

## RMWG Reference Library in LibraryThing

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RMWG-Reference>

### Reference Library

- ▶ 650+ Weaving and fiber-related resources that are not easily available to weavers otherwise.
- ▶ Built onto Kathryn Wertenberger's library (guild president 1969-70).
- ▶ Includes:
  - ▶ Old, rare, and expensive books and periodicals.
  - ▶ Samples of study groups.

### LibraryThing

- ▶ Free software for catalogs of small libraries (cloud-based; database structure).
- ▶ Used by private users and non-profit organizations including Complex Weavers and many weaving guilds.
- ▶ Accessible via internet browser; No account required.

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This presentation (the slides) and quick reference guide (the notes pages) describe the use of the catalog of the Reference Library of the Rocky Mountain Weavers' Guild (RMWG).

In summary, this Reference Library is a collection of weaving and fiber-related resources, created in 2000. Physical on-site access is for members by appointment only. Please refer to the yearbook or the librarians for more information.

In 2020, the decision was made to migrate the catalog to LibraryThing; the original hardware and software of were outdated. The slide shows some of its functions.

The following four slides will guide you through the basic functionality.

- Browsing
- Selecting and Sorting
- Searching
- Exploring

Click the hyperlink, under the slide title, to get started.

Note: This document does not cover the Circulation Library.

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface. At the top left, the word "Browsing" is written in pink. A callout bubble points to the "All collections" dropdown menu. Another callout bubble points to the "Number of Pages" column header. A third callout bubble points to the "Storage Location" column header. A fourth callout bubble points to the "Best Layout" button in the "Style" menu. A fifth callout bubble points to the "Tags and Comments: Under Development" section. A sixth callout bubble points to the "Counts and Details" section. The main content is a table with columns: Collections, Call Number, Author, Title, Date, Publication, Language, Media, Pages, Tags / comments, and Series. The table lists several books, including "1000 ( ) Looms In 4, 6, And 8 Weaves" and "3 Textile Traditions: Pueblo, Navaho & Rio Grande".

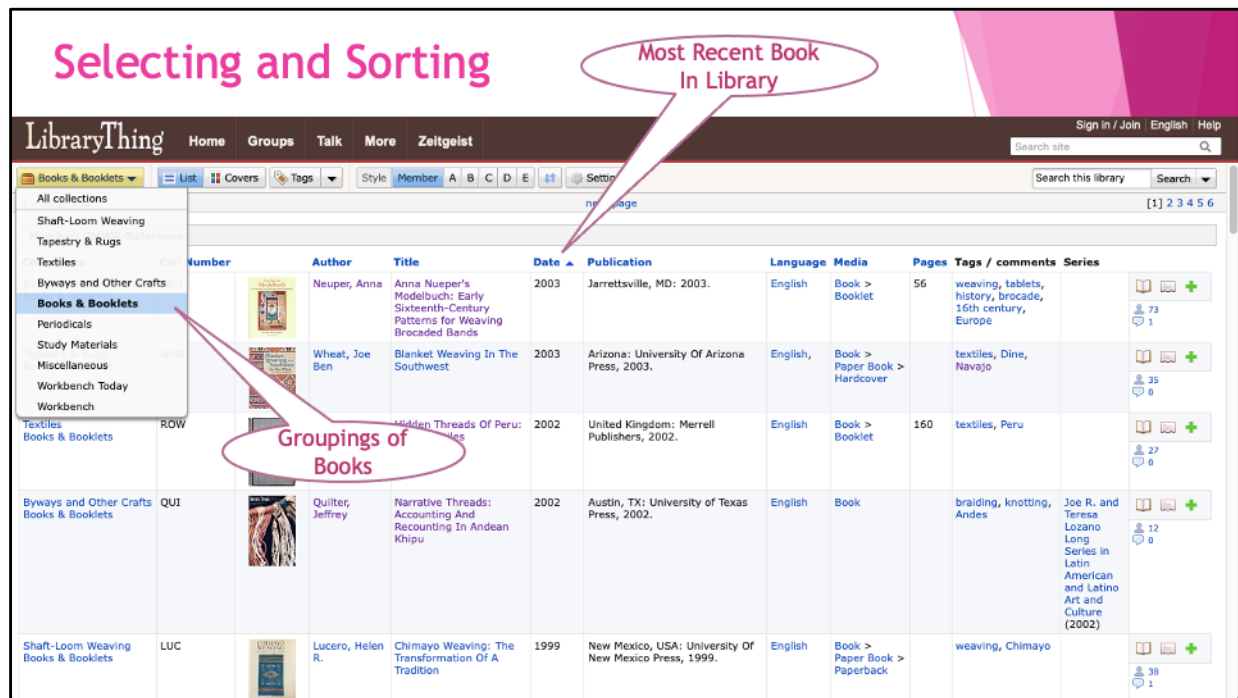
When you access LibraryThing the very first time, it shows an empty catalog. In the top left, use the pulldown button to select "All Collections". A screen like the above should appear; its contents may be slightly different because the library may have been changed. The library contains 550+ books; they are shown on pages of 50 each.

