What's new in the Library for Fall 2023?

A substantial run of the Spanish weekly film magazine Cinegramas: Revista Semanal (1934-36) *was acquired months before the Covid pandemic hit but can now be consulted in The Bancroft Library. It ceased publication with the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War in July 1936.*

This year's welcome back newsletter for those working in the Romance languages focuses on digital and print resources. For the most up-to-date information on the UC Berkeley Library's services, please check the Library Get Help page.

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2022-23 Serials Reduction in the Library

Including our recent reductions in 2018 and 2020, this year's serials reduction below will bring the total annual reduction in acquisitions and licensing to $4.425 million – an approximately 35% reduction of campus, state, and unrestricted funding for collections since 2016. Adjusted for inflation, the magnitude of the reduction is even greater. Although philanthropy has been increasing, it has not made up the difference. The final cancellation list can be viewed online.

Phase 2 Serials Reduction Realized in FY23/24

Division	% of Total Collections Budget	Phase 1	Deferred to Phase 2	Phase 2	California Digital Library Savings	Total Reduction
Arts + Humanities	19%	$165,467	n/a	$165,467	$62,890	$268,044
East Asian	4%	$35,774	n/a	$35,467	n/a	$71,548
Engineering & Physical Sciences	30%	$251,173	$183,056	$434,229	$99,300	$403,046
Life & Health Sciences	19%	$157,808	$115,776	$273,584	$62,890	$252,726
Social Sciences	28%	$239,778	n/a	$239,778	$92,680	$386,876

The Bancroft Library has been exempted from the collections reduction process since most of their acquisitions and licensing budget is derived from restricted endowments. You can read more about the 2023/24 Budget Reduction Plan on the Scholarly Resources web pages.

Last April, EVCP Ben Hermalin established a Work Group on the University Library, which was charged to deliver a report on the nature and impacts of recent service reductions and recommendations for the future. The group was co-chaired by Molly Van Houweling, professor of law, and University Librarian Jeff Mackie-Mason, and the final report was submitted at the end of June. The working group found that reduced funding is causing reduced service provision, and that those services are highly valued by faculty and students. Of the 11 specific recommendations, it calls for massive re-investment in the Library after decades of defunding. There is also a recommendation about improving how campus (other than the Library) provides student study space. The UC-AFT Bay Area Chapter Librarian Organizing Committee has written a statement calling on the university leadership to act on the recommendations made in the report.

J.J. Mansalay scans a book that will be available via e-reserves. (Photo by Jami Smith for the UC Berkeley Library)

E-reserves & bCourses

Fall 2023

The priority deadline for fall course reserves requests has passed, but we will continue to accept requests through Sept. 29, 2023. For the benefit of our students, we encourage you to submit your requests as soon as possible.

Please submit lists of required books and videos for your fall courses via email to **ereserves@lists.berkeley.edu**. In the email, please include your course number/title and a list of your required items. For each item, please tell us the title, author, date/edition, and other bibliographic details. It is important to include items you wish to reuse from previous semesters, as we still need to activate those in the system.

Spring 2024

The call for spring 2024 course reserves requests will go out in late September, with a priority deadline of Oct. 31, 2023.

For those who use bCourses for your instruction, the Library maintains four handy guides:

- Add Course Readings to bCourses
- Guide to Open, Free, & Affordable Course Materials
- Add Library Guides to bCourses
- Course Instructor Guide to Copyright & bCourses

Specialized Reference & Instruction

Please remember that I am always available for reference or research assistance by email, or Zoom and Chat by appointment. I can also provide library instruction sessions in-person or via Zoom for any relevant courses.

For other non-Research and Composition courses, lower-division courses are generally handled through Instruction Services and can be requested via this form. For R&C courses, the Research 101 Guide provides an overview of options that you can use to meet the research needs of your students.

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Reference Desk in Doe Memorial Library, 1939.

Library Workshops

Online and in-person workshops are open to faculty, staff and students on a regular basis. Visit the Library Events Calendar for upcoming events and to register. You can also sign-up to receive an email newsletter of workshops and events that are open to UCB students, faculty and staff.

