

Multicultural Postage Librarianiana, Part III: BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ON STAMPS AROUND THE GLOBE

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In my previous two articles (*MCR*, Winter 2005 and Spring 2006), I described how librarians and libraries are reflected on postal stamps in different countries. In this article, I will focus on books and periodicals in various countries of all continents. The countries are listed in alphabetical order, and under each entry the stamps are described chronologically. The common denominator of all listed countries is the fact that books and periodicals are not

too numerous on postal stamps, not issued regularly, and not an important subject on the agendas of postal administrations. This situation is similar to what I found in presenting librarians and libraries/archives on stamps. In addition, there are dozens of countries that have yet to print at least one stamp devoted to books and periodicals, even though they recognize the importance of such publications in the shaping of their culture.

A

ALBANIA

1967, open book with the Albanian alphabet and children reading, 60th anniversary of the adaptation of the unified Albanian alphabet at the Congress of Monastyr (S/1191-92)

1972, newspapers, 30th anniversary of the Albanian press (S/1432-1434)

1997, block of stamps with religious manuscripts from the sixth and eleventh centuries (S/2552)

1998, religious manuscripts, including illustrations from the *Purple Codex* and the *Golden Codex* (S/2572-75)

ALGERIA

1965, burning of the Library of Algiers, third commemoration of the fire set by French colonial troops before retreating (S/B98)

1972, open book with the emblem of the International Year of the Book (S/477)

1976, open book, new constitution adopted in 1976 (S/579)

1980, open book and library, marking Science Day (S/640)

ANDORRA (French administration)

1977, *Manual Digest*, published in 1748, honors the establishment of the Institute of Andorran Studies (S/256)

1986, title page of the same book (S/348)

1998, *Manual Digest*, 250th anniversary of publication (S/351)

ANDORRA (Spanish administration)

1987, details from a Catalan manuscript related to Christmas (S/182)

ANGUILLA

1976, "New Constitution" overprint on a stamp with the public library of Valley (S/239)

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

1992, Louis Braille and Braille painting (S/1605d)

ARGENTINA

1980, *Buenos Aires Gazette*, 1810, Journalism Day honored (S/1270)

1989, title pages from four books honoring the 500th anniversary of Columbus's first voyage to America (S/B142-45)

1991, masthead of newspaper *Argentinische Tageblatt* (S/1733a-34a)

1998, daily newspaper *La Nueva Provincia*, centenary celebration (S/2035)

1999, book, obelisk, and readers, 25th Book Fair (S/2052)

ARMENIA

1992, Runic message from the seventh century (S/435a)

1994, early printing press to honor the 170th anniversary of the first Armenian periodical (S/A54a)

1997, first Armenian printing press in Etchmiadzin, 225th anniversary (S/550)

2001, *First Record of Lamentations* by St. Gregor Narekatzi, 1,000th anniversary (S/628)

AUSTRALIA

1960, open Bible, 350th anniversary of King James Bible (S/339)

1961, page from Book of Hours, 350th anniversary of King James Bible (S/342)

1967, Bible, 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society (S/424)

1974, *The Australian*, first Australian independent newspaper sesquicentennial (S/559)

B

BAHAMAS

1998, masthead of *New Vision* newspaper (S/903-04)

BANGLADESH

1993, books, slate, chalk honoring compulsory primary education (S/430-31)

BARBADOS

1970, open book and a child reading, 25th anniversary of the International Year of Education and the United Nations (S/344)

BELARUS

1996, grammar book published in 1596 (S/177)

1997, texts from various historical periods, 480th anniversary of book printing in the country (S/217-20)

BELGIUM

1972, newspaper and pen honoring freedom of the press (S/770)

1977, open book, painting by Van Eyck brothers, 50th anniversary of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) (S/993)

1994, daily newspapers, *La Wallonie and Le Jour-Le Courier* (S/1543-44)
1995, *Book of Devotions*, published in 1500, honoring Christmas (S/1600)
1996, *Almanac of Mons*, by Fr. C. Letellier (S/1629)

BENIN

1983, book, dove, and portrait of Alfred Nobel, 150th anniversary of his birth (S/567)

BOLIVIA

1977, mastheads of several newspapers to honor the Bolivian press (S/604-08)
1992, front page of newspaper *Los Tiempos*, 25th anniversary (S/850)

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

1999, Koran (S/340)
1999, *Hvalov Zbornik*, book in Glagolitic (S/345)

BRAZIL

1975, newspaper *O Estado de São Paulo*, 100th anniversary (S/1375)
1988, books *O Ateneu* by R. Pompeia and *Poesias* by O. Bilac, 100th anniversary (S/2150-51)
1991, newspaper, *Jornao do Brasil*, 100th anniversary (S/2314)
1994, *Cantos de Carochinha*, centenary of the first children's book published in Brazil (S/2315)
1999, various books honoring the Brazilian publishing industry (S/2725)

BULGARIA

1962, title page of book *Slav Bulgarian History* by P. Hinderski, 200th anniversary (S/1250-51)
1963, same book as above honoring the Fifth International Slavic Congress (S/1289)
1964, title page of *Bukvar Poucheniia*, 140th anniversary of the Bulgarian primer (S/1341)
1977, masthead of *Rabotnichesko Delo*, 50th anniversary of this daily newspaper and 100th anniversary of the Bulgarian daily press (S/2422)
1978, manuscript books from the thirteenth through sixteenth centuries, honoring the Cyril and Methodius National Library (S/2544-48)
1987, masthead *Rabotnichesko Delo*, 60th anniversary of this newspaper (S/3255)
1987, front pages of newspapers *Rabotnik*, *Rabotnicheski Vstnik*, and *Rabotnichesko Delo*, 95th, 90th, and 60th anniversaries, respectively of these newspapers (S/3287a)
1988, cover titles of journal *Problems of Peace and Socialism*, 30th anniversary (S/3356)
1991, title pages of *Philatelic Press* magazine, 100th anniversary (S/3611)
1993, Cyrillic alphabet in Bulgaria, 1100th anniversary (S/3784)