First, have a look at the column headings of the table. Most columns are self-explanatory, such as "Author" and "Title." "Call Number" is the column that contains the physical storage location. "Comments" are written by your librarians and are specific for the library. "Collections" and "Tags" are book groupings; they will be explained in the following slides.

Secondly, the table is currently in "Member" layout. This is the layout that is the best for our library. Other layouts (A-E) are provided by LibraryThing but are not that useful. (If you have a LibraryThing account, your settings will show).

## Browsing

- Use the scrollbar at the right to review a page.
- Use the page selector at the top to review other pages.



Browsing can be improved by Selecting and Sorting.

### Selecting

Use the pulldown button at the top left to filter the catalog by “Collection”:

- by main subject area (Shaft-Loom Weaving, Tapestry & Rugs, Textiles, Byways and Other Crafts), or
- by publication type (Books & Booklets, Periodicals, Study Materials, Miscellaneous).

[Ignore the Workbench collections, these are for the librarians].

### Sorting

Click the column headers (such as “Date”) to sort the books in ascending order.

Click again to sort in descending order.

Example: Most recent book in library: Books by Date in descending order.

Tip: Sort on “Title”, then sort on “Author”: Table will list books by Author and Title.

# Searching

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Books & Booklets | List | Covers | Tags | Style | Member | A | B | C | D | E | Settings

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Search: all: online [x]

Collections	Call Number	Author	Title	Date	Publication	Language	Media	Pages	Tags
Shaft-Loom Weaving Books & Booklets		Uhler, Cyrus	Draught & Cording Book	1999	Www.lvc.edu/Www/Library/Uhler; 1999.	English,	Book > Paper Book > Paperback		weaving, drafts, patterns, 18th century, 19th century Online: Arizona Archive (1830)
Shaft-Loom Weaving Books & Booklets			A twill of your choice: color and weave effect twills on two to eight harnesses, with computer drawdowns	1981	Loveland, CO: Interweave Press, 1981.	English,	Book > Paper Book > Paperback	173	weaving, patterns, textiles, color, twills Online: Arizona Archive
Shaft-Loom Weaving Books & Booklets	WOO	Wood, Irene K	16 Harness Patterns, The Fanciest Twills Of All: From The Weaving Notebooks Of Fred A. Pennington	1976	McMinnville, OR: Robin & Russ Handweavers, 1976.	English,	Book > Booklet	130	weaving, monograph, history, twills, patterns, 16 shafts Twills from 1750-1850 Online: Arizona Archive
Shaft-Loom Weaving Books & Booklets Workbench	WOR	Worst, Edward F.	Weaving With Foot-Powered Looms	1974	USA: Dover, 1974.	English,	Book		weaving, technology, textbook Online: Internet Archive
Shaft-Loom Weaving Books & Booklets	HAL	Hall, Eliza Calvert	A Book of Handwoven Coverlets	1966	1st Edition. USA: Charles E. Tuttle, 1966.	English,	Book > Paper Book > Hardcover	411	weaving, coverlets, Colonial Online: Arizona Archive

**1. Type criteria**  
**2. Click Search**

**3. Result**  
**4. Click [x] to remove search**

**More options**

Are you interested in books that cover a particular topic or are about a particular thing?

