

## Christian Books censorship in Journal *Knjiga i čitaoci* (Book and Readers) (1967 - 1979) by “Društvo bibliotekara Hrvatske” / “Hrvatsko bibliotekarsko društvo” (Association of Croatian Librarians / Croatian Library Association)

In this paper, the author presents the history of the Journal *Knjiga i čitaoci* (Book and Readers), intended for libraries in Croatia. As the main additions to the Journal were the lists of new books in libraries and description of selected new titles, the Journal had an extremely important role in the policy of the library's new acquisitions. In the twelve years of Journal's existence, in the lists of new books, the Journal has listed only a dozen books which addressed the topic of Christian faith, and some of these books were written by Marxists. The editorial board of the Journal considered the leader of October Revolution, Vladimir Ilich Lenin, a role model for every librarian, as he believed that the value of libraries was not the number of old and rare books they hold, but rather the number of books which promote the idea of Bolshevik Revolution. That is why the Journal advocated a "socialist librarian" – a librarian who promotes the ideas of the socialist revolution through books.

Publication of the Journal started in 1967. “Savez ustanova i organizacija za širenje knjige SRH” (Institutes and Organizations for Book Popularization Association of SRH), with “Prosvjetni sabor SRH” (The Education Council of SRH), Association of Croatian Librarians has been the co-publisher since 1968, and the sole publisher since 1970 was DBH, which, in 1971, changed its name to the Croatian Library Association. In the first two years of publishing, Vinko Lalić – secretary of the Association of Institutes and Organizations for Book Popularization of SRH, held the key role in Journal editing, followed by librarians from the Zagreb City Libraries - Božidar Adžija, Mijo Haramina and Dubravko Štiglić.

In the final part of the article, the author lists several books published by “Hrvatsko književno društvo sv. Ćirila i Metoda” (Croatian Literary Association of St. Cyril and Methodius) in the period from 1967 to 1979, about which the libraries were not informed.

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