



## Russian Resources at the Library of Congress

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**General Information:** The Russian collection includes over 1.2 million books and bound serial volumes located in the General Collections as well as Rare Book & Special Collections and other locations. Information about these materials is provided by the online catalog <https://catalog.loc.gov/>

- European Reading Room: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/>
- Russian Collection Description: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/coll/russ.html>
- Origins of the Russian Collection:  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/about/ruscolorig.html>
- Yudin Collection: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/rarebook/coll/268.html>; and  
<https://guides.loc.gov/yudin-collection>
- Russian Imperial Collection: <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/ric.html>

### Bibliographies and Guide to LC Collections

- Russian Telephone Directories at LC  
<https://guides.loc.gov/russian-telephone-directories>
- Soviet Independent Press, 1987-1992  
<https://guides.loc.gov/soviet-independent-press>



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

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- Collection of Post-Soviet Ephemera  
<https://guides.loc.gov/russian-and-post-soviet-ephemera>
- Russian 2008 Presidential Election Ephemera Guide  
<https://guides.loc.gov/2008-russian-presidential-election>
- Russian Parliamentary and Presidential Elections Ephemera: A Finding Aid  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/rupolephem/index.html>
- The European Division Pamphlet Collection [some Russian content]  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/pam/pamfile1.html>
- Russian and Ukrainian Pamphlet and Brochure Collection: 1866-1949: A Guide to Microfilm. [over 4000 items on 94 reels] Held in Microfilm Reading Room, Microfilm 92/4550 <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/rusukrpam/index.html>
- Old Russian Manuscripts of the Pushkinskii Dom (IRLAN)  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/orm.html>
- Eighteenth Century Russian Publications in the Library of Congress: A Catalog  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/ecrp.html>
- Russian Imperial Government Serials on Microfilm in the Library of Congress  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/rigs.html>
- Anatolii Zakharovich Rubinov papers:  
[https://lcn.loc.gov/2013655098#catalog\\_140204](https://lcn.loc.gov/2013655098#catalog_140204) and topical guide  
<https://guides.loc.gov/rubinov-papers>
- The Grushnikov Collection at the Library of Congress  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/grushnikov.html>
- Peter the Great: Primary and Secondary Resources at the Library of Congress  
<https://guides.loc.gov/peter-the-great>

**To Find Digital Collection Items:** 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 with Russian content. Also included are the contents of the former World Digital Library. Significant collections are listed below.

### **Online Exhibits, Digital Collections and Other Russian Content**

- Comintern: the European Reading Room has a dedicated terminal of over 1,000,000 pages of digitized *opisi* and documents from the Comintern archive in Moscow. <https://guides.loc.gov/comintern-archives>; also available at <http://sovdoc.rusarchives.ru/#search>
- The Empire that Was Russia: The Prokudin-Gorskii Photographic Record Recreated <https://www.loc.gov/collections/prokudin-gorskii/about-this-collection/>
- In the Beginning Was the Word: The Russian Church and Native Alaskan Cultures <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/russian/russch0.html>
- Meeting of Frontiers <https://www.loc.gov/collections/meeting-of-frontiers/>
- Revelations from the Russian Archives  
<https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/rra.html>

- The Russian Empire and Soviet Union. A Guide to Manuscripts and Archival Materials in the United States <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/resu.html>
- Russia Looks at America: The View to 1917 <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/r1aa.html>
- The Search for a New Russian National Identity <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/master/libn/about/about-the-librarian/speeches-and-statements/documents/perspectives.pdf>
- Russia Country Study from the Federal Research Division - <https://www.loc.gov/item/97007563/> [July 1996]
- Soviet Union Country Study from the Federal Research Division [1991] <https://www.loc.gov/item/90025756/>
- Russia Country Profile from the Federal Research Division - <https://www.loc.gov/item/copr/82117115/> [October 2006]
- Mikhail Bulgakov in the Western World: A Bibliography <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bulgaklc.html>

