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Aerial view of the John P. Robarts Research Library by the University of Toronto Zoology Media Services

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I. Foreword

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARY has an excellent collection of Slavic and East European materials. Distinguished by breadth, solidity in all basic areas, and several areas of special strength, it has been built up systematically over the last generation. The collection, now numbering more than 200,000 volumes, is the largest Slavic and East European collection in Canada and is one of the best in North America. It is indispensable to the University's teaching and research programs in the Russian and East European area and is a major resource for scholars and other readers in Canada and abroad.

The present guide will introduce this resource and, we hope, make it more accessible to members of the University of Toronto and to the larger community. Its co-sponsorship by the Centre for Russian and East European Studies and the Library reflects our joint commitment to further developing this important field of study.

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111. The University of Toronto Library System

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARY SYSTEM is one of the major academic resources of the University, with a book collection of over five million volumes, and a microform collection of over one and three-quarter million items housed in 43 locations. There are an additional million volumes of books and a quarter million microforms held by the libraries of the federated and affiliated institutions. There are over 45,000 periodical titles in the system. The John P. Robarts Library is the largest university library in Canada and the library system is among the top ten university research libraries in North America. Its collection covers most fields of study and research in the humanities and social sciences and contains materials in over one hundred languages published in most countries of the world. There is a significant collection of unique and rare material in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. Altogether, the collections in the University of Toronto Library system have major national and international value in the scholarly world.

