

The Ukrainian Diaspora and the University of Toronto: Collectors, Collections, Bibliographers, and Librarians, 1950s-2020s

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This presentation explores the history of the Ukrainian collection at the University of Toronto Libraries from the introduction of Ukrainian courses in the 1950s to the present. The author contextualizes the history in relation to the development of Russian studies at the University. The period covered touches on pivotal events at the University and their impact on library collections, such as the creation of a formal program of Slavic studies in 1949, the establishment of the Chair in Ukrainian Studies in 1980, and the launch of the Jacyk Program for the Study of Ukraine in 2001. Particular emphasis is placed on gifts and bequests of library material, the changes in book publishing, and the future of research and curatorship of Ukrainica holdings at universities across Canada and the United States.