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Slavic and East European Resources

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Today's Topics

- Challenges in Slavic Division
 - Collection development
 - Acquisitions
 - Access to information
 - Instructions



Resources on SEER Website

- [Slavic and East European Collections Website](#) (Home Page)
 - [Resources on Website](#) (Study Guides)
 - [Resources on Website](#) (Reference)
 - [Resources on Website](#) (Major Websites)
 - [Vendors](#) (Russian Materials)



Russian Databases at UNC

- Eastview Universal Databases
 - From University Libraries Home Page, under heading Articles and More, click on Article Databases & More , select letter U and scroll down to Universal Database of...



NCLive Resources

- NC LIVE EZSearch of multiple databases (listed in *More about EZSearch*), using exact phrase—yields many hits
 - Russian Literature
 - Russian History
 - Russian Politics

Not EZ-searchable EZSearch does not cover all useful databases, which need to be searched individually!

You can also browse by Subject, and Type of resource to select relevant databases



Relevant NCLive Databases Requiring Individual Searches

- [Expanded Academic ASAP](#)
- [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#), and [General Reference Center Gold](#)
- [Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia](#) and New Book of Knowledge (=Grolier Online)
- [Historic Events of the 20th Century](#)
- [InfoTrac Custom Newspapers](#)
- [NetLibrary](#)
- [Scribner Writers Series](#), [Author Biographies](#)
- What Do I Read Next, ["Where"](#) search
- [WorldCat](#)



User Education

- US universities: models of teaching
 - Old Model: “Transmission Model”
 - New Model: “Research Model” of teaching (problem-based teaching and resource-based learning)
- Students need
 - “Students today need a conceptual map of information space” – David W. Carr
 - Knowledge: how to find information, evaluate and utilize it in research
- Library function – user education
 - To create information literate learners require instruction



Collection Development

- Major influences:
 - Political instability
 - Economic instability
 - Wars
 - Frequent changes in laws and regulations
 - Lack of law enforcement
 - Corruption
 - Racket
- Three pillars of collection development:
 - Bibliographic control
 - Publishing industry
 - Distribution systems



Collection Development

Problems with bibliographic control before and after demise of Soviet System

Before

- Tight control over published matter
- Comprehensive national bibliographies

After

- Control is gone so is comprehensiveness of the bibliographies



Collection Development

- Publishing industry
 - Went through great transformations
 - From government to private
 - Expanded to regions
 - Instability
 - Publishing houses frequently emerge and vanish
 - Irregularities in production of periodicals
 - Periodicals appear, cease publication, appear again under slightly different title
 - Inconsistent numbering of issues
 - Poor knowledge of publishing
 - Incoherent and inconsistent bibliographic information
 - Often of poor quality



Collection Development

Distribution Systems

- Internal systems practically do not exist
 - Difficulties in obtaining regional publications
- Absence of effective system for distribution of materials abroad

Acquisitions

Current methods

- Materials from local in-country vendors
- Close proximity to the sources is a necessity
- Most libraries discontinued exchanges

Prior to demise of USSR

- Materials through western dealers and
- Exchange partnership

■ Problems

- Vendors
 - Cannot supply everything
 - Have to be taught how to prepare lists of offers & invoices
 - No concept of license agreements and access based on IP recognition
- Acquisition of materials from ex-USSR republics and regional publications
- Different pricing for internal and external markets
- Shipping
 - Erratic and inconsistent customs regulations
 - Rising cost
- Increase in cost of publications exceeds library fund allocations



Access to Information

- Cataloging
 - Inconsistent and sometimes inadequate bibliographic information makes cataloging difficult
 - Frequent change of titles of periodicals requires creation of new records
 - Frequent changes in geographic subject headings
- Access to electronic resources in vernacular
 - Requires installation of vernacular keyboard drivers on all public terminals
 - Creation of multiple access points (website, online catalog)



Instruction

- In house specialized reference
- Website
 - Guides
 - Manuals
 - Tutorials
 - Collection Descriptions
 - Access to electronic resources
- Class instruction
 - Tailored to a specific course
 - Hands on practical learning

The End

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