Memorial

St. Petersburg, Russia

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Hours: Tuesday, 11-18, Saturday, 11-18
Material topics: Political repression in USSR (History); History of USSR prisons and work camps
Holdings: 4000 Books; 2000 items from personal collections; 1300 samizdat documents. Materials are in Russian, English, French and German

The Memorial center was founded thanks to citizen initiative, with financial support in the form of a grant from the Soros Foundation. Offering a reading room, assistance in creating a bibliography and locating materials, assorted archival information as well as a catalog of victims of repression, Memorial serves a wide range of people -- from researchers and academics to journalists and students. While items cannot be taken out of the library, there are copy services available on-site.

Much of the material in the archive has been collected from private donations and publishers' gifts. The archive's primary goals presently are to increase the library collection as well as to create a bibliographic database of materials available regarding the archive's two areas of interest. The archive maintains a cooperative relationship with the Memorial branch in Moscow.

The library has indicated that it is always in need of help locating and copying appropriate books, articles and materials held in libraries and archives in Europe and the US. Additionally, they are interested in developing cooperative projects (exhibits, publications) with partners in the West.
St. Petersburg Center for Gender Issues

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Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
Material topics: Russian and foreign gender research; Human rights; Independent women’s organizations; all other aspects of women’s lives (health issues, history, violence against women, stereotypes and deviation, etc.)
Holdings: Over 2000 books, videos, legal materials/documents, periodical publications, audio recordings from seminars and conferences. Materials are in Russian, English, German, French, Turkish, and Portuguese.

The St. Petersburg Center for Gender Issues, founded in 1992 with support from a grant from the German foundation “Frauen Anstiftung” maintains a library/archive. The main goal of the archive is to collect information on women’s organizations, feminism and gender research and to make it available to the general public. Materials are obtained both by purchasing directly from publishers and stores as well as through private donations. Many of the materials can be borrowed; there are copy services available for other documents.

The archive, as well as the center as whole, is open to the public; the primary users of the archive are independent researchers and university students. The center is supported by the Heinrich Boell Foundation, and maintains connections with analogous centers for gender research in Moscow and Kharkiv (Ukraine). The next project that the archive staff plans to embark on is a computerized database of its holdings.

As the search for material on these topics is highly labor-intensive in Russian libraries, the archive staff is interested in cooperating with western libraries and archives that have more systematic methods of locating materials. They are always interested in developing new relationships for exchange.

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