Identifying and locating ASTM Standards

Industry Standards
Officially agreed-upon methods and procedures are developed by many engineering societies. The Library collection has some of these industry standards. This handout gives instructions about identifying an ASTM standard, and finding it in the Library.

Identifying an ASTM Standard for your project
ASTM is an organization that is well-known for its standards on testing materials.

To identify a potential standard from ASTM:
1. Go to the ASTM International website: http://www.astm.org/
2. Limit to Standards and Publications.
3. Do a keyword search related to the material and/or the type of test. Alternatively, you can choose to browse standards.
4. Click on the title of an ASTM standard of interest.

5. To find a specific ASTM Standard in the Library, identify the Book of Standards Volume for your standard.

Tips: The Library holdings will show this as sec.8:v.08.01. In ASTM D256 - 10e1, 10 is the date of the latest revision of this standard (2010).
Finding the ASTM Standard volume in the Library
The print volumes are published under the name: Annual Book of ASTM Standards. Annually, ASTM publishes each volume with the standards that are active as of the volume’s date of publication. The Library has the 2017 edition of the print volumes. Here are instructions for finding where the volume that contains the standard of interest is located.

Where in the Library is the needed Volume?
Go to the Library home page: http://library.boisestate.edu
Search ASTM standards in the search box – you are searching WorldCat Local.
Results contain two records for the Annual Book of ASTM Standards — look at the one that does not have “Index” in the title.

There are three locations. Check the Circulation Reserve Desk and the Reference Collection locations for the Volume number (sec.#: v.#.#) by clicking on the View item details link. Only older volumes are shelved at the 4th floor location.
Within the item detail, look for the volume number that contains the standard of interest:

Volume 8.01 would be at the Circulation Reserve Desk, 1st floor.
2017 is the publication date of this volume.
The newest version of ASTM 256 is 2010 and would be in this volume.

Tip:
- The ASTM web page for a specific standard has a link to Historical Standards. If the Library volume is older than the most recent version, you can figure out the version of the standard that is in the Library volume from the Historical Standards listing.