

The Baykov library

The Baykov Library was originally established in 1963 as part of the then newly created Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES). This is the largest single collection within the Orchard Learning Resources Centre (OLRC) and it consists of social sciences material relating to Russia and Eastern Europe.

The Baykov Library has become an archive of international renown serving Slavists and economists across the world, while continuing to prioritise the research and teaching needs of CREES and of the University of Birmingham.

The majority of the items in the collection are in Slavonic languages. Other specialist areas within the library include over 500 Soviet era posters and over 200 maps; a unique collection of Soviet era school textbooks; and – amongst the microfilm collection – a number of local and national Communist Party and State archives and statistical collections.

Holdings now total approximately 90,000 volumes. The economics, politics and social science research profile of CREES is reflected in the Baykov Library's holdings.

The Orchard Learning Resources Centre (OLRC)

The Orchard Learning Resources Centre holds the extensive collections of Russian and East European books, periodicals, microfilms, posters and maps formerly housed in the Baykov Library, together with a range of other Information Services collections, providing coverage of the whole of Europe, with a strong social sciences emphasis.

[Learn more about the Orchard Learning Resources Centre \(http://www.library.bham.ac.uk/using/libraries/olrc.shtml\)](http://www.library.bham.ac.uk/using/libraries/olrc.shtml)

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