**Databases of Interest:** LC subscribes to many databases with full-text of Russian newspapers and periodicals. Russian databases, electronic newspapers, journals, and e-books can be located using the Library of Congress E-resources catalog <https://eresources.loc.gov/>

#### News:

- Central Russian Newspapers (+full-image)
- Regional Russian Newspapers
- Periodicals of Central Asia and the Caucasus
- Periodicals of the Baltics, Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine
- Pravda Digital Archive (1912-2021) later content in UDB-COM
- Izvestiia Digital Archive (1917-2020); later content in UDB-COM
- Argumenty i fakty Digital Archive (1983-present)
- Current Digest of the Soviet, Post-Soviet, Russian Press (1949-present)
- Donetsk and Luhansk Newspaper Collection
- Gudok Digital Archive (1918-2018)
- Interfax News Bulletins (2012-present)
- Kavkaz Digital Archive (1846-1918)
- Literaturnaia gazeta Digital Archive (1929-2012) later content in UDB-COM
- Moscow News Digital Archive (1930-2014)
- Nedelia Digital Archive (1960-1999)
- Newspapers of the North Caucasus, Abkhazia and South Ossetia
- Novaia Gazeta Digital Archive (1993-2021)
- Novoe russkoe slovo Digital Archive (1917-2010)
- Poliarnaia kochegarka Digital Archive (1941-1991)
- Pravda Ukrainy Digital Archive (1938-2014)
- PressReader (latest 3 months of newspapers)
- Rossiiskaia Gazeta Digital Archive (1990-2021) later content via UDB-COM
- Russian Islamic Studies
- Russian/NIS Newswires (1997-2013)

- Slovo Kyrgyzstana Digital Archive (1925-2020) later content via UDB-COM
- Sovetskaia kul'tura Digital Archive (1953-1991)
- TV Rain (2010-2022)
- Za vozvrashchenie na Rodinu Digital Archive (1955-1960)

#### **Journals:**

- Russian Social Sciences & Humanities Periodicals
- Russian Governmental Publications
- Russian Military & Security Periodicals
- Russian Library & Information Sciences Journals
- Moscow State University Herald
- St. Petersburg University Press Journals
- Higher School of Economics Academic Journals
- Russian Institute of Social Sciences Publications (INION)
- Russian Economics and Finance Periodicals
- Russian Academy of Sciences (Nauka) STEM journals
- AAASS NewsNet (1960-2006)
- Bol'shaia igra (2007-2014)
- Far Eastern Affairs (2000-present)
- Illiustrirovannaia Rossiia Digital Archive (1924-1939)
- International Affairs Digital Archive (1955-present)
- Iskusstvo kino Digital Archive (1931-2021)
- Kino-fot Digital Archive (1922-1923)
- Kino-zhurnal A.R.K. Digital Archive (1925-1926)
- Krasnyi arkhiv Digital Archive (1923-1941)
- Krokodil Digital Archive (1922-2008)
- LEF Digital Archive (1923-1928)
- Military Thought (1990-present)
- Monitoring SMI TSentralnoi Azii (2011-2015)
- Moscow Defense Brief (2004-2019)
- Muslims of the Soviet East Digital Archive (1974-1990)
- Niva Digital Archive (1870-1918)
- Ogonek (1923-2017)
- Ogonek (St. Petersburg) Digital Archive (1899-1918)
- Politekhnik Digital Archive (1969-2004)
- Russia Direct (2013-2016)
- Russkaia literatura Digital Archive (1958-2018)
- Russkii arkhiv Digital Archive (1863-1917)
- Seans Digital Archive (1990-2021)
- Slaviane Digital Archive (1942-1958)
- Social Sciences (1998-present)
- Sovetskoe Zdravookhranenie Digital Archive (1942-1992)
- Soviet Woman (1945-1991)
- Starye Gody Digital Archive (1907-1916)
- 30 Dnei Digital Archive (1925-1941)

- Vestnik Evropy Digital Archive (1802-1830)
- Voennaia mysl' (1918-2021)
- Voprosy istorii Digital Archive (1926-present)
- Voprosy literatury Digital Archive (1957-present)
- Warsaw Pact Journal Digital Archive (1970-1990)
- Zhurnal russkogo prava (2018-present)