Publish Digital Books & Open Educational Resources with Pressbooks

Introduction to Zotero

Research 101
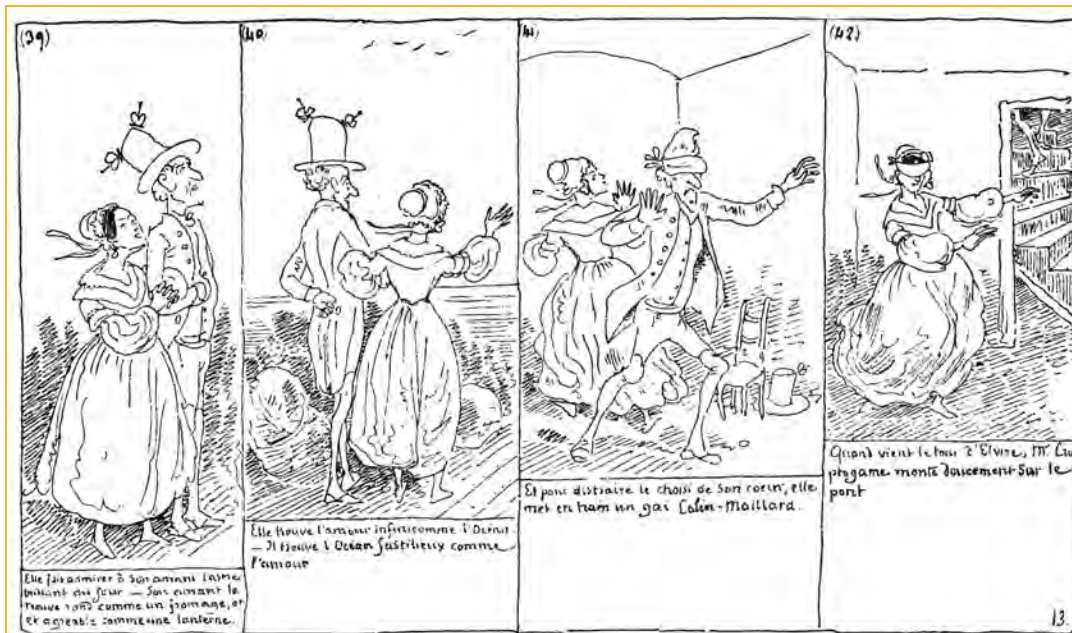
UC Carpentries Coding and Data Management Workshop Series

Plate 13 of the book Histoire de Monsieur Cryptogame by Rodolphe Töpffer (1830), Wikipedia Commons.

Library Research Guides

UCB Librarians have created more than 600 research guides to help you with your research. Here are links to those specific to the Romance languages:
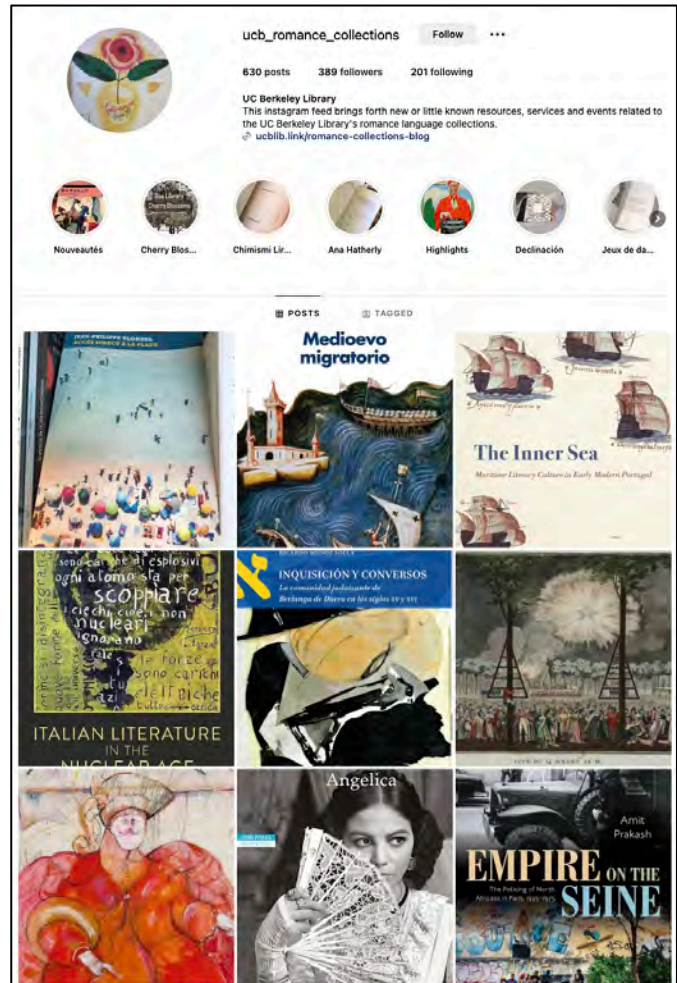
- Brazilian Studies Resources
- Catalan Studies
- French and Francophone Literature
- French Studies
- Historical Primary Sources: Latin America
- Italian Literature
- Italian Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Spanish & Portuguese
- Spanish, Portuguese, and Other Iberian Literatures

- Ana Hatherly Bibliography
- European Comics & Graphic Novels
- Mai 68: A Library Research Guide
- Orienting Os Lusiádas @ 450

Keep Informed of New Books and More

New acquisitions lists generated in UC Library Search are still being developed and are very much in beta-mode but the [Romance Collections Instagram feed](#) is one way of keeping up to date on some new acquisitions. It selectively highlights new or little known resources, services and events related to the UC Berkeley Library's romance language collections as does the [Romance Language Collections blog](#) which is updated less frequently. Both can be subscribed to or followed for automatic updates.