BURKINA FASO

1976, book globe, emblem of International Literacy Year (S/258-59)
1990, open book, International Literacy Year (S/894-95)

BURMA

1976, three open books and students, International Literacy Year (S/257-60)



CAMBODIA

1960, open book and a girl with a book in her hand, popularizing the fight against illiteracy (S/82)
1972, open book, marking the International Year of the Book (S/272-

74)

2000, printer Johannes Gutenberg (S/2030)

CAMEROON

1963, title page of *Yaonde Regional Center of Textbook Production*, honors UNESCO's Regional Center for publishing school books (S/386-88)

CANADA

1958, newspapers, Canadian press honored (S/375)
1982, open book, Constitution of 1982 (S/916)
1988, young reader with a book, painting by O. Leduc (S/1203)
1995, comic-book characters (S/1579-83)

CAPE VERDE

1972, text and illustrations of *Galleons on Sabara Rivers*, honoring the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *Lusiads* by L. Camoes (S/360)

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

1972, open book and emblem of the International Year of the Book (S/156)
1977, Bible and people for Bible Week (S/316)

CHAD

1972, book *Tartarin de Tarascon* by A. Daudet and emblem of the International Year of the Book (S/C134)

CHILE

1967, title page of *Azul* and author R. Darío (S/C273)
1968, books and portrait of educator J. Molina (S/C282)
1969, open Bible, 400th anniversary of the book's translation into Spanish (S/380)
1972, book and young people, International Year of the Book (S/429)
1977, *El Mercurio*, first front page, 150th anniversary of the first Chilean newspaper (S/506)
1981, *Annals of the Philatelic Society of Chile*, 90th anniversary (S/596)
1986, books honoring authors P. De Ono and V. Huidobro (S/730-31)
1995, hands holding a book, UNESCO's 50th anniversary (S/1144)
1997, book in honor of World Book & Copyright Day (S/1211, S/C296)
2000, *El Mercurio*, celebration of newspaper's centenary (S/1327)

CHINA (before 1949)

1947, book, first anniversary of the country's new constitution (S/781-83)

CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

1967, text from Mao's books (S/938-48)
1967-68, text of Mao's poems (S/967-80)
1978, constitution and red flag (S/1374)
1992, constitution, tenth anniversary (S/2422)

CHINA, REPUBLIC (TAIWAN)

1987, constitution, first page, honoring 30th anniversary (S/2081-82)
1992, book and binding, scrolls, fold, butterfly, and string binding (S/S/2830-33)
1994, palm-shaped book, honoring protection of intellectual property rights (S/2961-62)
1995, poem by Su Shi, written in Chinese calligraphy (S/3003)
1998, scenes from novel *Red Chamber Dream* by T. Hsueh-Chin (S/3182-85)

COLOMBIA

1986, open book for the constitution's centennial (S/C7071)

1988, text of national anthem and score (S/974)
2002, person reading a book, letters, and words, honoring youth education and literacy (S/1197)

CONGO, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/C140)
1990, open book and youngsters, International Literacy Year (S/848)

COSTA RICA

1972, open book and National Library, International Year of the Book (S/C545-48)
1976, open book and tree, honoring country's book publishing (S/C658-60)
1978, reader with a book and country's map, honoring Five Year Literacy Program (S/275)

CROATIA

1993, book *De Escentis* by H. Dalmatin, 850th anniversary (S/178)
1994, printers of Senj, 500th anniversary (S/183)
1995, incunabula, *Lectionary* by Bernardin of Split and *Spovid Opceina* (Confessions) (S/281-82)
1996, *Order and Law* by Croatian nuns, oldest preserved Croatian text written in Latin, honors 600th anniversary of country's higher education (S/312)

CUBA

1957, country's first publication, honors the National Library (S/582, S/167-68)
1958, newspaper, *Diario de la Marina* (S/C179)
1958, administrative postal book of San Cristóbal, Havana (S/C195-96)
1991, *Versos sencillos* by J. Marti, centenary of publication (S/3355)
2002, man with book, teacher with student, Youth Literacy (S/4242-49)

CYPRUS

1974, title page of history book, honoring Second International Congress of Cypriot Studies (S/419)

CZECH REPUBLIC/CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/1804)
1989, illustrations from books of various countries, 12th Biennial of Children's Books Illustrations (S/2754-57)
1997, book, *Good Soldier Schweik* by J. Hasek, 110th anniversary (S/3019-20)
1998, book, honoring World Book & Copyright Day (S/3041)

D

DENMARK

1982, printing press, 500th anniversary of printing in the country (S/731)
1983, front page of *Danish Codex*, 300th anniversary of King Christian V's Danish law (S/741)
1991, text of Jutland Law, 750th anniversary (S/938)
2000, various front pages of Danish newspapers (S/1169-70, 73, 75, 78, 81, 82)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1970, children reading books, country's First World Exhibit of Books and Cultural Festival (S/667, S/C181-82)
1970, books and sun, International Education Year (S/RA48)
1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/689-90, S/C191)
1994, two books on a table, honoring constitution's 150th anniversary (S/1171)

E

ECUADOR

1956, title page of first book printed in Ecuador, 200th anniversary of printing (S/C302-05)
1959, front page of *El Telegrafo*, 75th anniversary of country's oldest newspaper (S/C342)
1965, text and score of country's national anthem, centenary celebration (S/734-37)
1981, newspaper, *El Comercio*, 75th anniversary (S/1008-09)
1995, woman and book, 50th anniversary of women's culture (S/1378)
1996, newspaper, *El Universo*, 75th anniversary (S/1996)

