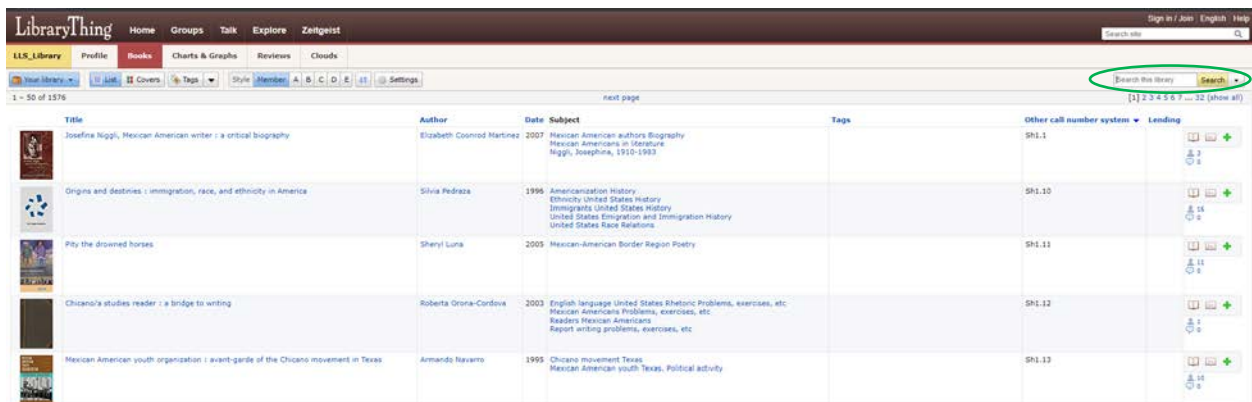


## The Latina/o Studies Department Lending Library: How to Locate and Borrow Books

The Latina/o Studies Department Lending Library is a collection of more than 1,500 books that have been donated by current and former LLS faculty. All books are located in Room 107 in the LLS Department building at 1207 W Oregon St, Urbana, IL 61801.

### Browsing the Catalog Online

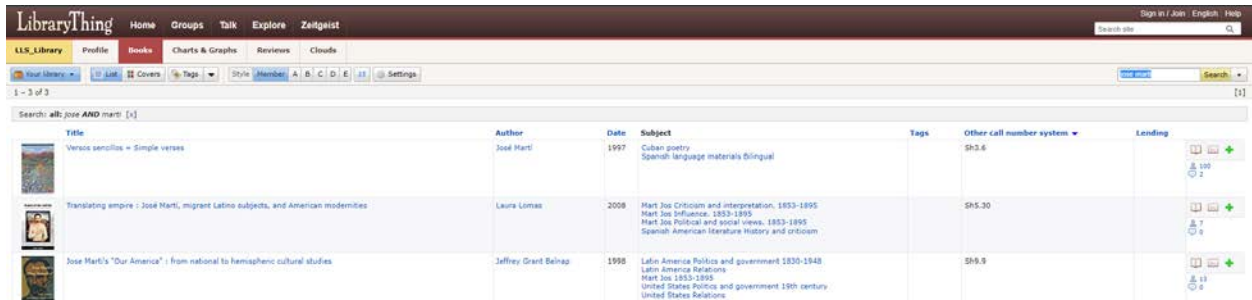
The easiest way to check if the collection contains a specific book or books on a certain topic is to search the online catalog, located at [https://www.librarything.com/catalog/LLS\\_Library](https://www.librarything.com/catalog/LLS_Library). (You are also welcome to browse the physical bookshelves, but please note that the books are not sorted by subject.)



The screenshot shows the LibraryThing interface for the LLS\_Library. The search bar at the top right contains the text "Search this library" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there is a table of books with columns for Title, Author, Date, Subject, Tags, Other call number system, and Lending. The first book listed is "Josefina Niggli, Mexican American writer : a critical biography" by Elizabeth Conrad Martinez, published in 2007. The second book is "Origines and destinies : immigration, race, and ethnicity in America" by Silvia Pedraza, published in 1996. The third book is "Pity the drowned horses" by Sheryl Luna, published in 2003. The fourth book is "Chicano's studies reader : a bridge to writing" by Roberta Orona-Cordova, published in 2003. The fifth book is "Mexican American youth organization : avant-garde of the Chicano movement in Texas" by Armando Navarro, published in 1995.

To search for books, input search terms into the “Search this library” box (circled in green on the image above), then click **Search**. The search will return all books that include your search term in the title, author, Library of Congress subjects, or tags for the book.

Note that the search treats accented and non-accented characters as the same character. For example, searching for “Jose Marti” will also return books that include “José Marti” in a field.



The screenshot shows the LibraryThing interface with search results for "jose AND marti". The search bar at the top right contains the text "jose AND marti" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there is a table of search results with columns for Title, Author, Date, Subject, Tags, Other call number system, and Lending. The first result is "Versos sencillos = Simple verses" by José Martí, published in 1997. The second result is "Translating empire : José Martí, migrant Latino subjects, and American modernities" by Laura Lomas, published in 2008. The third result is "Jose Marti's 'Our America' : from national to hemispheric cultural studies" by Jeffrey Grant Beag, published in 1998.

You can narrow your search to only return results from a particular field by using the downward-facing arrow to the right of the **Search** button. This is particularly useful for identifying books with the same subject heading as another book. For example, if you have located the book

“Eyewitness: A filmmaker's memoir of the Chicano Movement” and want to find other books like it, you could search for one of the book’s subjects, such as “Chicano movement.”

Title	Author	Date	Subject	Tags	Other call number system	Lending
Mexican American youth organization : event-guide of the Chicano movement in Texas	Armando Navarro	1995	Chicano movement--Texas. Mexican American youth--Texas. Political activity		Sh3.13	
Eyewitness : a filmmaker's memoir of the Chicano Movement	Jesús Salvador Treviño	2001	Chicano movement--United States--Biography. Civil rights workers--United States--Biography. Mexican Americans--Biography. Mexican American Civil rights history. Motion picture producers and directors--United States--Biography. Treviño, Jesús Salvador. United States--Ethnic relations.		SH4.7	
Next of kin : the family in Chicano/a cultural politics	Richard T. Rodríguez	2009	Chicano movement-- Mexican American families		SH3.23	

In the search above, note that the **Subjects** field is selected for the search.

You can also search book **Tags** in the same way. (Not all books include subjects, so we have manually added tags so that every book record includes some additional information beyond the title and author.)

## Locating a Book

Once you have identified a book you would like to borrow, you should first confirm that it is not already checked out. If a book is currently available, the **Lending** column will be empty. If a book is checked out, the **Lending** column will read “CHECKED OUT” along with the due date.

You can find a book’s location on the shelves using the information in the **Other call number system** column. All books are assigned a call number that gives a shelf number and a position on that shelf. For example, the book with the call number Sh3.14 is the fourteenth book on Shelf 3. All books have a physical label with their call number as well.

## Checking Out a Book

Please consult with LLS staff to check out materials.