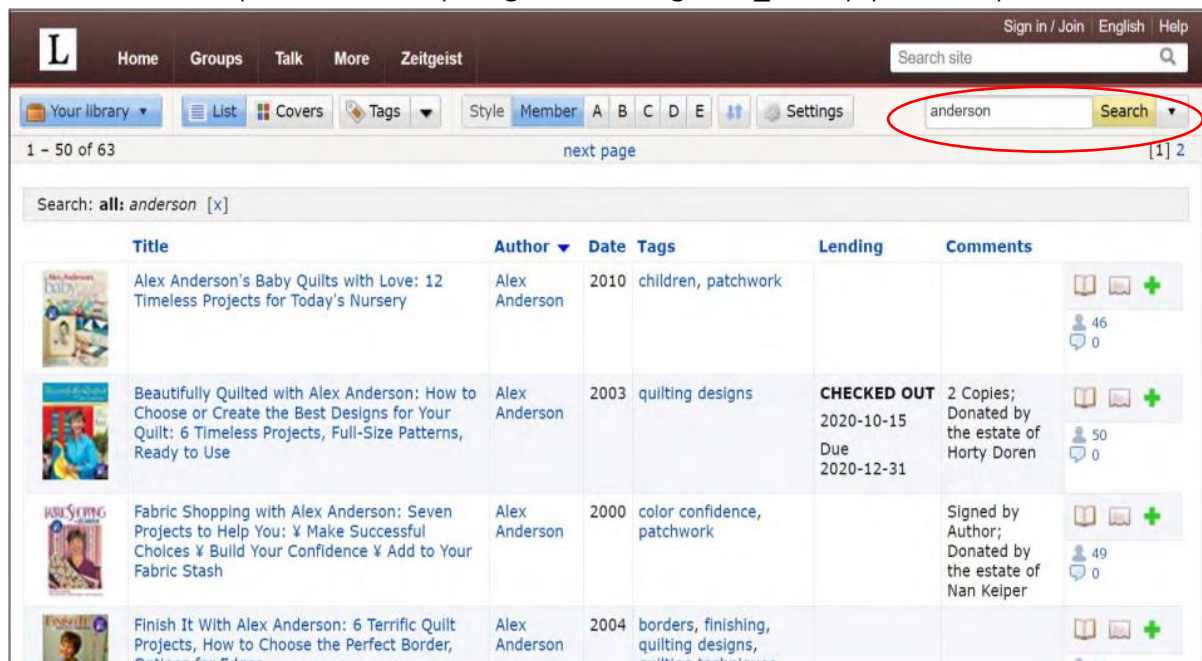# Finding What You Want in LibraryThing, CQC's Online Search Tool

https://www.librarything.com/catalog/CQC_Library/yourlibrary

The CQC Library collection has been entered into an online tool called LibraryThing to provide members with expanded ability to search the catalog. With more than 2,500 items in the library, the ability to search the catalog online makes it easier to find books of interest. Following are tips on how to make the most of this program even if you're a bit computer shy.

Search categories include title; author; publication date; key words, known as tags; and comments. The LibraryThing app provides a listing of all items in the CQC Library with a photo of the book or DVD's cover. When members select a book or DVD, LibraryThing displays a page with more information about the item.

Members can access the CQC LibraryThing catalog by clicking the "CQC Library" link in the Resources section near the bottom of the CQC website home page: coloradoquiltingcouncil.com. Referring to the screen shot of a page of LibraryThing above, here's how to use this online tool to search for books and DVDs:

• Decide if you want to search by title, author, date or other way as indicated in column headings. Click on the triangle next to the column heading you've chosen. For example, see the small triangle next to the Author column heading above. You can toggle this to sort by ascending alphabetical order (A-Z) or descending (Z-A).

• You can enter key words, known as tags, into the small search box in the upper right corner of the page. Examples of tags include patchwork, appliqué, baby quilts, art quilts and design. There are several tags displayed for each book.

A complete list of the tags used in the CQC library can be displayed by clicking on the tags button, which is fourth from the left near the top of the page.

• Authors' names or book titles can also be entered into the search box. Above, "Anderson" has been entered into the search box, so LibraryThing is displaying books written by Alex Anderson.

Note: There are two search boxes on the page. The smaller search box searches the CQC Library. The larger search box located in the brown header area searches all libraries in LibraryThing, which, while interesting, won't provide the response you're looking for.

Some additional features to know:

• Clicking on a book's title will display more information about the book.

• The Lending column provides information on whether the book is currently checked out and when it is due. The name of the member who has checked out the book is not displayed.

If you find a book or DVD that you'd like to check out, send an email to CQC Librarian Carol Cook at cqclibrary@gmail.com. She will bring the item to the next general meeting or coordinate the possibility of curbside delivery if you are in the South Denver Metro to Pueblo areas. Otherwise, it is possible to mail items if you are willing to reimburse the postage, which usually is less than $5.