-**[followed an acronym for one of the outer islands of L.I., e.g., **I-FIRE** = Fire Island; **I-GRDNR** = Gardiners Island].
 - *Note:* All the acronyms are *mnemonic*. They *sound like what they are*, for ease of retrieval.
 - A small section of **LI FIC** (Long Island fiction or fiction writers' books, emphasizing the P-M Area) and **LI B** (Biographies of Long Islanders, emphasizing the P-M Area), and bound copies of the *Long Island Forum, 1938-2004* completes LI REF (the Index, 1938-2003, is online on our website). Note: There are a number of other L.I. history periodicals on the opposite side of the room in the upper part of the book stack, which includes various runs of the *Long Island Historical Journal*, *Suffolk County Historical Society Register*, and *Nassau County Historical Journal*.