

Literature Resource Center

The *Literature Resource Center* (LRC) possesses an immense collection of biographies, bibliographies, critical essays, work overviews, author-related Web sites, and timeline events.

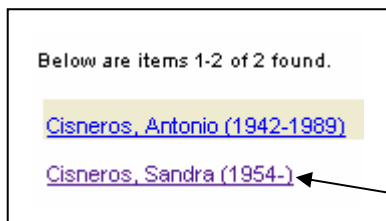
Log On: From any computer with Internet access, start with the Gavilan Library Homepage at <http://www.gavilan.edu/library> Click on the logo for "Literature Resource Center." From off-campus, you will be asked for a password. The password is **gavilan**.

Search: There are several ways to search: Author, Title, Keyword, Advanced, Authors by Time, and Literary-Historical Timeline. You can choose other ways to search by clicking on the green buttons at the top of the screen, but when you first log on to LRC, the Author search screen will automatically appear.

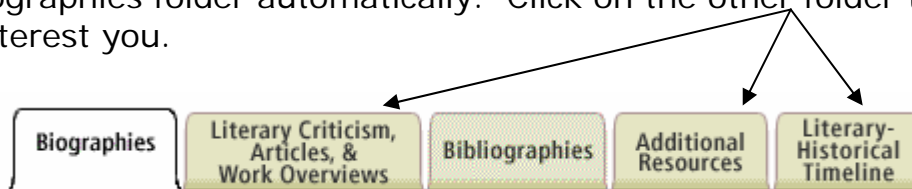
Type in the name of the author you are looking for and click the "Search" button. You can put in any part of an author's name or pseudonym. If you don't know how to spell the name, you can type in as much as you know, then put in an * at the end, as in **mura***. LRC will find every author whose name starts with "Mura."



LRC will allow you to choose which author you want out of the ones that fit your search parameters. In this case, we'll look at what LRC can tell us about **Sandra Cisneros**.



Results: Hopefully, LRC will present you with a "File Cabinet" full of information about the author you searched for. LRC sends you into the Biographies folder automatically. Click on the other folder tabs that interest you.



The "Additional Resources" folder contains links to useful Web sites about the author. Any other folder contains information taken from books originally published on paper, like the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, or *The Bloomsbury Review*.

Authors by Type: You can also conduct a combination search for authors by ethnicity, genre, literary movement, nationality and theme. For example to find autobiographical fiction by Native Americans your search would look like this:



The image shows a search interface with two dropdown menus. The first menu, labeled 'Author Ethnicity', has 'Native American' selected. The second menu, labeled 'Genre', has 'Autobiographical fiction' selected.

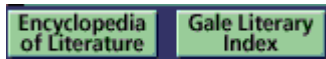
Author Ethnicity:	Asian American
	French Canadian
	Hispanic American
	Mexican American
	Native American
Genre:	Art criticism
	Autobiographical fiction
	Autobiographies
	Ballads
	Baseball stories

After clicking on the search button, your resulting list would look like this:

- [Oskison, John Milton \(1874-1947\)](#)
- [Pokagon, Simon \(1830-1899\)](#)
- [Ridge, John Rollin \(1827-1867\)](#)
- [Young Bear, Ray A. \(1950-\)](#)

Encyclopedia of Literature and Gale

Literary Index:



You can also access the *Encyclopedia of Literature* searching with author, title keywords or literary movements. The *Gale Literary Index* is useful for locating print information published by Gale on your topic.

In addition, there is a link to a helpful *Guide to Conducting Literary Research* with information on selecting your topic, crafting a thesis statement, using parenthetical documentation and organizing your research paper.