THE PRINTING PRESS COMES TO EASTERN EUROPE IN THE SLAVIC TONGUES

2017 marked the quincentennial of the printing of the first translation of the Bible into the Belarusian language. Francysk Skaryna (1490-1552) is credited with publishing this translation.

From the start, the work reflects the international scope of the world of the printing press. Skaryna’s Bible was translated into Belarusian and printed in Prague. From there it was shipped to Belarus to be distributed. The first Bulgarian book was printed in Germany, then shipped and distributed in Bulgaria. Printing presses started, closed and moved to new locations. Presses started throughout the area. Since then scholars have studied the changes brought by these books to language, culture, and other aspects of life. The exhibit reviews the history and study of the printing press in Eastern Europe through various vernacular tongues.

Located in the Second Floor Reading Room of Regenstein Library, this exhibit will be on display through June 15, 2018.

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