

# Vladislav Syrokomlya's literary legacy soon to return to Belarus

The return through a donation to the National Library of a large collection of both lifetime and posthumous publications — over 50 books by famous Belarusian and Polish poet Vladislav Syrokomlya — is a true Christmas gift for Belarus: most of these are very rare and previously absent in Belarusian publications

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A unique collection of rarities — including the original of Vladislav Syrokomlya's rare photo from his youth — was bought from a private collector with the support of the Honorary Consul of Belarus in Lausanne, Andrei Nazheskin and

the Charge d'Affaires of Belarus in Switzerland, Pavel Matsukevich.

Previously, for more than six months, the staff of the National Library of Belarus negotiated the acquisition of the collection, and the authenticity of each book was examined. As a result, we can now say that the collection is



absolutely unique. Many books have preserved their original publishing bindings, which are usually lost in libraries through many years of active use.

The official ceremony of the presentation of the book heritage of Vladislav Syrokomlya will take place this year.

