GUIDE to RESEARCH in SPANISH LITERATURE
Locating Secondary Literature:
Latin American Literature

Many of the resources listed in the GUIDE to RESEARCH in SPANISH LITERATURE: Secondary Literature include Latin American literature sources as well. Below are some resources specific to the region and to particular countries.

A: Primarily access to articles
B: Primarily access to books
O: Access to other kinds of materials (manuscripts, pamphlets, bibliographies, etc.)

Resources that cover all of Latin America

B, A Handbook of Latin American Studies
From the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress, provides scholarly evaluations of books, book chapters, articles and conference papers in the field of Latin American studies.
Web site: Access from Libraries’ Home Page, under Online Resources

A Hispanic American Periodical Index (HAPI)
From the Latin American Center at the University of California, Los Angeles, and provides access to articles in more than 400 scholarly journals on a variety of subjects in relation to U.S.-Hispanic and Latin American studies. Articles in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German and Italian are included. Coverage from 1970 to the present.
Web database: Access from Libraries’ Home Page, under Online Resources

A Revistas hispanoamericanas: índice bibliográfico 1843-1935.
Index to over 30,000 articles in more than 50 periodicals. A difficult time period to find covered in any database.
General Reference: AI 17 .L4 1960Q

A solid bibliography of Latin American writers, with hard-to-find articles included after each entry.
General Reference: Z 1609 .L7 F55 1975
Includes primary and secondary materials. Bibliographies of general literature (poetry, narrative, theater, essays) and by country.


6023 items, arranged by country and genres. An essential resource for hard-to-find information not included in databases.

D Level: Z 1609 .L7 R44 1971

B A bibliographic guide to Spanish American literature: 20th century sources. W. Rela
Useful listing in 4 sections: Bibliographies, Dictionaries, History and Criticism, Anthologies. Each section is subdivided by country, and further subdivided by genre. Excludes books on individual authors. Index by author.


A continuation of the Guía bibliográfica (above).

D Level: PJ 1006.5 .R472 1982

O Latin American literary authors: an annotated guide to bibliographies. David Zubatsky

General Reference: Z 1609 .L7 Z82 1986

B , A Indice informativo de la novela hispanoamericana. E. Coll
4-volumes. Arranged by country, and then alphabetical by author within each country. Includes biographical notes, list of works, and references to secondary literature.

D Level: Z 1609 .F4 C65 1974

Covers 50 major writers, giving extensive biographical and critical information, a list of works (primary) and good secondary bibliographies.

General Reference: Z 1609 .L7 S6 1990

Entries on 86 poets born 1910-1952, gives Poetic works, Compilations and Anthologies, and Critical Studies on each. Also includes a valuable list of periodicals covering Latin American poetry, and a section on each country listing Bibliographies and Critical Studies.

D Level: Z 1609 .P6 S4 1992
6-volumes. Volume 1 is a bibliography of general works on the contemporary novel, with a list of cited periodicals. Volumes 2-6 are alphabetical by author, and include nationality, dates, list of works written (including works published in periodicals), and a list of critical studies.

*D Level:*  
*PJ 2082 .N7 Z96*

A good bibliography of criticism pertaining to 56 major Latin American writers. Lists of general studies on the Latin American novel, followed by the individual entries on writers. Each entry includes bibliographies, book-length studies, articles, essays. Good coverage of criticism from the 1960's and 70's, some is older. Hard to find citations in databases.

*D Level* Blue Labels:  
*PQ 7082 .N7 F68 1975*

2360 items, many are annotated. Alphabetical by author of the study. Includes a subject index.

*D Level* Blue Labels:  
*PQ 7082 .D7 L9 1976*

A *L*as revistas literarias de Hispanoamerica: breve historia y contenido. B. Carter.
Includes background and history of Latin American periodicals, literature in periodicals, and a detailed entry on 50 literary reviews. Most valuable – an index by subject of articles within these reviews.

*D Level:*  
*Z 6954 .S8 C3*

B, A, O *V*anguardism in Latin American literature: an annotated bibliographic guide.
Organized by country (includes Brazil), with a good index. A guide to research materials and secondary literature; reference books, journals, writings, and critical studies.

