Niva Digital Archive

The most popular journal of late 19th-century Russia

Niva (“Grainfield”), an illustrated weekly journal of literature, politics and modern life, was published from 1870 to 1918 in St. Petersburg, before being shut down by the Bolsheviks after the Russian revolution. The journal was widely read by an audience that extended from primary schoolteachers, rural parish priests, and the urban middle class to the gentry. It was especially popular among the middle class in the Russian provinces. Niva contained large colored prints of art by famous Russian artists, works of famous Russian authors, as well as articles on science, politics and culture. It also had a special children’s section as well as a section on Russian classical writers: Gogol, Lermontov, Goncharov, Dostoevsky, Chekhov and many others.

Key Stats

- **Archive:** 1870-1918
- **Language:** Russian
- **City:** St. Petersburg
- **Country:** Russia
- **Frequency:** Weekly
- **Format:** PDF, article-based
- **Producer:** East View Information Services
- **Platform:** East View Universal Database

About the Archive

The Niva Digital Archive comprises the entire collection of the journal, with more than 2,500 issues and over 27,000 articles. Also included in the archive is the supplementary publication Dlia Detei (“For Children,” pub. Jan.-Dec. 1917), a monthly illustrated magazine filled with children’s stories, poems and cartoons.

The Niva Digital Archive offers scholars the most comprehensive collection available for this title, and features full-text articles, with full page-level digitization and complete original graphics. The archive has searchable text, and is cross-searchable with numerous other East View digital resources.

**Note:** Niva was published before the Russian Revolution and was written using the pre-reform Russian orthography. To enable searching functionality, East View provides a special keyboard with non-standard Russian orthography.

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