EGYPT

1966, printed page and torch, centenary of national press (S/691)
1968, open Koran (S/S/C118-19)
1976, front page of *Al-Abram*, 100th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1010)
1979, open book, reader, and globe, Cairo International Book Fair (S/1129)
1991, manuscript, quill pen, and globe, 50th anniversary of Syndicate of Journalism (S/1437)
1993, newspaper, *Le Progres Egyptien*, centenary celebration (S/1526)
1993, scroll, scribe, and hieroglyphics, Cairo International Book Fair (S/1506)
1994, books and children, National Reading Festival (S/1560)
1997, open book, honoring World Book & Copyright Day (S/C226)

EL SALVADOR

1985, constitution, laurel, honoring the inauguration of president J. N. Duarte (S/1058-59)
1994, two books, 40th anniversary of the Salvadoran Culture Center (S/1391-92)
1996, newspaper, *Diario de Hoy*, 60th anniversary (S/1447)
1997, newspaper, *El Mundo*, 30th anniversary (S/1457)
2002, book, teacher, and students, honoring youth education and literacy (S/1571-72)

ESTONIA

1997, title page of *Wastne Testament*, Estonian Bible translated in 1686 (S/330)
1998, text of Lubeck Charter, 750th anniversary (S/343)
2000, first book printed in Estonian (S/393)
2003, triptych, Tartu University Library, and text from Biblia Latina (S/440)

ETHIOPIA

1966, press, building opening honored (S/455-57)
1972, open Bible and first Amharic Bible, World Assembly of United Bible Societies (S/634-36)
1989, production of early manuscripts: vellum, ink, pens, scribe, illuminated manuscript, book binding (S/1253-57)
1990, illiterate man holding newspaper upside down, adults learning alphabet in school, honoring UNESCO World Literacy Year (S/1271-73)

F

FAROE ISLANDS

1981, title page from *Faeroe et Faeroa* by L. Jacobson Debes (S/69)
1984, fairy tale illustrations by E. Lutzen (S/115-20)
1988, text and lyrics of "Now the hour has come" by S. Paturson, marking

the preservation of national language and traditions (S/179-81)

1999, Bible stories (S/368-69)

2002, royal book and seal, 150th anniversary of the Representative Council (S/418-21)

FIJI

1970, ship's log (1643) of Abel Tasman, explorer (S/296)

FINLAND

1935, *Kalevala* national epic, bards reciting from this book, and picture of heroes of the book, honoring its centenary (S/207-09)

1971, front page of newspaper, 350th anniversary of the town of Tornio (S/505)

1982, periodical *Om Kansten att Ratt Behaga*, 200th anniversary (S/662)

1982, *Abckiria*, first Finnish book (S/668)

1988, *Missale Aboense*, 500th anniversary of this book first printed in Finland (S/775)

1990, illustrations from various fairy tale books (S/820-25)

FRANCE

1937, books *Discours sur la Methode* and *Discours de la Methode* by R. Descartes, 300th anniversary of their publication (S/330-31)

1937, books and Honoré de Balzac, semipostal stamps to help unemployed intellectuals (S/B88, 88a)

1959, books and symbols of learning, 150th anniversary of the Palm Leaf Medal of the French Academy (S/905)

1981, book binding process (S/1739)

1982, Picasso painting of a woman reading, honoring Stamp Day (S/B547)

1982, newspaper *La Gazette*, 350th anniversary (S/1743)

G

GERMANY, EAST (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC before unification with German Federal Republic)

1958, newspaper, *Rote Fahne*, 40th anniversary (S/418)

1975, *Deutsches Wörterbuch* by brothers J. and W. Grimm, honoring 275th anniversary of German Academy of Science (S/1661)

1977, Leipzig Book Fair honored (S/1801)

1981, Egyptian papyrus, Maya and French manuscripts, East German library treasures (S/2207-09)

1990, rare books from the thirteenth through eighteenth centuries in the German State Library (S/2828-31)

GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC (including pre-World War II Germany)

1939, Johannes Gutenberg and Leipzig Library, honoring the Leipzig Book Fair (S/494)

1954, fifteenth-century printer, 500th anniversary of the Gutenberg Bible (S/723)

1962, open Bible, 150th anniversary of the Wurtemberg Bible Society (S/851)

1963, *Heidelberg Catechism*, 400th anniversary of the book and the doctrine of the Reformed Church (S/861)

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/1095)

1972, lithography press, 175th anniversary of lithography printing (S/1088)

1980, Duden dictionaries, old and new editions, 100th anniversary (S/1325)

1985, *Deutsches Wörterbuch* by Grimm brothers (S/1434)

1989, shorthand text and its inventor, F. X. Gabelsberger (S/1579)

1996, German Civil Code, centenary of publication (S/1942)

2000, *Einkomende Zeitungen*, 350th anniversary of the first daily news-

paper (S/2088)

GHANA

1972, books for children and students, Accra Central Library, International Year of the Book (S/445-49)

1993, Constitution under K. Nkrumah (S/1549)

GREAT BRITAIN

1982, hieroglyphics, word processor, and library, honoring information technology (S/1000)

1988, Welsh Bible, 400th anniversary (S/1205-08)

1993, *A Christmas Carol* by C. Dickens, with illustrated characters, marking 150th anniversary (S/1528-32)

GREECE

1976, Greek grammar of 1478, honoring 500th anniversary of printing industry (S/1193)

1980, open book, an energy conservation manual (S/1354)

1982, Byzantine religious books and illuminated manuscripts, honoring printing (S/1427-31)

GRENADA

1981, open book, pencil, adult education (S/1034)

1985, *The Prince and the Pauper* by M. Twain, and Disney characters (S/1317-22)

GUATEMALA

1973, *Libro Nacional de Guatemala* and its discoverer and translator F. Jiménez, honoring International Year of the Book (S/424-27)

GUERNSEY

1990, ship's log writing, 250th anniversary of world circumnavigating by Lord Anson (S/439)

GUINEA

1964, Eleanor Roosevelt with open book reading to children, honoring the reader and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (S/613-17)

