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Using Davis Library

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LB: Read the first line in alphabetical order: A, B, C...L, LA, LB, LC, LD, M, N, O, P, PR, PS.
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- DE – GT: 4th Floor
- GV – HV: 5th Floor
- HX – PJ: 6th Floor
- PK – PR5000s: 7th Floor
- PR6000 – Z: 8th Floor
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Microforms: Lower Level. Ask staff at Service Desk for assistance.

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