

## About the Slavic and Eastern European Section

The ACRL Slavic & East European Section provides the resources—ideas, programs, discussion forums and networking opportunities—to support the development and professional growth of Slavic librarians in academic and research libraries.

### SEES has five goals:

- 1 **Serve** the field as an inclusive organization specifically geared towards Slavic librarianship.
- 2 **Foster** cooperation among Slavic librarians, scholars, students and vendors.
- 3 **Lead** the way in creating, expanding and transferring the body of knowledge of Slavic librarianship.
- 4 **Advocate** for institutional changes to enhance learning, teaching and research in Slavic Studies.
- 5 **Encourage** cooperation among library professionals in the field.

### How to Get More Involved

Visit the SEES Web site at <http://www.gwu.edu/~sees>. You will find all of the information that you need for getting involved.

*“The Slavic and East European Slavic Section provides me with resources and invaluable guidance on difficult cataloging questions for Slavic materials. I am a new librarian and SEES has helped me familiarize myself with current issues for academic libraries and how they impact Slavic and other foreign language collections. As a community of Slavic and East European professionals, SEES can articulate the needs of Slavic librarians and collections and contribute that voice to national discussions.”*

Emily Ray, Catalog Librarian, Slavic and East European Cataloging, Sterling Memorial Library, Yale University

Picture by Brad Schaffner, Harvard University

## About ACRL

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is the foremost organization of academic and research librarians and other interested individuals. ACRL is dedicated to leading academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship.

ACRL has 17 interest-specific sections that provide professional development through newsletters, discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, and awards.

### ACRL Sections

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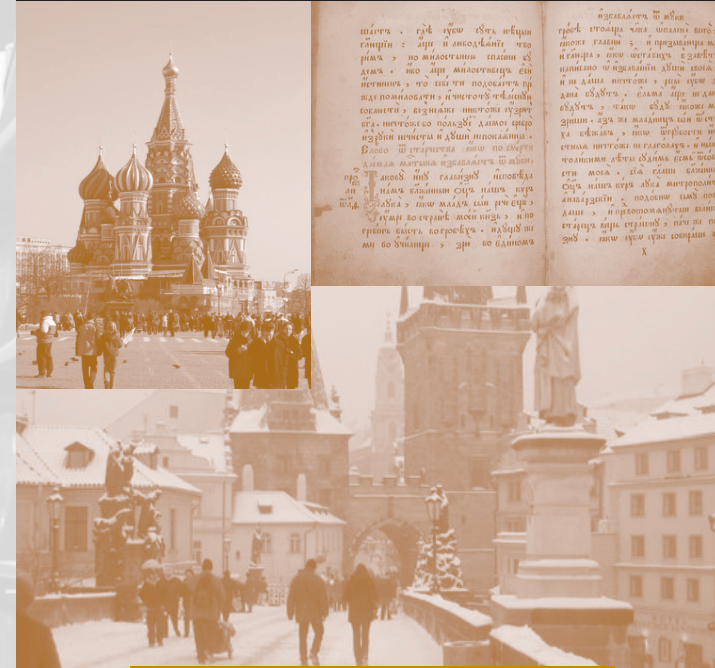
### How to Join ACRL and the Slavic and Eastern European Section

ACRL dues include two section memberships at no additional cost. If you have questions about ACRL membership or would like more information on becoming an ACRL member, please contact us by phone or e-mail. To join ACRL, complete a paper application, call one of our courteous membership specialists at (800) 545-2433 (press 5), or visit [www.ala.org/acrl](http://www.ala.org/acrl) and click “Join ACRL.”

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## SLAVIC AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SECTION



Advancement

Professionalism

Unique community

Recognition

Specialized resources

The **Slavic and East European Section (SEES)** represents librarians and specialists involved in Slavic and East European studies. In addition to Russia and the countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the section is concerned with library service relating to the study of the Baltic States, Central Asia, and the Caucasus.

Visit the **Slavic and East European Section** online at <http://www.gwu.edu/~sees>

## What do members of the Slavic and East European Section do?

**Participate** in committees whose objectives are promoting, supporting and fostering the practice of Slavic librarianship

**Plan** programs of interest for both specialists and non-specialists in the field of Slavic librarianship. Past programs have examined the challenges of the developing and implementing Unicode for Cyrillic in online catalogs; the specialized technical service processing of Slavic materials; and the impact of American librarianship on libraries in Russia and East Central Europe.

**Share** ideas through meetings and discussion forums, both virtual and face to face.

**Network** with librarians who have similar professional interests.

**Enhance** knowledge of Slavic librarianship and develop new skills.

*"As I embark on a career in Slavic librarianship, SEES has helped me make the transition from apprentice to professional. At SEES meetings I gather information, collect tips, and make connections with seasoned Slavic librarians who lend a hand along the ascent up a steep learning curve. As a bibliographer, I am acutely aware of the dilemma that libraries face in managing collections. We cannot keep up with the deluge of published material. SEES provides a forum for the advancement of cooperative initiatives in collection development as we work to collect, preserve, and provide access to scholarly work. In spite of what IT has done for communication, there is no substitute for the face to face communication that takes place at SEES meetings. We exchange ideas more efficiently and effectively than through other media."*

Jon Giullian, Slavic Librarian  
University of Kansas

Picture by Andy Spencer, University of Wisconsin

## What are the benefits of joining the Slavic and East European Section?

### Advancement

SEES provides opportunities for professional development through committee service focused on electronic resources and preservation of materials; dissemination of information about cataloging and classification of Slavic and East European materials; and the newsletter editorial board.

### Professionalism

SEES is dedicated to developing members who are recognized as flexible, dynamic and progressive leaders in the field of Slavic librarianship.

### Unique Community

SEES is a dynamic and vital part of the Association of College and Research Libraries. The section was established in 1963 with three committees. Today SEES continues its efforts through the work of various standing committees. In addition, the Conference Program Planning Committee organizes programs for the annual conference of the American Library Association.

All section committees are actively engaged in disseminating information to the body of SEES members—through the annual newsletter, annual programs, electronic lists and committee meetings. Most official communication for SEES takes place on the Slavic librarians' list *Slavlibs*, an electronic list that includes over 300 librarians from around the world. To join this discussion list, please contact Allan Urbanic at [aurbanic@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:aurbanic@library.berkeley.edu).

Members discuss issues and solve problems that face contemporary Slavic Librarianship.

*"The Slavic and East European Section is an invaluable meeting ground where librarian-specialists at all stages of their careers come together to share information and ideas. This cross fertilization enriches newcomers and refreshes established librarians."*

Jared Ingersoll, Slavic Librarian  
Columbia University

Picture by Diana Brooking, University of Washington

## Specialized Resources

### SEES Newsletter

The Slavic and East European Section annual newsletter has been published since 1985 and averages 75-80 pages. The newsletter is the official record of the section and reports on section activities and on relevant activities in the field of Slavic and East European librarianship. Minutes from SEES Mid-Winter and Annual Conference committee meetings are included, along with the minutes of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (AAASS) Bibliography and Documentation Committee, a reports section, information on new grants and significant acquisitions, new professional appointments, and a bibliography of recent publications. The newsletter also includes profiles of special library collections and papers from the annual SEES program. The newsletter is distributed internationally and serves as an archival record of Slavic and East European librarianship in North America.

The *Slavic Cataloging Manual* serves as a tool for an *experienced cataloger* when faced with a problem unique to Slavic language materials. The manual is available at <http://www.indiana.edu/~libslav/slavcatman>.