GUYANA

1968, open Koran (S/60-63)

1981, boy reading a Braille book and images of L. Braille (S/419)

H

HAITI

2000, open book and Toussaint L'Ouverture for bicentennial of country's constitution (S/927-33)

HONDURAS

1930, title page of *Gaceta del Gobierno*, honoring 100th anniversary of the press (S/297-97)

1978, *Botanica*, book devoted to botanist L. Landa (S/C636)

1984, pages of *La Gaceta*, celebrating this newspaper's sesquicentenary (S/C733-34)

HUNGARY

1940, *Corvin Codex*, fifteenth-century book of rules by King Matthias (S/B117-22)

1948, Johannes Gutenberg and printing press (S/C53)

1948, book and emblem of the Athenaeum Press, 100th anniversary of this publishing house (S/830)

1972, girl reading, International Year of the Book (S/2144)

1985, Totfalusi Bible, 300th anniversary of the first Bible printed in

Hungarian (S/2916)

1987, woodcuts from the eighteenth century, 125th anniversary of the country's printing, paper, and workers' union (S/3074)

1990, Karoli Bible, 400th anniversary of book printed by G. Karoli (S/3240)

I

ICELAND

1953, Icelandic manuscript books of the fifteenth century (S/278-82)

1970, Icelandic manuscript books of the fourteenth century (S/417-19)

1979, excerpts from the book *Olafs Saga Helga* by S. Sturluson, eleventh-century historian (S/518)

1984, Gudbrand's Bible, 400th anniversary of the country's first Bible (S/597-98)

INDIA

1976, excerpts from "Vande Mataram," national song (S/746)

1979, old Buddhist text, honoring National Archives (S/831)

1979, boy and alphabet book, International Book Fair in New Delhi (S/832)

1988, *The Times of India*, 150th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1245)

1990, book, *Dyaneshwari*, 700th anniversary (S/1340)

1997, *Swatantra Bharat*, 50th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1614)

1998, children reading books, honoring Children's Day (S/1707)

1999, newspapers in Assam, 150th anniversary of the press (S/1734)

1999, *Hindustan Times*, 75th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1776)

2000, masthead of newspapers and R. G. Baruah, their publisher (S/1838)

INDONESIA

1972, books and readers, International Year of the Book (S/818)

1999-2000, book with the inscription "1999" followed by blank pages, marking the end of one millennium and the beginning of another (S/1878-81)

IRAN

1965, open book, Book Week honored (S/1360)

1966, book cover, publicity for Book Week (S/1691-92)

1982, page with Koran verses regarding Jesus Christ (S/2099)

1991, illustrations from various children's books, First Asian Biennial of Children's Books (S/2480)

1993, open book, fourteenth anniversary of the country's Islamic Republic (S/2581)

1994, open book, celebration of Book Week (S/2639)

1996, open book, International Book Fair in Teheran (S/2682)

IRAQ

1969, open book and hands reaching it, campaign against illiteracy (S/519-20)

1969, newspaper front page, 100th anniversary of Iraqi press (S/521)

1979, book, pencil, and flame, compulsory education law (S/908-10)

1979, open book and world map, commemorating Arab achievements (S/917-18)

IRELAND

1977, Irish manuscripts of the sixteenth century, honoring 100th anniversary of the National Library and Museum (S/411-12)

1993, illuminated Gaelic manuscript by D. Heyde, founder of the Gaelic League, to honor the centenary of the league (S/897-98)

ISLE OF MAN

1975, man and Bible, various religious personalities, 200th anniversary of the Manx Bible (S/74-77)

1982, *The Principles and Duties of Christianity* by T. Wilson, first book in Manx, printed in 1707 (S/213)

ISRAEL

1963, Hebrew typesetter of the nineteenth century, 100th anniversary of the Hebrew press in Palestine (S/241-41a)

1967, page from *Shulhan Arukh*, 400th anniversary of the Jewish religious and civil code book, (S/340)

1972, printed page, International Year of the Book (S/495)

1975, illuminated page, 400th anniversary of Hebrew printing in the city of Safad (S/645)

1976, design from the Book of Esther, honoring the Purim holiday (S/593-95)

1979, printed book honoring a rabbi and Torah scribe (S/731)

1986, illuminated Mahzor (prayer book) of the thirteenth century (S/947)

1991, front page of *Jewish Chronicles*, 150th anniversary of this publication (S/1092)

1992, books from the fifteenth and later centuries, honoring the Jewish National Library (S/1121-23)

1993, front pages of Hebrew magazines for children, centenary celebration (S/1179)

1994, open book, honoring French author St. Exupery (S/1207)

1997, *Eugene Onegin*, by A. S. Pushkin, translated into Hebrew by A. Shlonsky, bilingual text (S/1319)

1999, manuscript of seventeenth-century rabbi and poet S. Shabazi (S/1357)

2000, Aleppo Codex book (S/1420)

ITALY

1972, *Comedia Divina*, by Dante, various editions, 500th anniversary of the book's publication (S/1077-79)

1973, title page of a seventeenth-century book by poet and painter S. Rosa (S/1097)

1978, text from the country's constitution, 30th anniversary (S/1333)

1988, Sonino Bible, first printing in Hebrew, fifteenth century (S/1733)

1995, illuminated manuscripts from the State Archives of Rome (S/2023, S/2025)

1996, manuscripts of noted Italian authors, from the National Museum and Archives (S/2004, S/2006)

1996, first edition of Strega newspaper, 50th anniversary (S/2123)

1997, open book, honoring the Viareggio Literary Prize (S/2173)

IVORY COAST (COTE D'IVOIRE)

1972, children reading, International Year of the Book (S/236)]

J

JAPAN

1948, schoolchildren reading a book, marking the reorganization of the country's educational system (S/406)

1961, book and National Diet, opening of the National Diet Library (S/739)

1983, *Official Gazette*, centenary of its publication (S/1530)

