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COLLECTIONS

Reference Collection -Includes such sources as encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, and indexes (print/electronic). Located and consulted in the Reference Room or online. They provide basic facts, dates, summary information, and references.

For example, *Historical Dictionary of Russia* (Ref DK36 .R39 1998)

Circulating Collection - Books that can be borrowed for use outside the library. They are located primarily in the Underground Stacks, exception: Art (N's) on the Mezzanine levels. For example, *American Diplomacy, 1900-1950* by George F. Kennan. (E744 .K3 1951)

Periodical Collection - journals, magazines, and newspapers located on the ground floor (1990 - present) and in the underground stacks compact storage (pre-1990), *arranged alphabetically by title*. The Microform Room on the ground floor contains back files of many periodicals in microform. Increasingly, periodicals are also or solely available in electronic format from ELIZA or research databases. For example, *Problems of Post-Communism* (print); *Current Digest of the Soviet Press* (print & online)

Audiovisual Materials - music cds, cd-roms, and video located at the Circulation Desk for use in the library's Listening/Viewing Area in the underground stacks or, in the case of cd-roms, in the Reference Room.

Archives & Special Collections - used by appointment.

TOOLS FOR INFORMATION ACCESS IN THE LIBRARY

ELIZA, the Library's online **catalog**, available from the Library Home Page, is the "key" to finding information in the Wallace Library, in all its collections. Search by 1) **author** -- personal and institutional names; 2) **title**, if a particular work or periodical title is known; 3) **subject** heading, to search by assigned Library of Congress subject heading; and 4) **keyword**, to combine words and to find LC subject headings in records. (Books, periodical titles, audiovisual material, special collections, and interactive multimedia are all catalogued in ELIZA). *Note location and call number to locate the item on the shelf.*

INDEXES/ABSTRACTS/FULL TEXT DATABASES (electronic &/or print formats) - used to find articles in journals, magazines, and newspapers. Available for topics in many subject areas and disciplines. *Online indexes/abstracts/full-text databases* are available from the Library Home Page's *Alphabetical List* or *Subject List of Reference Databases* on the Electronic Resources page.

LOCATING PERIODICALS

Periodicals available in the Wallace Library can be searched *by title* using **ELIZA**, the library's online catalog. Issues received to date are indicated. The Web version of ELIZA often provides direct links to electronic full-text journals when available. Some online databases (e.g., *LexisNexis Academic* and *World News Connection*) provide access to the full-text of an article directly from the search results.

For help discovering current topic areas for your research paper, try:

[CDI Russia Weekly](#), 1998- . (Center for Defense Information) *An online newsletter that carries news and analysis on aspects of today's Russia, including political, economic, social, military, and foreign policy issues. Includes related "Johnson's Russia List".* Access via ELIZA, the library's online catalog.

The following resources will help you find Russian news articles and other information originating from Russia but *in English* relevant to your research paper topics:

Newspapers, news magazines, and news services

[LexisNexis Academic](#). Dates vary but most begin in the early 1990's. *Full-text* electronic access to newspapers, magazines, trade journals, legal material, and much more. In addition to news from the western press, includes certain Russian news sources, e.g., TASS, The Moscow Times, Interfax News Agency, and the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press*(1983-1992)/*Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press* (1992-present). **(See attached descriptions for further title-by-title information)**

[World News Connection](#), 1994- .

A foreign newspaper translation service; full-text; daily updates. One simultaneous user only. **PLEASE EXIT when you complete your search in this database.**

Both of these are "Reference Databases" available from the Library's "[Electronic Resources](#)" page.

Internet news sources

[Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Links Library](#) – a directory of links from more than 23 countries, including Russia and the NIS, to search engines, country directories, news media sites, education, government, etc. sites. <http://www.rferl.org/links/>

Augment Russian news links at this site with *Russian Media – Internet Links – English editions*. http://www.russianmedia.de/english_editions.htm and *Vladivostok News* <http://vn.vladnews.ru>

[REESWeb: Russian and East European Studies](#) - A comprehensive index of electronic resources on Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union. This Virtual Library site is searchable. Practice discernment when uncovering sources actually originating from these countries. <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/reesweb/>

[Transitions Online](#)

Based in Czechoslovakia, this Internet magazine covers current issues in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. TOL Wire offers a daily selection of news briefs and analyses, in English translation, from selected independent newsrooms across the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Balkans. It is both a platform for and an access point to locally generated news. Use with caution when looking for the Russian perspective. <http://www.tol.cz>