

The KU Libraries' Slavic & East European Collection

The University of Kansas Libraries' Slavic collection consists of over 300,000 monographs, reference and approximately 1,000 periodical titles, which 1,000 are currently cataloged. The collection is the single largest source for Slavic studies in the institution and the world-wide. It supports a wide range of Slavic studies programs. The program, directed by the KU Center for Russian and East European Studies (KUCRES), is one of the most actively funded comprehensive Ph.D. granting Slavic studies centers.

The Slavic collection has been actively developed since the early 1980's with some significant book and serial exchange programs being in the 1980's. Materials are acquired from libraries throughout the world and the KU Libraries maintain book and serial exchanges with some 100 libraries and archival institutions in East Central Europe and Russia.

Along with the acquisition of current Slavic, retrospective collecting has been emphasized. In a word, there are also substantial holdings of nineteenth century materials. The greatest strengths of the collection 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 in a selective basis. The preponderance of the collection is in the social sciences, humanities, and arts, with an emphasis on literary, linguistic, cultural, history, political science, economics and geography.

The languages and literature collections for the major Slavic groups are 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 studies is one of the strongest in the country.

The Libraries' Slavic holdings also include a number of special collections including nineteenth century Slavophile literature to approximately century Slavophile literature with an emphasis on Slavophile revolutionary Russian pamphlets, a Russian collection of early twentieth century publications on the Yugoslav question, and Russian, Ukrainian and Polish region literature. The Slavic collection has been developed as a comprehensive fund and every effort is made to collect the national bibliography and all other regional reference sources in the humanities and social sciences.

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

<http://www.aka.ku.edu/~slavic/>

