

—— Selection bulletin THE FUNDAMENTALS

Below is a list of the basic components of a good public library Russian collection to serve immigrant families at your library. FairVega would be delighted to design a collection plan customized for your community – just ask!

CLASSICS

Having a solid basic collection of respected Russian classics gives your library some cachet and is an easy way to express your respect for your Russian-speaking patrons' cultural heritage. But those classics don't have to be in dusty old volumes to be respectable. Newer editions are published regularly.

TITLES FOR FAMILIES

Many recent immigrants from the Russian-speaking world are families with young children. Parents will be looking for bilingual books they can read as they learn English as a family, the Russian children's classics and fairy tales they remember from their own childhoods, and colorful board books and picture books with newer content, too.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Russian speakers often prefer to learn English using systems designed by other Russian speakers. They will be happy to find audio and print language-learning materials on your shelves. There are also new illustrated nonfiction series of books available in Russian for children in elementary school that can help those kids keep up with their peers in school as their English improves.

NEW FICTION

There are dozens of Russian mystery, romance and suspense writers who are popular and very prolific. Many put out new titles several times a year. Your Russian-speaking community members may also want to read Russian versions of American bestsellers for teens and adults. Fortunately, Russian translators are prolific, too, and more of those types of titles are available all the time.

MAGAZINES

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