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Card Catalog and Library Database

Libraries use a **card catalog** or a computerized **library database** to organize their materials. You can search for a book using the **author, title, or subject**. Look for the author's last name followed by the first name. When the book is located, either on the card or computer, there will be a **call number**. Each book in the library has its own call number that appears on the spine of the book.

Directions A database entry for a book on gardening is shown below. Use the entry to answer the questions.

The screenshot shows a window titled 'PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD CATALOG/DATABASE'. At the top, there are buttons for 'Main Menu', 'Exit', 'Keyword Search', 'Browse', 'Advanced Search', and 'Help'. Below the buttons, the text reads: 'Records 1 of 1', 'Gardening for Kids / by Patricia Farley', 'New York: Nature Publishing, 2005', and 'CALL NUMBER: 536.2'. At the bottom, it says 'Click on any of the following to start a new search: Author / Title / Subject'.

1. What would you type to search the database by author to find this book?

Farley, Patricia

2. What is the call number for this book?

536.2

3. What would you type to search the database by subject to find this book?

gardening

4. You want to find a book about gardening. Which word will you click on to begin your search?

subject

5. In which year was this book published?

2005



Home Activity Your child answered questions about a library database. If possible, visit the library with your child to review the computerized database. If not, look at some books and have your child tell how to search for it by subject, author, and title.