



Bulgarian Resources at the Library of Congress

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General Information: The Bulgarian collection is comprised of over 45,000 volumes. Most items are located easily using the online catalog <http://catalog.loc.gov/> All content and URLs on this sheet are linked on the Bulgarian Collection page directly below.

- Bulgarian Collection <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-collections/introduction>
- History of the Bulgarian Collection <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-collections/articles/historical-development>
- Bulgarian Newspapers at the Library of Congress <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-newspapers/>
- Bulgarian Journals at the Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/journals/bu/bujour1.html>
- Bulgarian Telephone Directories at LC <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgaria-telephone-directories>
- Bulgarian Statistics <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-statistics>
- Bulgarian Visual Resources at LC <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-collections/articles/visual-resources>
- Bulgaria Country Study from the Federal Research Division <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/bgtoc.html> [June 1992]
- Bulgaria Country Profile from the Federal Research Division <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/profiles/Bulgaria.pdf> [June 2005]
- Guide to Law Online: Bulgaria <https://guides.loc.gov/law-bulgaria>



<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/pdf/LCbulgarianResources.pdf>

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- The European Division Pamphlet Collection has over 700 Bulgarian items. The collection is mostly political in nature, but it also includes cultural items and tourist brochures. Mostly from late 1980s-mid 1990s.
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/pam/pamfile1.html>
- European Reading Room: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/>

Bulgarian Newspapers: The Library of Congress has over 200 Bulgarian newspaper titles from 1846 to the present. A few titles are bound and shelved in the General Collections as well as the Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room, but most are on microfilm. LC is now digitizing recent receipts. A bibliography with holdings is available at <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-newspapers/>

Bulgarian Journals: LC has over 1700 Bulgarian journal titles. Current issues (latest 3 years) of Bulgarian journals are held in the European Division. Please request at the European Reading Room Reference Desk. Older issues are bound and housed in the General Collections. Some titles may have been microfilmed and will be housed in the Microform and Electronic Resources Center <http://www.loc.gov/rr/microform/> . To locate Bulgarian journals please use the online catalog or the following bibliography/holdings list (to be updated in 2022):
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/european/journals/bu/bujour1.html>

Bulgarian Reference Collection: The Bulgarian reference collection is located on the reference annex on Deck 13. It contains general and specialized encyclopedias, biographical resources, bibliographies, statistical almanacs, dictionaries, etc.

Databases of Interest: The Library of Congress subscribes to several full-text databases with Bulgarian periodicals: EMIS Intelligence (news, business and legal information); PressReader; Central and Eastern European Online Library (CEEOL) - under “periodicals” use the pull-down menu for Bulgaria for 170+ titles; Cambridge Archive Editions – Ethnic Minorities in the Balkan States, 1860-1971; Encyclopedia of Slavic Languages and Linguistics Online.

LC subscribes to a number of general databases that are helpful for research on Bulgaria. Selected titles listed below:

- American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies
- Anthropology Plus
- ATLA Religion Database
- Balkan Insight
- Columbia International Affairs Online
- EMIS Intelligence [full-text]
- European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies, 1991-2007
<http://ebsees.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/> [available for free on the Internet]
- FBIS Reports (Readex) 1941-1996 [full-text]
- Historical Abstracts
- IBZ (more of a European focus)
- Index Islamicus
- MLA International Bibliography

- PAIS International and Archive
- Proquest Dissertations & Theses Global [some full-text, others on film in MERC]
- Slavic Humanities Index
- Social Service Abstracts (some Bulgarian content, but not a lot)
- Sociological Abstracts
- World News Connection (Formerly FBIS) [full-text translations] (2006-2013)

Full-text American Newspapers: the Library has full-text access to many American newspapers such as The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, etc., via Proquest Historical Newspapers and Periodicals.

Aggregators, Electronic Serials: Many large aggregator databases have full-text of relevant Western serials. To determine whether LC has online access use the Library of Congress E-Resources Online Catalog. Many of the databases with citations only have a FindIt icon. If you click on this icon, it will search LC collection of online journals and often take you to the full-text online journal where you can locate the desired article.

<https://eresources.loc.gov/>

Digital Collections: With the search box top right on <https://www.loc.gov/> you can use keyword searching and then facets to find digital books, maps, archived websites, and images. Also included are the contents of the former World Digital Library with items from the Rare Book Collection and the BAS Central Library in Sofia.

Web Archives: LC has 115 sites from Bulgaria available in two collections.

- East European Government Ministries - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/east-european-government-ministries-web-archive/about-this-collection/>
- Bulgarian Political and Social Issues - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/bulgarian-political-and-social-issues-web-archive/about-this-collection/>

Materials of Interest from Special Collections:

- Rare Book and Special Collections Reading Room: Early Bulgarian Imprint Collection (Bulgarian books from 1806-1877). Best article on the collection is Charles Jelavich, "Bulgarian 'Incunabula'" *The Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions* 14:3, May 1957, pp.77-94.
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/rarebook/>; <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgarian-collections/articles/incunabula>
- Prints and Photographs Reading Room: Uncataloged Bulgarian Poster Collection—most from late 1960s-mid 1980s. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/>
- Prints and Photographs Reading Room: Many photographs of Bulgaria and her human geography from 1920s and earlier. Some are online. 41 stereographs (3-D photos ca. 1900-1930) for Bulgaria. Search the LC website and Prints & Photographs catalog at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html>

- Geography and Maps Reading Room: 20 drawers of maps under the heading Bulgaria and 15 drawers of maps under the heading Balkan States. About half of the single map collection for Bulgaria are cataloged and can be found in the online catalog. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/>. Also search the LC website for digitized maps.
- Manuscript Reading Room: Charles M. Dickinson Papers. #3088, Boxes 1-4. Dickinson advocated for American recognition of Bulgaria and was the first Diplomatic Agent from the US to Bulgaria, 1901-1903. During his tour of duty he handled the Miss Stone Affair kidnapping case. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/mss/>
- American Folklife Center: Recordings of Bulgarian folk music in its Archive of Folk Culture. See <https://guides.loc.gov/bulgaria-folklife>
- Other divisions that may have Bulgarian related materials include: Law Library; Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound; Performing Arts.

Other Reference Staff: The Turkish/Turkic Area Specialist in African and Middle Eastern Division is Joan Weeks jwee@loc.gov

Bibliographic Guides from the Slavic Reference Service, University of Illinois:

Bulgarian National Bibliography:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/nationalbib/natbibbulgaria2/>

Bulgarian Bibliographies of Bibliographies:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/bibliographies/bulgarian/bulgbob2/>

Bulgarian Periodical Resources:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/periodicals/bulgaria/bulgper2/>

Bulgarian Monographic Bibliography:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/bibliographies/bulgarian/bulgmonobib2/>

Resources for Bulgarian Linguistics:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/subjectresources/subsourbul/lingbulg2/>

Reference Sources on Bulgarian History:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/subjectresources/subsourbul/bulghistbib2/>

Reference Sources on Bulgarian Literature:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ias/spx/slavicresearchguides/subjectresources/subsourbul/bulglitbib2/>