**Other:**

- Stalin Digital Archive
- Russian State Duma Elections 2011 (ephemera)
- Russian State Duma Elections 2016 (ephemera)
- Russian Presidential Election 2012 (ephemera)
- Russian Presidential Election 2018 (ephemera)
- All-Russia Vote on Constitution, 2020 (ephemera)
- Russian & CIS Statistical Publications
- EMIS Intelligence (news, business and legal information, and some statistics)
- Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliography
- Russian National Bibliography (bibliographic database only, 1998-present, but Knizhnaia letopis' 1907-present)

**E-Books:**

- Slavic and Judaica Russian e-books, (over 5,500 titles)
- Bibliography of Russian Newspapers
- Dostoevskii: materialy i issledovaniia
- Early Soviet Cinema Collection
- Slavic & Caucasian Collection in the Cambridge Archive Editions
- Soviet Anti-Religious Propaganda
- English-language e-books from U.S. or multinational publishers are available in the onsite-only repository Stacks <https://stacks.loc.gov/>

**General Databases:** LC subscribes to many general databases that have information on Russia/Formal Soviet Union and can be accessed using the Library of Congress e-resources catalog at <https://eresources.loc.gov/>. Selected titles listed below:

American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (ABSEES)  
 Anthropology Plus  
 ATLA Religion Database  
 Columbia International Affairs Online  
 Proquest Dissertations & Theses Global  
 European Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies  
<http://ebsees.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/> [available for free on the Internet]  
 FBIS Daily Reports 1974-1996 [full-text]  
 Historical Abstracts  
 IBZ (more of a European focus)  
 Index Islamicus  
 MLA International Bibliography  
 Slavic Humanities Index

Sociological Abstracts

World News Connection (Formerly FBIS) [full-text translations] (2006-2013)

**Full-text American Newspapers:** For current affairs research please note that LC has full-text access to many American newspapers such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, etc., via Proquest Historical Newspapers and Newspapers via Proquest using the e-resources catalog at <https://eresources.loc.gov/>

**Aggregators, Electronic Serials:** Many large aggregator databases have full-text or article citations of relevant Western serials. To determine whether LC has online access to a journal, use the Electronic Resources catalog at <https://eresources.loc.gov/> with the E-Journals tab or use the FindIt icon.

**Russian Newspapers at LC:** The European Reading Room has in paper, microfilm, and electronic formats approximately 2,800 newspaper titles from Russia and the diaspora (18<sup>th</sup> century to the current day). Some titles are bound and shelved in the General Collections or the Newspaper and Current Periodicals Reading Room, but most are on microfilm in European or in the Microform and Electronic Resources Center. LC is now digitizing recent receipts on newsprint, available via Stacks <https://stacks.loc.gov/> (onsite only). Current issues of Russian émigré newspapers are held in European, but diaspora microfilm usually is in Newspaper & Current Periodicals. Bibliographies/holdings list of Russian newspapers at LC in all formats are below:

- <https://guides.loc.gov/russian-newspapers>
- <https://guides.loc.gov/russian-newspapers-united-states/introduction>
- <https://guides.loc.gov/russian-newspapers-from-eastern-ukraine>

**Russian Journals at LC:** Current issues (latest 3 years) of Russian journals are held in the European Reading Room. Older issues are bound and housed in the General Collections and may be ordered in any reading room. Some titles on microfilm are held in the Microform and Electronic Resources Center, while current issues of western journals with content about Russia are held in the Newspaper & Current Periodicals Reading Room. E-journals can be identified in the Electronic Resources Online Catalog <https://eresources.loc.gov/> To locate print Russian journals please search the online catalog. Holdings frequently are NOT in the online catalog. **There is no printed list of all the titles**, but the following guides will help identify titles and holdings.

