

**Research activity at the State Scientific Research Institute of the
SPSTL SB RAS: traditions and modern directions of development**

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One of the largest libraries in Russia on the Eurasian continent, the State Public Scientific and Technical Library of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (SPSTL SB RAS) recently celebrated its centennial anniversary. The century-long history of the library—its creation, its accretion, the movement of much of the literature to the east of the country, and, practically, the new birth of the library in Siberia, is truly unique. Having originated by order of the Supreme Soviet of National Economy of the RSFSR on June 17, 1918, the State Scientific, Technical and Economic Library was initially one of many of its kind. Nevertheless, already in the first years of its activity, it was able to increase its initially small holdings. Moreover, it added many famous book collections of the time.

In addition to the growth of the book repository, the rapid development of the library was facilitated by the active and extraordinary leadership of organizers, scientists, unique personalities, creators of science and culture, politicians, and statesmen on a different scale of activity. Energy of N. P. Gorbunov, V. N. Ipatiev, A. I. Yakovlev and others, the first in the list of directors, made it possible to withdraw the library from among others, at first turning it into a large one, then into the central library of Soviet industry, and eventually into an effective lever for reforming librarianship in the country. The first period of activity became a time for the library to increase resources: library, personnel, research, management, educational, a stage of strength testing, concentration of forces, means, and information capabilities.

The period of industrial and social rise of the second half of the twentieth century coupled with scientific and technological progress demanded the creation of a

powerful scientific center beyond the Urals: the Siberian Branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences. And that, in turn, necessitated the founding of a major information unit of a powerful functional library, which necessitated the founding of a functional library, which is a major information unit. The founders of the SB RAS are academicians M. A. Lavrentiev and S. A. Khristianovich, addressing the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR N. S. Khrushchev, insisted on moving the already formed fund of scientific literature to the east of the country. They saw such radical measures to improve the information situation in the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Sciences as one of the main conditions for successful development [1].

Such is the reason why in 1958, on the level of the country leaders, it was decided to create two State public scientific and technical libraries on the basis of the State scientific library of the Ministry of higher education: GPNTB of the USSR in Moscow (as part of the State scientific and technical committee under the USSR Council of Ministers) and SPSTL SB RAS in Novosibirsk (under the Siberian branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences). According to the decision of Council of Ministers of the USSR from October 17 1958 it was prescribed to transfer to Novosibirsk two thirds of book funds of the State public scientific and technical library that was more than three million volumes of literature. Moving such book treasures across the country was in itself a unique phenomenon in world library practice. Thousands upon thousands of books began to arrive in Siberia by rail; free required copies of the Book Chamber were also forwarded here, and new foreign literature was also sent.

At the same time, nine floors of the largest library building in the east of the country were being built in Novosibirsk, which was opened to readers on October 17 1966. The library began the Siberian era of its historical path, year after year increasing the scale of its activities, including research.

Over six and a half decades of Siberian existence, the Library has become a major research, information, educational, cultural and educational center. It regularly hosts lectures, presentations, tours, seminars, workshops, fairs, festivals,

and concerts. Creative scientific and popular science events have become familiar to contemporaries: vernissages, microforums, workshops, flash mobs, webinars, and panel discussions.

As a research institute by statute, SPSTL SB RAS continues to expand its research and scientific organizational work in the history and current state of the book, book culture, bibliography, publishing, mediaology, study of book collections, storage problems, identifying the needs and preferences of readers/users/media consumers, development of library and information technology, search for innovative forms of libraries, and determining their role in the digital transformation of society.

The first scientific conference on the development of librarianship in Siberia and the Far East was held in the library 55 years ago in October 1966. Since then, the tradition of large scientific forums has not been interrupted: the annual large-scale scientific event on current issues of library science, bibliography and book science has become a hallmark of SPSTL SB RAS. The traditional international scientific-practical conference, Libway-2022, held in March this year opened a series of jubilee events, including the 65th anniversary of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, which included other significant scientific events: the exhibition-presentation of books published by the institutes of SB RAS (May 2022), and the international scientific-practical conference, Personal Book Collections and Archives in the Libraries (for the 80th anniversary since the birth of B.S. Elepov in September 2022).

In the 21st century, SPSTL SB RAS holds the position of one of the largest information and library centers of the country, realizing its mission: the preservation and development of a universal fund of knowledge for future generations, providing free and equal access to the most important information resources for users of scientific and educational complex of Siberia, and the creation and operation of an effective regional system of library and information support for scientists, researchers, universities of Siberia and society.

Currently, researchers are working on six research projects, each one specific in its own way. One of the topics, Transformation of Book Culture in Social Communications in the XIX-XXI Centuries, is implemented by the Laboratory of Book Science. The aim of the project is to identify and analyze the patterns of transformation of book culture in social communications of the 19th to 21st centuries. Another scientific subdivision of SPSTL SB RAS is the laboratory of information-system analysis. SPSTL SB RAS is engaged in the development of a terminological range, metrics and criteria of effectiveness of interaction between research institutions and society, assessment of the attitude of science to communication activities and the public to science, the dynamics of its change under the influence of various events, development of theoretical and methodological justification of the directions of library and bibliographic activities as a channel of interaction between science and society.

A research project on the topic, development of a model for the functioning of a scientific library in the information ecosystem of open science, is being implemented by the Department of Scientific Research of Open Science. The ultimate goal of this research project is to build a model for the functioning of a scientific library, to promote the creation of an effective information and communication infrastructure to support open science.

SPSTL SB RAS continues to develop international ties, actively interacting with foreign information and library institutions back in the late 1960s. Over the past decade, the SPSTL SB RAS has signed agreements on cooperation in the field of information and library activities, culture, and science with scientific and scientific-technical institutions from 32 countries around the world.

Cooperation with foreign scientific and cultural institutions opens up many opportunities for mutual exchange and mutual enrichment in our professional activities, encourages new achievements and discoveries in scientific research.

The publication of scientific collections and proceedings, monographs and scientific journals such as Biblosphere (since 2005) and the Proceedings of SPSTL SB RAS (since 2019) inherits another tradition of the institution's research activities:

to acquaint contemporaries with the widest range of tasks solved by the Library in the interests of a comprehensive expansion of library and communication, historical and book studies research and information support of science; supporting SPSTL SB RAS status as a research institution, the largest information, methodological, educational center beyond the Urals.

The Library carefully preserves its traditions, changing along with technology and remaining true to itself at the same time. At present, the modern directions of SPSTL SB RAS activities continue to develop a comprehensive expansion of research and information and analytical support of science in the region, supporting the status of the library as one of the main research centers of the country in the field of library science, book science, bibliography, bibliometrics, mediology, information science, and the leading cultural center of Siberia and the Far East.

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The article is devoted to the research activity of SPSTL SB RAS - the experience of its creation: the State Scientific Library (SSL), in 1918 in Moscow, the formation of resources, management, transformation into the State Public Science and Technology Library of the Siberian Branch (SPSTL SB) of the USSR Academy of Sciences, the change of tasks.

It is said that at present, the library continues to diversify the forms and methods of work, generates their own resources, actively engaged in automation and computerization of library and information processes, develops the existing traditions of scientific and practical work, such as holding scientific events (seminars, conferences, readings, forums, congresses), publication of scientific collections, proceedings, monographs, periodicals, and expansion and improvement of subjects of research projects in library science and bibliography.

Over 105 years of activity, the SPSTL SB RAS has become a unique scientific and cultural Siberian phenomenon, combining the features of a universal public library while being the center of scientific and technical information, aimed at information support and popularization of science and research in library science and bibliography, book science, and applied computer science.