*D Level:*  
*PJ 2081 .Z99 F6 1990*
Resources by Country

1. Argentina

Bibliografía argentina de artes y letras. 1964-1971. Interesting thematic bibliographies. No. 27/28 for example is on “La critica teatral argentina 1880-1962”.

Libraries Service Center (LSC): Z 1611 .B51

Bibliografía de bibliografías argentinas, 1807-1970.

D Level: Z 1611 .A1 G4

Argentine Literature: a research guide. D.W. Foster. Fullest bibliography of critical studies on Argentine literature. Includes general studies, genres, time periods, and individual authors.

D Level: Z 1621 .F66

2. Brazil

Literatura brasileña : bibliografía selecta, del barroco a las vanguardias. W. Rela
Organized like the more general bibliography by Rela above (Literatura hispanoamericana, siglos XIX-XX), with sections on general literature and poetry, narrative, theater. Also sections on movements: Baroque, Romanticism, Modernism, Las Vanguardias.

D level: PJ 5507 .R4 1992

Brazilian literature: a research bibliography. David William Foster and Walter Rela. Substantial bibliography of both general literature and individual authors (150).

D Level: PJ 5507 .F6 1990

3. Chile

3-volumes. A bibliography of Chilean literature with transcriptions, references to authorities, and references to libraries where copies are held. Includes extensive quotations and critical and bibliographical notes. Each volume with a separate index. Chronological arrangement by year.

B Level: F 3054.6 .M49 1897f

A very important source. Exhaustive list of works about each author covered, including Bibliographies; Books and Doctoral dissertations; Monographic studies; Non-monographic studies; Reviews; Histories of literature, panoramas, dictionaries, etc.
**Escri toras chilenas.** B. Rojas Piña.
3-volumes. Volume 1: Teatro y ensayo, Volume 2: Criticas literarias, Volume 3: Novela y cuento. Includes long articles about individual women authors, with bibliographies of primary (including unpublished) and secondary literature.

* D Level Blue Labels:  
  PQ 7933 .E7 1994

4. Colombia

**Bibliografía de la Literatura Colombiana del Siglo XIX**
2 volumes. Lists primary and secondary literature. Alphabetical by author.

* D Level Blue Labels:  
  PQ 8167 .R6 2006

5. Costa Rica

**Bibliografía de la literatura costarricense: 1890-1940.** Alvaro Quesada Soto.
2 sections. Section One lists literary criticism (alphabetical by author, not subject); Section 2 lists literary works written (alphabetical by author).

* D Level:  
  Z 1457 .L5 Q47 1995x

6. Cuba

**Dictionary of 20th century Cuban literature.** J.A. Martinez, ed.
A bio-bibliographical dictionary on 113 authors, including exiles. Entries provide biography, critical evaluation, and a bibliography of primary and secondary literature. Also includes information on 45 literary critics, essays on major genres, information on literary journals, and a general bibliography. General index.

* General Reference:  
  PQ 7378 .D53 1990

**Diccionario de la literatura cubana.** Instituto de Literatura y Lingüística de la Academia de Ciencias de Cuba.
2-volumes. Indispensable source for Cuban writers, cultural institutions, and literary journals. Each entry includes biographical information, primary and secondary literature.

* D Level Blue Labels:  
  PQ 7371 .D5 1980

7. Dominican Republic

**Bibliografía de la literatura dominicana (1960-1982).** Otto Olivera.
Studies published in the years 1960-1982, but covering all of the literature of the DR. Subject index.
8. Mexico

**Diccionario de escritores mexicanos, siglo XX: desde las generaciones del Ateneo y novelistas de la Revolución hasta nuestros días.** A.M. Ocampo
7 volumes. Extraordinary bibliographical dictionary of Mexican writers. Each detailed entry has biographical information, a list of primary and secondary literature.

*General Reference:*  
**PQ 7106 .D52**

**Bibliografía de la novela mejicana.** A. Torres Ríoseco.
Alphabetical by author, a listing of novels written up until 1933. A short section at the front of *Algunas Obras sobre la novella mejicana.*

*Libraries Service Center (LSC):*  
**Z 1424 .F4T7 1933**

9. Nicaragua

**Diccionario de autores nicaragüenses.** J.E. Arellano.
2-volumes. Includes 600 authors. Gives primary and secondary literature on each, as well as biographical information.

