



The Role of Ukrainian Libraries in Preserving Cultural Heritage during Wartime

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Consequences of Russo-Ukrainian War (Feb.24, 2022-Present)

Total casualties - 354,000 persons (U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, April 2023)

- Russians ~ 189,500–223,000,
 - 35,500–43,000 killed; 154,000–180,000 wounded
- Ukrainians ~124,500–131,000
 - 15,500–17,500 killed; 109,000–113,500 injured

Damage to cultural heritage ~ \$2.6 billion (UNESCO, 2023)

- **Total objects affected, 2023** - 1,582 (Ministry of Culture and Information Policy)
 - Libraries: 40% of affected - 598

Affected public libraries, 2023 - 2,361

fully destroyed - 160 ((Y. M. National Library of Ukraine, May 2023)



Cherniviv. Regional Youth Library (constructed in 1902; partly destroyed in March 2022)



Barvinkove, Kharkiv region. Village library destroyed in March 2022




Pidhaine, Kiev region. Village library destroyed in March 2022



Evacuation of Cultural Heritage

wrapping materials in craft paper; packing them in boxes; creating inventories; bringing boxes to secure areas



Conservation within the Building:
O.G. Kherson Regional Library

Protecting Buildings

Taping windows to prevent glass from shattering in all directions

Placing black-out curtains on windows, to make it difficult to identify the buildings from the air

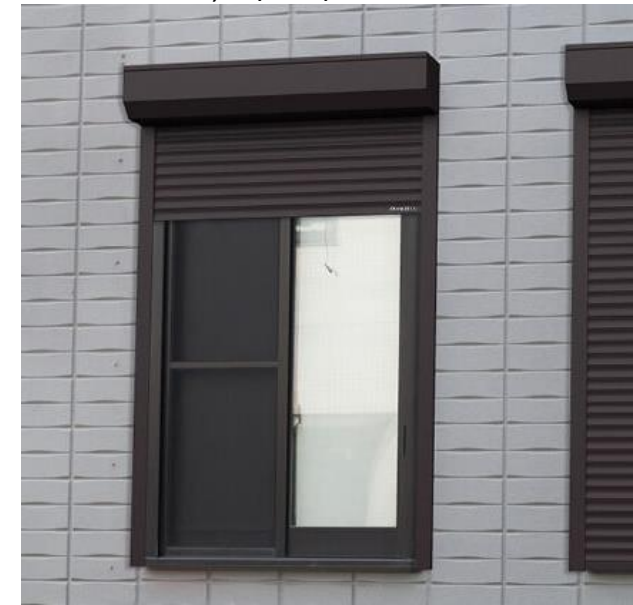
Using sandbags to protect from flood and/or fire



Lviv, 7/03/2022



Kherson, 24/03/2023



Documentation of War Crimes

Ministry of Culture and Information Policy

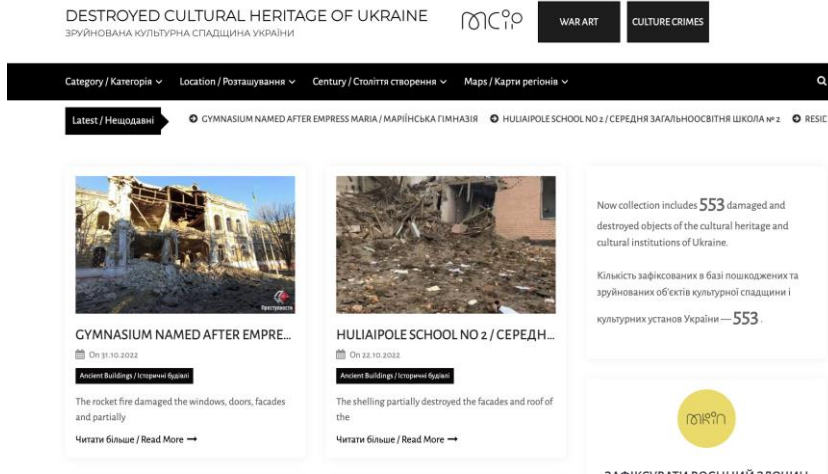
DESTROYED CULTURAL HERITAGE OF UKRAINE
ЗРУЙНОВАНА КУЛЬТУРНА СПАДЩИНА УКРАЇНИ

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Now collection includes 553 damaged and destroyed objects of the cultural heritage and cultural institutions of Ukraine.

Кількість зафіксованих в базі пошкоджених та зруйнованих об'єктів культурної спадщини і культурних установ України — 553.

On 31.10.2022

On 22.10.2022

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Збираємо свідчення злочинів проти культурної спадщини, вчинених російськими окупаційними військами на території України.

Фіксація воєнного злочину

Заповнюючи цей документ ви надаєте згоду на обробку ваших персональних даних згідно з законодавством.

National Historical Library of Ukraine

Cities and Villages of Ukraine: Losses of War Time

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Monographs:

- list of cultural objects of the cities and villages, by place;
- list of sources documenting crime,
- pictures, when available



Bucha, Kiev Region
Destroyed archive of
Viacheslav Chornovil



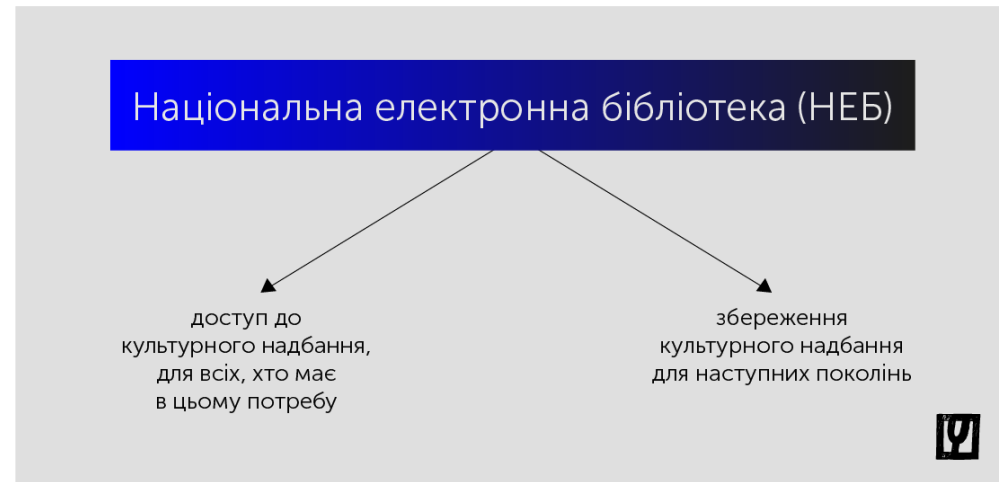
Digitization

Saving Ukrainian Heritage Online (SUCHO) donated digitization technology to over 35 libraries, offered unlimited free cloud storage



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National E-Library (NEL)



access to cultural heritage for all

preservation of cultural heritage for the next generations

Current Developments: Issues

1. Types of collections (paper/text or mixed)
2. Participants (national libraries, 9)
3. Technology
4. Standards (description; cataloging)
5. Library management platform



Experiences of Cherkasy Regional Library

Thank you!

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