Please remember that you are encouraged to make requests for library purchases by either emailing me or filling out the [online request form](#).
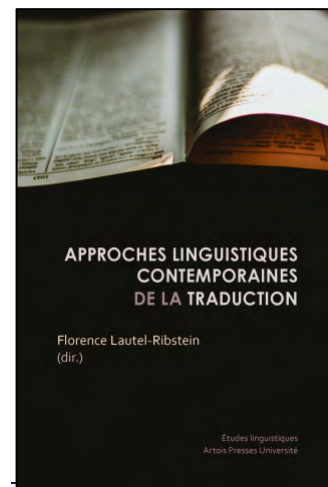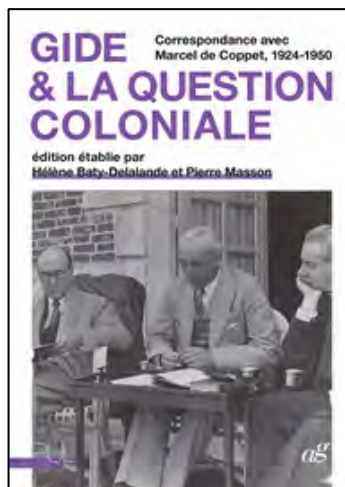
Open Access Books

While print remains the dominant format for books from Europe and other regions of the world, we continue to expand the Library's digital holdings where we can. Unable to make any large ebook purchases last year, we were able to keep our commitment as a sustaining partner of OpenEdition and added 385 new Freemium titles. Below is a sample of some of these along with others on the following pages from different European academic presses, notably from Italy and Spain where open access continues to transform scholarly publishing.

OpenEdition

UCB now has full format (Freemium) access to more than half of the ebook catalog of 14,000 titles included in this French open access publishing initiative.
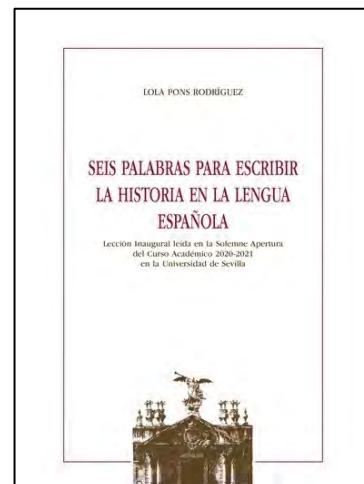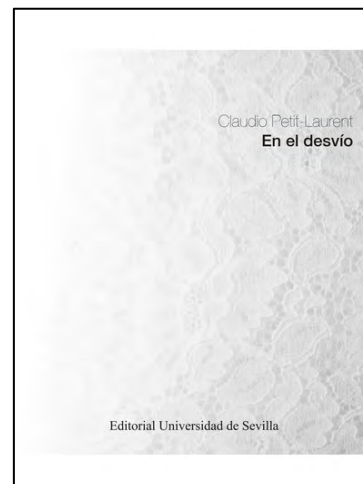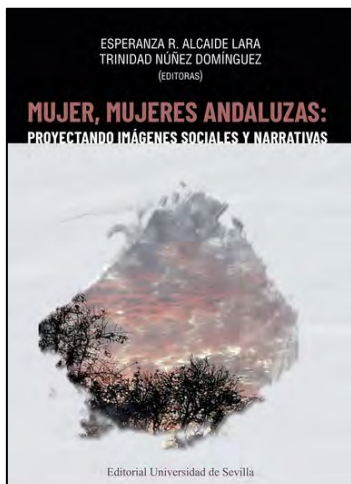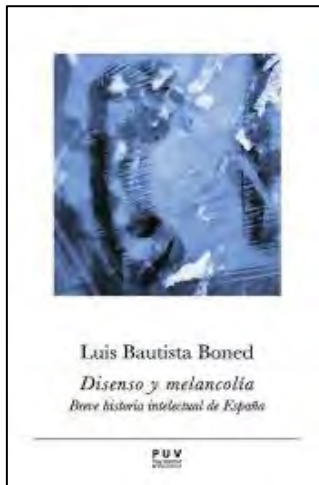
Firenze University Press

Edizioni Ca' Foscari University Press

Editorial Universidad de Sevilla

Universitat de València

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)

UC Library Search – 4 FAQs

More than two years have passed since the launch of UC Library Search—the unified discovery and borrowing system that streamlines your search for UC Library collections. The platform is built upon the principle of a single, integrated, shareable and user-centric tool which allows you to:

- Search for materials across the whole UC collection.
- Use your campus single sign account on to check out and renew materials.
- Locate millions of online books, journal articles, and other digital content.
- Save searches, build bibliographies, and create alerts.

