

The University of Kansas Libraries' Slavic and East European collections are now 50,000 monographs, journals and approximately 1,000 periodicals titles, which 1980 are currently stored in the collection in the main reading rooms for Slavic scholars in the basement and the west expansion. It represents a major national, nationally recognized Slavic studies program. This program, managed by the KU Center for Russian and East European Studies (CRES), is one of eleven federally funded interdisciplinary (NSF-D) programs that create centers.

The Slavic collection has been actively developed since the early 1950s with some Yugoslav book and serial exchange program during in the 1950s. Materials are acquired from studies throughout the world and the KU Libraries maintain links and close exchange with some 40 libraries and archival institutions in East-Central Europe and Russia.

Along with the acquisition of current monographs, microfilm collection has been emphasized. In a word, there are six substantial holdings of research monographs materials. The greatest strengths of the collections are in Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Ukrainian and Polish materials, but materials in all other Slavic and many non-Slavic East European languages are also acquired on a selective basis. The preponderance of the collection is in the social sciences, humanities, and arts, with an emphasis on historical languages, cultural, literary, political science, economics and geography.

The languages and literature collections for the major Slavic groups are the holdings in Russian and East-Central European libraries are considered as it is of sufficient enough to support the research needs of the University's faculty and doctoral and masters. Other East European and Russian area studies collections are treated at a level to support advanced graduate study and research. The Serbo-Croatian collections of language, literature, history and cultural studies is one of the strongest in the country.

The Libraries' Slavic holdings also include a number of special collections including: domestic matter; Political matter; to significant minority Slavic groups with an emphasis on lower secondary institutions; Russian diaspora; a Russian collection of early twentieth century publications on the "Russian question" and Russian, Ukrainian and Polish migrant literature. The Slavic reference collection has been developed as a comprehensive tool and great effort is made to collect the national bibliographies and all other national reference sources for the humanities and social sciences.

The KU Libraries' Slavic Department Online Page is on the Web at:

<http://www.kslweb.kenyon.edu/~slavlib/>

The Shree Swastika has been actively campaigned since 1970 with some significant book and serial exchange programs being in the 1980s. Materials are supplied from libraries throughout the world and the KJ Library maintains book and serial exchanges with over 100 libraries and schools, including institutions in India, China, Europe and Russia.

Along with the acquisition of current materials, new acquisitions have been emphasized. In a word, there are new substantial holdings continuously coming in. The greater strength of the collection consists of books, serials, microfilm, and audio materials, but collections in all other areas, and many new items, find themselves in the library as well as in a selective basis. The preponderance of the collection is in the social sciences, humanities, and arts, with an emphasis on literature, languages, culture, history, political science, economics and geography.

The language and literature collections for the major language groups in the holdings in Russian and East Central European studies are extensive and considered to be of sufficient strength to support the research needs of the University's faculty and doctoral level students. Other East European or Russian area studies collections are located at a level to support advanced graduate study and research. The Serbo-Croatian collection of language literature, history and cultural materials is one of the strongest in the country.

The American Studies Institute also includes a number of other collections including nineteenth century African Americans to eighteenth century. The institute with an emphasis on lower American socioeconomic classes possess a Balkan collection of early nineteenth century publications on the Ottoman Empire, and Russian Ukraine and Polish Jewish literature. The New England collection has been developed as a comprehensive local and state effort to collect the national bibliography and all other material that is made to collect the national bibliography and all other material reference sources in the humanities and social sciences.

The 400 Librarian's Desk Department Direct Page is on the back of

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