- Half a Century of Soviet Serials 1917-1968. A Bibliography and Union List of Serials Published in the USSR <https://www.loc.gov/rr/european/bibs/smits.html>
- Russian Imperial Government Serials on Microfilm in the Library of Congress. A Guide to the Uncataloged Collection by Harold Leich. Washington, DC: Library of Congress, 1985
- Russian 18th-century Periodicals: a resource guide <https://guides.loc.gov/russian-periodicals-from-the-18th-century>



**Russian Reference Collection:** The reference collection holds general and specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, biographical resources, etc. The collection begins in the reading room and continues on the reference annex on Deck 13.

**Web Archives:** LC has over 1,500 sites from Russia available in three collections.

- East European Government Ministries - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/east-european-government-ministries-web-archive/about-this-collection/>
- Russian Political Parties - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/russian-political-parties-web-archive/about-this-collection/>
- Russian Independent Media - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/russian-independent-media-web-archive/about-this-collection/>

### **Selected Materials of Interest from Special Collections**

Rare Book/Special Collections Division: The division houses all books published 1800 or earlier, and also anything considered “rare” published 1801+. Houses the substantial 18<sup>th</sup> century Russian imprint collection (virtually all of these were in the Yudin collection, acquired 1906/07) and a few older items, e.g. the Ostrog Bible from 1581 and the Ivan Fedorov *Apostol* from 1564. The division also has most of the “Russian Imperial Collection,” about 2,500 volumes acquired in the 1930s from the Winter Palace library of Nicholas II and other imperial libraries in St. Petersburg.

Geography & Map Division: Largest map collection in the world, with comprehensive coverage of Soviet-era maps (GUGK-issued) and very good coverage of pre-revolutionary Russian maps. Most single-sheet maps published before the early 1970s are not represented in the Voyager on-line catalog but can simply be requested in the G&M reading room (be sure to specify areas of interest).

Prints & Photographs Division: The U.S. is the chief focus of this division, but there are some great Russian collections. Photographs: Prokudin-Gorskii collection of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Russian color photographs; early b/w photos of Central Asia (*Turkestanskii al'bom*, which has been digitized); early 20<sup>th</sup> century b/w stereographic photographs of a number of Russian cities and towns. Posters: pockets of strength for the Revolution/Civil War period, 1917-22; World War II; and the glasnost'/perestroika period, late 1980s. Search online at <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/>

Music Division: The division has some amazing manuscript and archival collections – Rachmaninoff, Diaghilev, Koussevitzky, Nijinska, Prokofiev – as well as comprehensive collections of music scores and books about music for much of the Soviet period

Motion Picture, Broadcast, Recorded Sound Division: The division has tried to build up its collection of early (silent) Russian and Soviet motion pictures, as well as to collect the major motion pictures produced in the Soviet and post-Soviet periods. In the area of recorded sound, the division has a comprehensive collection of Soviet-era “Melodiia”

sound records and a few large collections (e.g. Berger collection) of pre-revolutionary Russian sound recordings.

Law Library: In addition to good collections of books on legal issues from prerevolutionary Russia, the USSR, and the post-Soviet NIS, the Law Library maintains an excellent rare book collection, with treasures such as the rare first edition of the *Kormchaia kniga* and the first published law code, the *Ulozhenie* of 1649.  
<https://guides.loc.gov/law-russia>

Manuscript Division: While this division collects only materials related in some way to the U.S., there are nevertheless some interesting Russian collections, for example the entire archives of the Russian Orthodox Church in Alaska and the archives of some emigre Russian-language journals published in New York.

**Non-Slavic Languages of Central Asia and Caucasus:** Non-Russian language materials from these countries are held in the African and Middle Eastern Division. Please see the following staff for help:

Turkish/Turkic Specialist: Joan Weeks [jwee@loc.gov](mailto:jwee@loc.gov)

Tajik specialist: Hiran Dinavari [hdin@loc.gov](mailto:hdin@loc.gov)

Armenia, Georgia Specialist: Khachador Mouradian [kmouradian@loc.gov](mailto:kmouradian@loc.gov)

**Romanization table:** Most Russian content in the Library of Congress is findable using the Library of Congress transliteration system:  
<https://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/romanization/russian.pdf>