

# The Alphabetical Card Catalogue of the Russian Book Collection

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Soon after its formal opening in 1814 the library had become already a genuine seat of Russian enlightenment, a centre for the cultural and scholarly life of the northern capital. Prominent statesmen and scholars, the most renowned men of learning of their time, worked within its walls: Alexander Stroganov and Alexei Olenin, Ivan Krylov and Alexander Yermolaev, Alexander Vostokov, Modest Korff and Afanasy Bychkov, Vladimir Stasov, Vasily Sobolshchikov, Nikolai Schilder and many others who did much to boost the authority of the national book repository and to expand its role in Russian social life.

Owing to the wealth and variety of its collections, the National Library of Russia ranks among such libraries as the

Library of Congress, the British Library, the Russian State Library (former Lenin Library) and the Bibliothèque Nationale. Today it stocks number over 28,000,000 items.



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- The General Alphabetical Catalogue, covering publications until October 1993. 6,838 microfiche
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- Ukrainian publications, covering publications in Ukrainian until May 1997. 245 microfiche
- Belorussian publications, covering publications in Belorussian until May 1997. 38 microfiche
- Periodicals, covering detailed holdings of volumes and issues of periodical publications until May 1997. 391 microfiche

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