## Searching

Step 1: Type your term in the library search box (“Search your library”) at the right.

Step 2: Click the search button.

Step 3: The search criteria should show at the left, number of items should show, and the table should be refreshed.

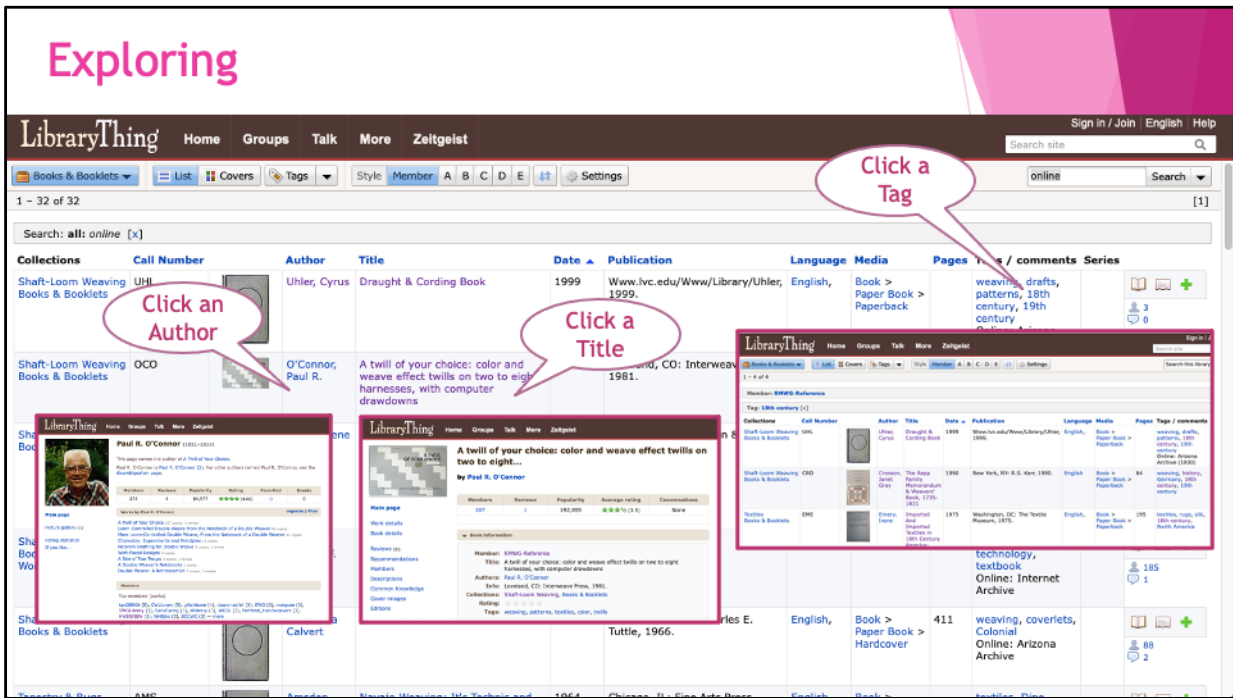
Step 4: When done, click the “x” to remove the search.

The search function is applied on most database fields, possibly even on some that are not displayed as column in the table.

If you want to perform a more specific search, then click the little arrow at the right for more options.

### Librarians Tip:

Search with the term “online”. Many of our old books are available online as well. Use the online resources to prevent unnecessary trips to the library and to protect our fragile books.



LibraryThing contains a wealth of information based on the collective of the registered libraries.

### Exploring

Many of the data elements are “clickable” and hyperlink to detailed information or refresh the catalog view.

Examples: click on a particular:

- Author: To show information about the author and other works.
- Title: To show information about the book.
- Tags: To filter the catalog (similar to Searching).

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This concludes this quick overview of the RMWG Library in LibraryThing.

There are many more functions available: explore them yourself.

And if you create an account (and register your library), then many more functions become available to you.

As for our library: we are continually updating the information, especially “Tags” and “Comments”, in order to improve the accessibility of our library.

Look forward seeing you in the library!