JORDAN

1968, open book and hands reaching for knowledge, campaign against illiteracy (S/548-49)

1973, open book, International Year of the Book (S/737-38)

K

KENYA/UGANDA/TANGANYIKA (before independence)

1963, open book and scholars, inauguration of the University of East

Africa (S/140-41)

KOREA, NORTH (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF)

1971, *Samil Wongan*, 35th anniversary of this monthly publication (S/1023)

1973, Kim Il Sung's writings, various books (S/1130-32)

1974, *Theses on the Socialist Rural Question*, 10th anniversary of this publication (S/1190-92)

1974, *El Unita*, Italian newspaper, honoring the 50th anniversary of this publication (S/1271)

KOREA, SOUTH (REPUBLIC OF)

1962, 1966, 1967, 1969, early Buddhist scriptures (S/370, S/394, S/583, S/650)

1970, open book, International Education Year (S/700)

1972, open book and globe, International Year of the Book (S/808)

1976, books and children, honoring juvenile literature (S/1044)

1998, wood block of Buddhist Tripitaka Koreana at Haensa Temple (S/1952)

2000, Hun Min Sojon manuscript and annals of the Chosen Dynasty & Repository (S/281-90)

KUWAIT

1967, open book and hands reaching for knowledge, literacy campaign (S/368-69)

1968, open book and flags, Education Day (S/374-75)

1968, open book and emblem, Teacher's Day (S/382-84)

1971, open book, readers, and UNESCO symbol, International Literacy Day (S/533-34)

1972, open book and emblem, International Year of the Book (S/539-40)

1997, country's 22nd Arabic books exhibition (S/1375-78)

1998, book and several periodicals in a public library (S/1478)

L

LEBANON

1974, people reading books, UNESCO emblem, International Year of the Book (S/O726-29)

LIBERIA

1950, hand, open book, and sun, honoring National Literacy Campaign (S/329, S/C66)

LIBYA

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/437-38)

1975, woman and man in a library with books, honoring Libyan Arab Book Exhibition (S/570-72)

1976, Arabic scroll, honoring Arab regional branch of the International Council of Archives (S/639-41)

1977, Colonel M. Qadhafi's *Green Book* (S/707)

LIECHTENSTEIN

1987, text of handwritten constitution, 125th anniversary (S/872)

1993, calligraphic Christmas texts by various authors (S/1013-15)

LITHUANIA

1997, first Lithuanian book, 450th anniversary (S/565-66)

2002, first mention of Lithuania in *Quedinburg Annals* (S/726)

M

MACAO

1972, manuscript page from the book *Lusiads* by L. Camoes, fourth cen-

tenary celebration (S/425)

MACEDONIA

1994, religious manuscripts from the thirteenth through fifteenth centuries, honoring the 50th anniversary of St. Climent of Ohrid Library (S/135-36)

2000, T. Sinaitski and J. Gutenberg, printing pioneers (S/192-93)

MALDIVE ISLANDS

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/381-83)

MALI

1972, people, book, and pencil, World Literacy Day (S/181)

1972, book, International Year of the Book (S/S/C157)

MALTA

1986, illuminated texts from choral books at the St. John's Convent Church, Valetta (S/B60-62)

MARSHALL ISLANDS

1987, excerpts from the United States and Marshall Islands constitutions, honoring the bicentennial of the U.S. constitution (S/143-51)

MAURITANIA

1972, designs and texts from miniature books (S/C115-17)

MAURITIUS

1980, Helen Keller reading a Braille book (S/504)

1993, various publications honoring the fifth Francophone Summit (S/773-76)

MEXICO

1939, Mexico's first printing shop and printer J. Zumarraga, 400th anniversary of printing in the country (S/748-50)

1944, microphone, book, and camera, marking the third Mexican book fair (S/C142)

1972, book, International Year of the Book (S/1048)

1989, open books, tenth International Guadalajara Book Fair (S/1606)

1999, textbooks and reading programs honoring education (S/2177c,d)

2002, book, *Code of Ethics for Public Servants* (S/2292)

MONACO

1982, open book, reader, and globe, International Bibliophile Association (S/1343)

MONGOLIA

1960, newspaper, Unen, 40th anniversary (S/212-13)

1968, *Das Kapital*, by Karl Marx, commemorating the anniversary of the author's death (S/486-87)

1990, first page of Unen, 70th anniversary (S/1811)

MOROCCO

2000, book and dove, International Peace Year (S/875)

N

NETHERLANDS

1977, Delft Bible, oldest book printed in Dutch, 500th anniversary (S/368)

1998, open book and books on shelves, celebrating National Library's bicentennial (S/1003)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

1984, boy reading a book, and parents reading to children (S/B223-24)

1995, youth reading a newspaper to a blind person (S/B310)

NEW ZEALAND

1968, Maori Bible, 100th anniversary of publication in Maori language (S/408)

1988, illuminated Christmas carol manuscripts (S/908-09)

NICARAGUA

1972, mystery books by various authors, 50th anniversary of Interpol (S/C801-12)

1988, text of *Azul* by R. Darío, centenary of publication (S/1756)

1998, various writings by national poet Rubén Darío (S/2232-33)

NIGERIA

2001, first issue and masthead of *Nigeria Daily Times*, 75th anniversary (S/726-29)

NORFOLK ISLANDS

1989, texts of various Christmas hymns (S/462-65)

NORWAY

1966, open Bible, 150th anniversary of the Bible Society (S/490-91)

1974, *Gulating Law*, manuscript from the thirteenth century (S/635-36)

O

OMAN

1971, open book in advance of International Year of the Book (S/138)

1974, open book and map of Arab world, International Literacy Day (S/158-59)

1979, book, world map, symbols of learning, marking cultural achievements of the Arabs (S/191-92)

P

PAKISTAN

1958, open book, tenth anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights (S/99-100)

1964, Bengali and Urdu alphabet books, Universal Children's Day (S/211)