*D Level Blue Labels:*  
**PQ 7510 .A52 Quarto**

10. Peru

**Peruvian literature: a bibliography of secondary sources** by David William Foster.
Includes a section of general studies on Peruvian literature, followed by bibliographies of critical studies on 38 Peruvian writers.

*D Level:*  
**Z 1861 .F67 1981**

**Diccionario literario del Perú: nomenclatura por autores.** Maurilio Arriola Grande.
2-volumes

*D Level Blue Labels:*  
**PQ 8327 .A77 1983**

**Diccionario manual de literatura peruana y materias afines.** Emilia Romero de Valle
Alphabetical by author; encyclopedia of Peruvian writers. Entries include brief biographical information, followed by a list of works (Obras) and in most cases a brief bibliography of secondary literature (Ref. Bibl.)

*Libraries Service Center (LSC):*  
**PJ 3306 .R6 1966**

11. Puerto Rico
Diccionario de autores puertorriqueños contemporáneos
Includes short articles about each writer, a bibliography of Obras publicada, and a Bibliografía secundaria.

Includes a section of general studies on Puerto Rican literature, followed by bibliographies of critical studies on 80 Puerto Rican writers.

Literatura Puertorriqueña: su proceso en el tiempo. Josefina Rivera de Alvarez
A comprehensive history of Puerto Rican literature, with extensive notes that include references to secondary literature. Also includes a lengthy bibliography in the back of the volume.

Bibliografía de teatro puertorriqueño (Siglos XIX y XX). Nilda González.
Alphabetical by author. Lists works by the writers, as well as studies on them. Many appendices and bibliographies.

12. Uruguay
La narrativa uruguaya: estudio crítico-bibliográfico. J. Englekirk.
Provides data on 525 novels and 7000 short stories by 265 authors. Gives quotations from critics for many of these. Locates copies in 9 US, Spanish, and Uruguayan libraries.

Diccionario de autores teatrales uruguayos ; & Breve historia del teatro uruguayo.
Walter Rela.

13. Venezuela
Alphabetical by author of study (not by subject), or by title if there is not a single author. Author and Title index.
This represents only the basics of finding secondary literature. There are many other, more specialized resources.

- A good way to find such things is to use the "Type of Literature" search. By doing a keyword subject search in a library catalog on types of literature such as:
  - catalogs
  - criticism and interpretation
  - bibliography
  - indexes
  - periodicals
  - sources
you can exploit the fact that these categories are standardized across US library catalogs, and locate relevant or specialized resources.

For example, to find published bibliographies on a writer, do a subject keyword search on author's last name and the word bibliography. This is especially useful at Hopkins, as bibliographies are often in Libraries Service Center (LSC) Park and cannot be found by browsing the stacks. The search: garcia marquez bibliography retrieves 3 titles.

A subject search on latin america periodicals indexes will retrieve 7 important titles. Try latin american periodicals as a keyword search too.

- You may have noticed certain call numbers that are particularly important. Browsing PJ 1006, either in the stacks, or even better, in the online catalog, will turn up some interesting things. Likewise, Z 2680 – 2690 is a place you should be familiar with.

- By reading the introductions and prefaces to the older printed indexes, you will find other bibliographies and indexes mentioned. Follow these leads where possible.

- There are many published guides to research in Spanish literature. Here are a few. These are especially useful in Spanish and Latin American literature, as there are many, many published indexes and bibliographies. You can locate guides with a subject keyword search on:
  - reference books, spanish, bibliography, philology, handbooks, manuals

Guide de bibliographie hispanique, E. Arnaud. Libraries Service Center (LSC) Park Z 2681 .A75
David W. Foster has written several bibliographies of literature of individual Latin American countries (Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Puerto Rico…), as well as many research guides to Spanish literature. Look him up by author in the Libraries' Catalog.

- Finally, there are many published guides to literary research in general. Find them as well with a subject keyword search on:

  Literature, research, methodology, bibliography, library

Or a title keyword search on literary research.