

EXPANDING COLLECTIONS WITH LIMITED FUNDS:

A SUNY-Wide Subject-Specific Collection Development Initiative

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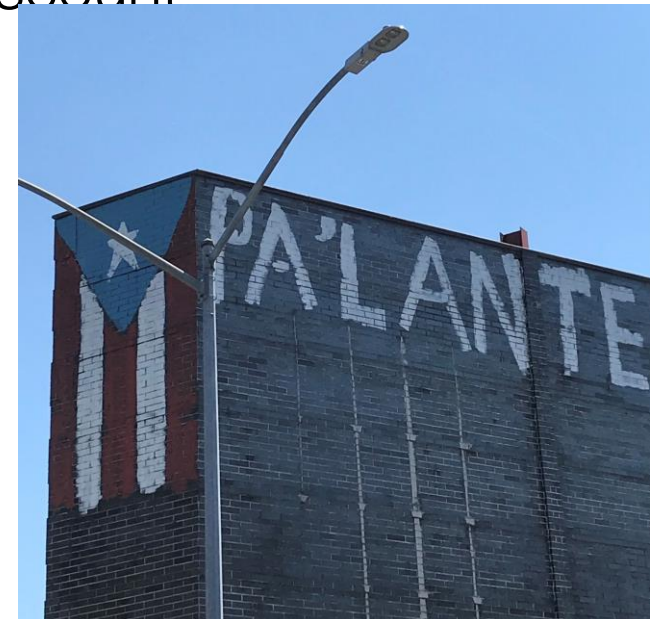


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SUNY Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino Studies Cooperative Collection Development

- **History:** 2007- present
- **Participating libraries:** Albany and Binghamton
- **Two projects:**
 - ▶ **Database Consortium.**
Originally included Chicano database discount
 - ▶ **Puerto Rican Monographs.**



What was the Rationale Behind this Project?

- ▶ Growing Hispanic/ Latino population in New York State.
- ▶ Increased enrollment of Latino students in New York State universities.
- ▶ Support of academic programs in our campus centers with an interest on Latin American/Caribbean/US Latino studies and are currently offering courses in this area.
- ▶ Expanding resources available via ILL in these subjects within the SUNY system and avoiding duplication of titles.
- ▶ Maximizing available funds
- ▶ Promote diversity in our collections

Puerto Rican Monographs

Goal: Acquisition of non-core monographs published in Puerto Rico in the Social Sciences and the Humanities.

- ▶ Interest in Puerto Rican studies strong in our campus centers
- ▶ Puerto Rican population in New York state: 5.6% of the total population. (Source: American Community Survey, 2019 <https://bit.ly/352o5hA>)
- ▶ Dedicated Initial budget: \$1,000 for each library
- ▶ Vendor: Libros de Barlovento

Nación atlética : ensayos sobre historia y cultura deportiva en Puerto Rico. Walter R. Bonilla Carlo, Carlos Mendoza Acevedo, editores. Aguadilla, P.R. : Editorial Arco de Plata, c2019. 352p., 22cm. (Illustrations, bibliographical references, bibliography). [9780999737446]. Compilation of well-documented essays by experts in the field on the history and culture of sport in Puerto Rico.

Distribution of Subjects by Campus – PR Monographs

| University at Albany | Binghamton University |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Economics | Anthropology |
| Education | Art |
| Health | Environmental studies |
| Music | Fiction* |
| Poetry* | History |
| Political Science | Philosophy |
| Sociology | Religion |
| Theatre* | |

Process

1. Original Agreement. Alternating areas*
2. Vendor sends catalogs (two per year) via email to librarians.
3. Librarians make their selections and communicate with each other about them. Avoid duplication as much as possible.
4. Orders are sent to the vendor
5. Evaluation

Subject Librarians Share Proposed Purchases

LIBROS DE BARLOVENTO. Spring 2021

| BINGHAMTON | | | | ALBANY | | | |
|------------------|---|-------|----------------------------|------------------|---|-------|------------------|
| # catalog number | Title | Price | Faculty | # catalog number | Title | Price | Faculty |
| 16 | Casa, suelo y título : vivienda e informalidad en Puerto Rico | 39 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 1 | | 4645 | 35 Pedro Caban |
| 26 | Crímenes antiguos | 39 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 8 | Antología de la poesía atalayista. | | 39 |
| 46 | Figuraciones caribeñas : discurso, sabor e identidad en la literatura del Caribe. | 39 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 10 | Boricua jazz : la historia del jazz puertorriqueño, desde Rafael Hernández a Miguel Zenón | | 45 Jose Cruz |
| 71 | Ojo de agua, El. | 29 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 16 | Casa, suelo y título : vivienda e informalidad en Puerto Rico | | 39 Johana |
| 84 | Revolución de las apetencias : el tráfico de muertos en la literatura puertorriqueña contemporánea, La. | 39 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 23 | Conspiración en la Montaña | | 29 Juan Manuel |
| 6 | Ángel de los solteros, novela, El. | 36 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 25 | Convidar | | 39 Pedro Caban |
| 20 | Cloé, novela policiaca | 32 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 34 | Del fracaso al éxito : el bilingüismo en la educación pública de Puerto Rico | | 32 Carmen Nieves |
| 67 | No pasa nada, relatos : y un escrito que bien podría ser un prólogo | 16 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 40 | Eliminación de la Sección 936 | | 29 Pedro Caban |
| 68 | No tener miedo a las palabras. | 34 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 53 | Historias de mujeres puertorriqueñas negras | | 34 |
| 89 | Sobre un animal muerto | 29 | Sandra M Casanova-Vizcaino | 62 | Mis hermanos me reconocen como tal | | 34 Juan Manuel |

Feedback from Teaching Faculty

“Researchers of Puerto Rican literature and culture who live outside of the island struggle to find materials and bibliography. In order to complete the research, it is necessary to do trips to Puerto Rico or contact writers directly. The Puerto Rico project has been incredibly helpful... Having the books readily available has had an impact on my research allowing me to use resources that I wouldn't have access to. Having the opportunity to browse the lists and pick books for purchase has been an enormous privilege, which has, no doubt, contributed to my academic and professional success...

I believe there is something to be said about this project as a way of decolonizing research and teaching in the United States: having those resources produced in a US territory/colony readily available in the US is one of the first steps to helping disseminate the work produced by writers, artists, and scholars in Puerto Rico. I hope this project becomes a permanent addition to our libraries.”

Building Working Alliances with SUNY libraries

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Subject specific concept for collection building:

- Suitable for modeling across SUNY
- Particularly beneficial for area/foreign language studies
- Pools subject expertise and cooperative purchasing
- Broadens collections across the system
- Supports diversity in collections
- Strengthens collegiality amongst subject librarians

To build upon the Albany-Binghamton alliance, we suggest a SUNY-wide initiative to include an approval plan of Puerto Rican materials and the financial support of the Chicano database by SUNY. Potential involvement of:

- SUNY Libraries Consortium (SLC)
- SUNY Library Services (SLS)

- Cooperative projects are useful (and possible) for institutions with limited funding
- To get started all you need is willingness to work as a team and reach agreements



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QUESTIONS?
*Comments &
Experiences?*

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