

Special Collections



Hilandar Research Library



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Medieval Slavic Collection

The Hilandar Research Library (HRL) preserves and makes accessible the largest collection of medieval Slavic, primarily Cyrillic, manuscripts on microform in the world.

History

The HRL opened in the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library of The Ohio State University (OSU) in 1978 as the "Hilandar Room." In 1984, it became the HRL, a special collection of the OSU Libraries. The HRL grew out of the Hilandar Research Project (1969-1984) at OSU to document and make the cultural legacy of Hilandar Monastery accessible. Hilandar Monastery was founded by Serbian rulers in 1198. It is one of 20 monasteries on Mount Athos (Holy Mount – Ἁγιον Όρος) in northeastern Greece. Expeditions to microfilm and photograph the monastery's cultural legacy took place in 1970, 1971, and 1975 at the monks' invitation.

The Resource Center for Medieval Slavic Studies (RCMSS), rcmss.osu.edu, also grew out of the Hilandar Research Project. It is housed with the HRL and has the primary mission of supporting research in the HRL, as well as teaching and outreach at OSU.

RCMSS is an administrative unit of the College of Arts and Sciences in the Division of the College of Arts and Humanities, through the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures.

In 2009, the HRL moved to the renovated Thompson Library and became part of Thompson Special Collections, which include the Jack and Jan Creighton Special Collections Reading Room with seminar room for educational programming (Thompson 105), collection storage facilities, and display and exhibition venues. The HRL shares these resources with the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, and the Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute.

For parking information, see www.campusparc.com/osu.

Programs

The HRL and RCMSS foster the study of medieval Slavic manuscripts and the resources of the HRL by sponsoring research and a variety of educational programs and publications including exhibitions, lectures, seminars, panel discussions, workshops, and conferences.

We have sponsored six International Hilandar Conferences. For additional information, see go.osu.edu/Hilandar-Conferences.

