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Over 4,000 magazines from the National Library's collection now available online

The National Library continues to open its collections online and, recently, the *Belarusian Literary Heritage. Magazines of 1919-1939* e-collection has been augmented with new issues. According to nlb.by, the virtual resource contains 270 titles of Belarusian periodicals and publications published in the BSSR and Western Belarus from 1919 to 1939 — uniting over 4,000 issues reflecting the socio-political, economic and cultural life of the country during the interwar period.

The issues disclose such information as what did Government House and the Central Villagers' House look like in Minsk?; where and when did the first state fish hatchery of the BSSR open?; or what was the weather like in Belarusian cities? They show how Belarusians lived and what they were concerned about a hundred years ago.

For users' convenience, documents are organised by subject categories: education and upbringing, art, health and medical sciences, politics and society, religious studies, construction, transport, economy and others. A special place is occupied by magazines devoted to literary studies. It is important to note that the e-collection contains not only publications that were regularly published, but also one-offs or irregular editions. The authors of the project are sure that it will be of interest to researchers in the field of history, pedagogy, economics and medicine, as well as employees of libraries, archives, museums and anyone interested in the history and culture of Belarus.