Here are answers to some of the top frequently asked questions:

1. **What does "out of the library" mean?**
   "Out of the library" is the term for items which are not currently on the shelf however most of these can be recalled or put on hold for you after processing is complete.

2. **What does "may be available" mean?**
   The "may be available" status is assigned to holdings records which do not have any items attached. Multiple holdings were created for some records as a result of the data migration from OskiCat to UCLS since holdings are handled differently between these two systems.

3. **Why do some records say "no online access" but there are items available when I click to view the full record?**
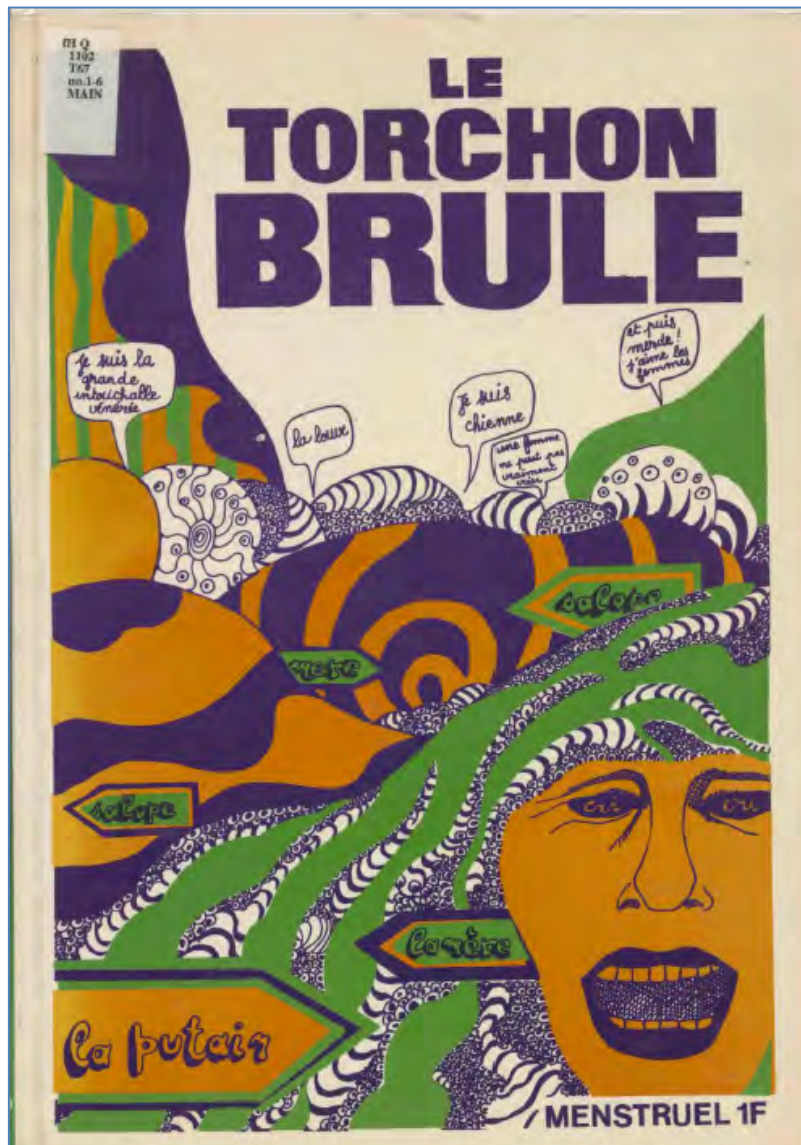   This is a known behavior in Primo VE, the software that supports UC Library Search. Records in UC Library Search calculate resource availability on the fly within the Central Discovery Index, which occasionally causes a temporary mismatch between what is listed in the brief records results (i.e. "no online access") and the full bibliographic record (which may include print and/or electronic holdings).

4. **Can users still search WorldCat?**
   UC campuses also have access to WorldCat Discovery @ UC (also known as Basic WorldCat Discovery). Each individual campus also has their own campus instance; at Berkeley, it's called Berkeley Worldcat. In addition, the Library has kept its subscription to WorldCat on FirstSearch. Though these three products are available, we encourage users to start with UC Library Search for their searching and interlibrary loan needs.

   For more information, check out the new User Guide and article *UC Library Search is here: Here's What You Need to Know.*

Featured Digitized Work

[Le torchon brûle](). Paris: Mouvement de libération des femmes,
c. 1971-73. (Reprint 1982). 6 v. : ill. ; 42 cm.

➢ Is there something in our collections in the public domain that you'd like to see digitized? Just email me at cpotts AT berkeley.edu and I'll see if we can digitize it.

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