1972, giant book and children, Education Week (S/334)

1976, children reading a book, highlighting juvenile literature (S/428)

1999, book, computer, university crest, and other symbols marking the opening of A. Iqbal University (S/935-37)

PANAMA

1953, newspaper, *La Estrella*, 100th anniversary of the country's first newspaper (S/C138-39)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1967, book and pen, symbol of country's university (S/232)

PARAGUAY

1966, book, *Paraguay de Fuego*, by R. Darío, part of a stamp set honoring the Nicaraguan poet

PERU

1988, newspapers and journalists, released for Journalists' Fund (S/938)

PHILIPPINES

1943, title pages of *Doctrina Cristiana* and *Noli Mi Tangere*, stamps for restoration of libraries damaged during World War II (S/B1-3)

1976, book and emblem, 75th anniversary of the National Archives

(S/1292)

1985, open Bible, National Bible Week (S/1774-75)

1987, open constitution, honoring ratification (S/1849-50)

PORTUGAL

1931, woman symbolizing Portugal holding the book *Lusiadas* by L. Camoens (S/497-519)

1962, children reading books, honoring the Congress of Pediatrics (S/891)

1979, children reading books, 50th anniversary of the International Bureau of Education (S/1433-34)

1987, books, bookcase, postal cards, printing press, 100th anniversary of the Postal Museum and Library (S/1414)

1996, books, bicentennial celebration of the National Library (S/2086)

1998, books honoring author J. Saramago, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature (S/2276)

Q

QATAR

1971, boy reading, International Literacy Day (S/256-58)

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/299-302)

1975, open book of the constitution, honoring fourth anniversary (S/442-47)

1978, man learning to read, International Literacy Day (S/534-35)

R

RIO MUNI

1960, boy reading a book and a missionary behind him (S/1-9)

ROMANIA

1945, *Gazeta Matematica*, 50th anniversary of this mathematics journal (S/597-98)

1948, government printing plant and press, 75th anniversary (S/679-80)

1948, various newspapers, Week of Democratic Press (S/695)

1965, newspaper, *Scinteia*, 25th anniversary (S/1109)

1967, *Das Kapital* by Karl Marx, 100th anniversary of this publication (S/1961)

RUSSIA (including the former Soviet Union)

1949, men reading the newspaper *Pravda* and other publications, honoring Soviet Press Day (S/1355-56)

1950, newspapers *Iskra* and *Pravda*, 50th anniversary of the first title (S/1532-33)

1953, various books by Lenin, 50th anniversary of the Communist Party (S/1678-79)

1956, book honoring Kalidasa, fifth-century Indian poet (S/1895)

1957, *Kolokol*, centenary of this newspaper's first issue (S/1949)

1958, book, torch, lyre, flowers, honoring the Conference of Asian and African Writers in Tashkent (S/2115)

1959, *Gulistan*, by Persian poet Saadi, 700th anniversary of this book (S/2189)

1959, Russian and Chinese students reading a book, tenth anniversary of the People's Republic of China (S/2237-38)

1961, open book and students' emblem, fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the International Students' Union (S/2515)

1961, open book and globe, celebrating centenary of the children's magazine *Around the World* (S/2458)

1962, V. I. Lenin reading *Pravda*, 50th anniversary of this newspaper (S/2593)

1963, newspaper *Izvestiia* and its first editor M. Steklov, honoring his 90th birthday (S/2815)

1964, I. Fedorov and printing press, 400th anniversary of printing in

Russia (S/2863-64)

1967, *Izvestiia*, 50th anniversary of this newspaper (S/3308)

1967, Das Kapital, by Karl Marx, 100th anniversary of this publication (S/3360)

1969, book cover of *Rules of the Kolkhoz* (collective farm) for the Third All-Union Collective Farmers' Congress (S/3661)

1972, book, torch, children, globe, International Year of the Book (S/3967)

1972, child reading a book on traffic rules, traffic safety campaign (S/4035)

1974, open book and pen, souvenir sheet honoring poet A. Pushkin (S/4202)

1975, *Komsomol'skaiia Pravda*, 50th anniversary of this newspaper for youth (S/4282)

1975, *Pionerskaiia Pravda*, 50th anniversary of this newspaper for children (S/4283)

1978, mastheads and globe with Russia, 60th anniversary of periodicals' distribution via the Post and Telegraph Department (S/4727)

1980, illuminated manuscript honoring D. Anacht, 1,500th anniversary of the Armenian philosopher's birth (S/4834)

1982, *Pravda*, 70th anniversary of the Communist Party newspaper (S/5309)

1983, masthead of newspaper *Iskra*, 80th anniversary of the Second Social-Democratic Worker's Party (S/5114)

1985, book and chronicler E. Lonrot, 150th anniversary of the Karelian epic *Kalevala* (S/5331)

1988, F. Skorna, first book printer in Belarus (S/5647)

1988, cover of journal *Problems of Peace and Socialism*, 30th anniversary of this publication (S/5703)

1989, folktale books from various Soviet republics, illustrated pages (S/5789-93)

1991, pages from various chronicles and books published from the twelfth through the sixteenth centuries (S/6004-08)

1993, various characters from children's books (S/6130)

RWANDA

1973, paintings reflecting reading and the emblem of the International Year of the Book (S/506-14)

1975, book, owl, quill, honoring the National University of Rwanda (S/675-80)

RYUKYU ISLANDS

1968, young man, library, book, and map, tenth International Library Week (S/169)

S

SAINT HELENA

1994, texts of various Christmas carols (S/631-35)

SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON ISLANDS

1986, geography books, marking the 450th anniversary of the discovery of both islands (S/476)

SAINT VINCENT

1997, Brothers Grimm fairy tale set (S/2444-2448)

SAMOA, WESTERN

1969, *Treasure Island* and other books by R. L. Stevenson, marking the 75th anniversary of the author's birth

SAN MARINO

1943, printing press and various newspapers to honor the press (S/203-12)

