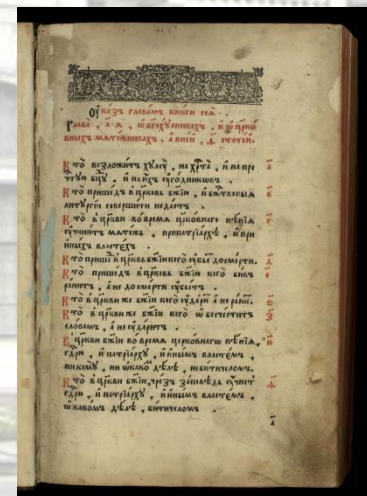




Cultural Inheritance and Sustainable Development of Libraries

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- Preservation of collective memory and cultural inheritance is a sign of great cultures
- The SRILA is a unique opportunity to unite the efforts of the Silk Road libraries in the building a multipolar international system, ensuring conditions for the peaceful, progressive development of humanity based on a unifying and constructive agenda



- The Russian National Library, known throughout the world as the greatest treasure trove of writing, occupies a unique place in the history of Russian and world culture.
- Founded in 1795 as the Imperial Public Library, today the NLR is one of the largest libraries in the world and the main repository of the nation's memory.



- The NLR funds have unique items - the oldest ancient Russian manuscript books, the Ostromir Gospel (1056-1057) and the Laurentian Chronicle (1377).



- Since 1928, the NLR has maintained a Subject Catalogue. The content of each publication is included in a single developing semantic network, recording dynamic connections between concepts, aspects and methods of research in their development, changes in the conceptual field – the instrument for reflecting national memory.



- The purpose of the NLR is seen as the richest national information resources contributing to the socio-economic and intellectual development of Russian society, providing for the spiritual needs and moral improvement of Russians, and the prosperity of the peoples of the Russian Federation.

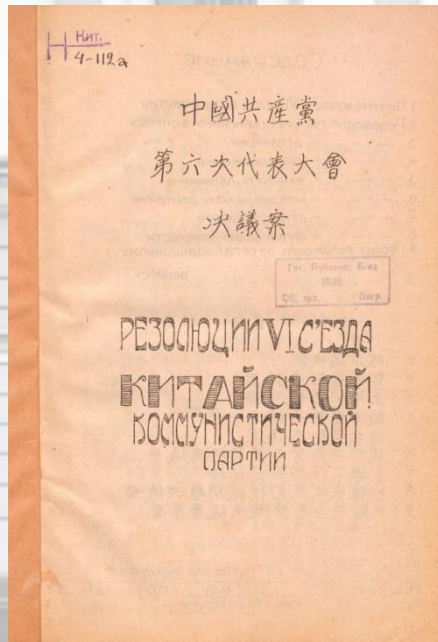


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- The NLR is an important cultural crossroad between Russia and China. The Chinese collection contains about 50 thousand volumes of book publications, 1200 magazine titles, about 100 newspaper titles, a full repertoire of Chinese classical literature, a rich collection of works by modern writers, books on history, art, linguistics, and medicine.



- The NLR has a collection of the Sun Yat-sen Communist University of the Toilers of China publications (511 titles, 1926-1930).

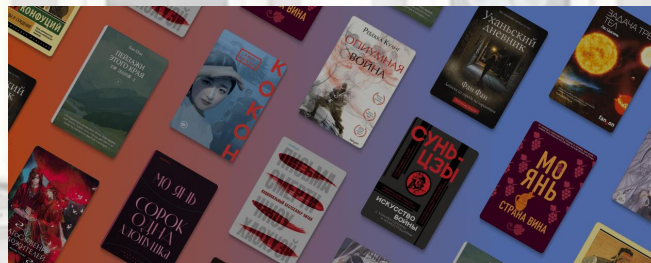


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- September, 2025 – the exhibition “From Brest to Port Arthur: One War – One Victory,” which is intended to reflect the participation of Chinese citizens in the liberation of the Soviet Union and Soviet citizens in the liberation of China during II World War. This is our common historical memory.



- There is currently a very strong interest in Chinese culture in Russia, and there is a boom in Chinese literature. The NLR Reading Center is ready to collaborate in researching on this phenomenon.



- Libraries show the value of cultural inheritance today for the culture of each country, which is important for mutual cultural enrichment.