1990, cartoon-style drawings from *Pinocchio* (S/1212-1215)

SAUDI ARABIA

1963, open Koran to celebrate anniversary of Islamic Institute (S/252-54)

1992, documents and scrolls regarding the Royal Consultative Council (S/1169-70)

2001, King Fahd printing press (S/1309-11)

SENEGAL

1991, children reading a book, commemorating third Francophone Summit on the Arts and Culture (S/825-28)

1995, book and people in a circle, 50th anniversary of the United Nations (S/1180-81)

SIERRA LEONE

1992, Mickey Mouse magazines and books and souvenir sheet (S/1568-83)

SOMALIA

1973, Somali script, publicity stamp (S/400-02)

SOUTH AFRICA

1970, Bible, 50th anniversary of the South African Bible Society (S/352)

1975, title page of *Afrikaanse Patriot*, first newspaper of the country (S/449)

SPAIN

1930, newspapers, press building, and book *Don Quijote de la Mancha*, 40th anniversary of the Madrid Press Association (S/C73-87)

1977, earliest known Catalan manuscript, commemorating 1,000 years of the Catalá language (S/2056)

1978, illuminated pages from the Bible and the Codex, 1,000th anniversary of the Basilica Santa María de Ripoli (S/2134)

1983, book with scenes from *Don Quijote de la Mancha* by Cervantes (S/2325)

1986, texts from various medieval and later authors related to the 500th anniversary of the voyages to America (S/2491-96)

1990, illuminated page from novel *Tirant Lo Blanch*, 500th anniversary of book's publication (S/2630)

1995, books by authors M. Hernández and J. Valera (S/2814-15)

SRI LANKA

1968, open Koran (S/419)

1970, ola leaf manuscript, International Education Year (S/451)

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/472)

1995, book by author T. B. Ilangaratha (S/1137)

1999, book and Salvation Army emblem, 116th anniversary of this organization (S/1251)

2002, *Ceylon Government Gazette*, 200th anniversary of this publication (S/1368)

SURINAME

1974, *Weekly Wednesday Suriname Gazette*, bicentennial celebration of this newspaper (S/415-16)

1990, adult and child with an open book, UNESCO International Literacy Year (S/852-54)

SWEDEN

1941, reformers presenting the Bible to Gustavus Vasa, 400th anniversary of the first authorized version of this book in Swedish (S/316-18)

1961, printer of the seventeenth century and reader in a library, 300th anniversary of the Royal Library (S/600-02)

- 1983**, printing press and various books, 500th anniversary of printing in Sweden (S/1448-52)
1990, newspaper mastheads, paper production set (S/1837-40)
2002, Gronkopings, satirical newspaper (S/2443)

SWITZERLAND

- 1961**, book of history with symbols of time and eternity (S/B303)
1999, comic books by R. Topfer (S/1043-47)

SYRIA

- 1968**, old man and woman reading a book, literacy campaign (S/406-09)
1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/606-07)
1997, vertical and horizontal books, World Book Day (S/1392a)
1998, books, scholar, and open book, Science Week (S/1420)
2000, scientist N. Ad-Din at-Tusi with a book and books on shelf, Science Week (S/1460)
2001, book and author's rights (S/1468)

T

TANZANIA

- 1991**, woman and child reading books, International Literacy Year (S/674-88)

THAILAND

- 1987**, children and adults in front of an open book, International Literacy Day (S/1185)

TIMOR

- 1972**, front page of *Lusiads* by L. Camoes, 400th anniversary (S/342)

TOGO

- 1969**, books and map of Africa, twelfth anniversary of the International Association for the Development of Libraries in Africa (S/709)

TONGA

- 1983**, printing press, newspaper *Tonga Chronicle*, and missionary W. Woon, 150th anniversary of printing in the country (S/551-54)
1984, *Tonga Chronicle*, 20th anniversary of this newspaper (S/580-81)

TUNISIA

- 1969**, books, flag, dove (S/1461-64)
1976, child reading, publicizing books for children (S/690)
1976, open book, publicizing Arab achievements (S/745)
1989, open book with young readers, publicizing education (S/958)
1992, open book with French and Arabic inscriptions of "human rights," honoring African human rights conference (S/1016)

TURKEY

- 1969**, *Kutadgu Bilig*, a law book written in 1069, honoring its anniversary (S/1827)

TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS

- 1989**, newspaper *Saded*, centenary celebration (S/258-59)
1990, Northern Cyprus printing office (S/400)

TUVALU

- 1976**, New Testament book, celebrating Christmas (S/38)
1995, texts of Christmas carols (S/709-12)

U

UGANDA

- 1997**, open book of the constitution (S/1472-74)

UKRAINE

- 1996**, book and author V. Stefanyk (S/233)
1998, book and author B. Hrynchenko (S/327)
2000, Peresopytnysia Gospel (S/373)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- 1980**, open book and sun, Arab achievement symbols (S/109-11)
1983, open Koran, honoring Arab Literacy Day (S/183-85), but the set was withdrawn because of an error in the Koran inscription
1989, front page of newspaper *Al Ittihad*, 20th anniversary of publication (S/285-86)

UNITED NATIONS

- 1955**, open book, tenth anniversary of the UN Charter (S/35-38)
1969, books and the UN emblem, publicity for the Institute for Training and Research (S/192-93)

UNITED STATES

- 1939**, Stephen Day press, 300th anniversary of printing in the United States (S/857)
1952, Gutenberg Bible, 500th anniversary (S/1014)
1955, open book and symbols of various subjects, 100th anniversary of Michigan State College (S/1065)
1957, teacher with book in hand, honoring Teacher's Day (S/1093)
1957, Bible, quill pen, and hat, 300th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance (S/1099)
1975, early American printing press (S/1593)

URUGUAY

- 1945**, book, *La Educación del Pueblo*, by J. P. Varela, author honored (S/534)
1960, National Printing House (S/Q91)
1966, printing press, 50th anniversary of state printing (S/734)
1982, open book and two readers, National Literacy Campaign (S/1131)
1986, newspaper, *El Día*, centenary celebration (S/1215)
1993, masthead of *Diario del País*, 75th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1476)
1998, newspaper, *El País*, 80th anniversary (S/1737)
1999, newspaper, *Marcha*, 60th anniversary (S/1801)
2001, newspaper, *Ultimas Noticias*, 20th anniversary (S/1927)

UZBEKISTAN

- 2000**, various books honoring Uzbek authors (no names) (S/216-17)
2001, book of country's constitution (S/300a)

V

VATICAN

- 1961**, newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, 100th anniversary of publication (S/310-12)
1972, illuminated medieval manuscripts, International Year of the Book (S/521-25)
1980, illuminated letters and codices, honoring the Vatican Apostolic Library (S/668-72)
1991, title page of Papal Encyclopedia *Rerum Novarum* (S/882-84)
1996, illuminated manuscript showing life of Jesus Christ (S/1015-18)

VENEZUELA

- 1954**, Simón Bolívar's manifesto of 1824, quotation (S/C581-86)
1956, book and flags of American nations (S/C629-35)
1965, title page from *Popule Meus*, by J. A. Lamas, composer of national anthem, 150th anniversary (S/C 925-26)
1968, *Correo del Orinoco* and printing press, 150th anniversary of this newspaper (S/915)

1998, book from Museum of Israel honoring Israel's 50th anniversary (S/1599)

VIETNAM, NORTH (SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, before and after unification with South Vietnam)

1960, new Communist constitution (S/131)

1980, Ho Chi Minh reading a newspaper (S/1079)

1988, journal, *Problems of Peace and Socialism*, 30th anniversary (S/1994)

1994, newspaper, *Young Pioneers*, 40th anniversary (S/2529)

1998, book, *Communist Manifesto*, 150th anniversary (S/2811)

2001, book and author Tran H. Lieu (S/3071)

2001, book and author Nam Cao (S/3092)

VIETNAM, SOUTH (before 1975 unification with North)

1960, open book with symbols of family and justice, honoring the Family Code (S/128-31)

1961, book and A. DeRhodes, Jesuit missionary who introduced Roman letters for writing Vietnamese (S/170-73)

1971, farmer holding the Agrarian Reform Law book, tractors, and farms (S/389-91)

1972, book and globe, International Year of the Book (S/480-81)

Y

YEMEN, NORTH (before unification with South in 1992)

1979, open book, sun, map, honoring Arab achievements (S/354-55)

YEMEN, SOUTH (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, before unification with North)

1972, open book, International Year of the Book (S/124-25)

YUGOSLAVIA

1947, national epic *Gorski Vijećac*, by P. Nyegosh, 150th anniversary (S/215-17)

1975, *Matica Srpska*, 150th anniversary of this first literary journal (S/1232)

1979, *Politika*, 75th anniversary of this newspaper (S/1416)

1981, Serbian printing office, 150th anniversary of printing in Serbia (S/1543)

1982, *Borba*, 60th anniversary of this Communist newspaper (S/1562)

1984, newspaper *Nova Macedonia*, 40th anniversary (S/1710)

1986, old manuscripts from the fourteenth through eighteenth centuries (S/1792-95)

1986, title page of an abecedarian manuscript by a Slovenian author (S/1814)

1989, 500th anniversary of Kulin Ban charter, text on stamp (S/1976)

1990, illuminated manuscript of king's enthronement, 500th anniversary (S/2036)

1990, pages of newspaper *Vjesnik*, 50th anniversary (S/2063)

1993, *Oktoechos*, 500th anniversary of publication (S/2235-36)

1994, masthead of *Filatelista*, a stamp collectors' publication (S/2453)

2001, fourteenth-century book illumination (S/2527)

Z

ZAIRE

1971, open book and man reading, campaign against illiteracy (S/747-49)

CONCLUSIONS

Of about 200 members of the United Nations, 157 countries, representing all continents except Antarctica, have issued stamps devoted to books, periodicals, and printing, marking a significant

improvement compared to only 24 countries that printed stamps with noted librarians (*MCR*, winter 2005) and 120 countries with stamps portraying noted libraries/archives (*MCR*, spring 2006). The most prolific outputs of stamps reflecting books and periodicals were recorded in Europe, with Russia (including the former Soviet Union) contributing 31 stamps; Germany (before and after unification of East and West), 17 stamps; Yugoslavia, 14 stamps; and Bulgaria, 10 stamps. Several countries in Asia recorded high outputs: Israel, with 14 stamps; Vietnam (before and after unification), with 11 stamps; India, with 10 stamps; South Korea, with 9 stamps; and Iran and Kuwait, with 7 stamps each. The next most active continent was South America, with Chile in the lead with 10 stamps and Uruguay not far behind with 9. In Africa, Egypt had 9 stamps, and Algeria, Ethiopia, and Libya, 4 stamps each. In North America, both Mexico and the United States had 6 stamps each; Canada issued 4. Australia issued 4 stamps and New Zealand, 2. Religious texts were among the most common themes of the book-related stamps. Other stamps honored the publication of national newspapers. Another frequent theme, particularly in developing countries, was the struggle against illiteracy. More than a dozen countries throughout the world issued stamps to honor the International Year of the Book in 1972.

Once again, we urge the postal administrations of all countries to include books, periodicals, libraries, and librarians on their schedules more often and on a regular basis. These topics are the pride of culture and heritage preservation and deserve much more attention that has been given to them in the past. The American Library Association (ALA), the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA), and UNESCO should have the same agenda and energetically lobby for the above cause, which is intrinsically connected to the organizations' missions. Finally, let's keep writing to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Management, U.S. Postal Service, Room 4474 EB, L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC 20260-6756, and hope our aim will be achieved in the not-too-distant future.

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