

THE NEW SOVIET CHILD

An Interactive Exploration of Early 20th Century Russian and Soviet Children's Literature

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THE EXHIBIT

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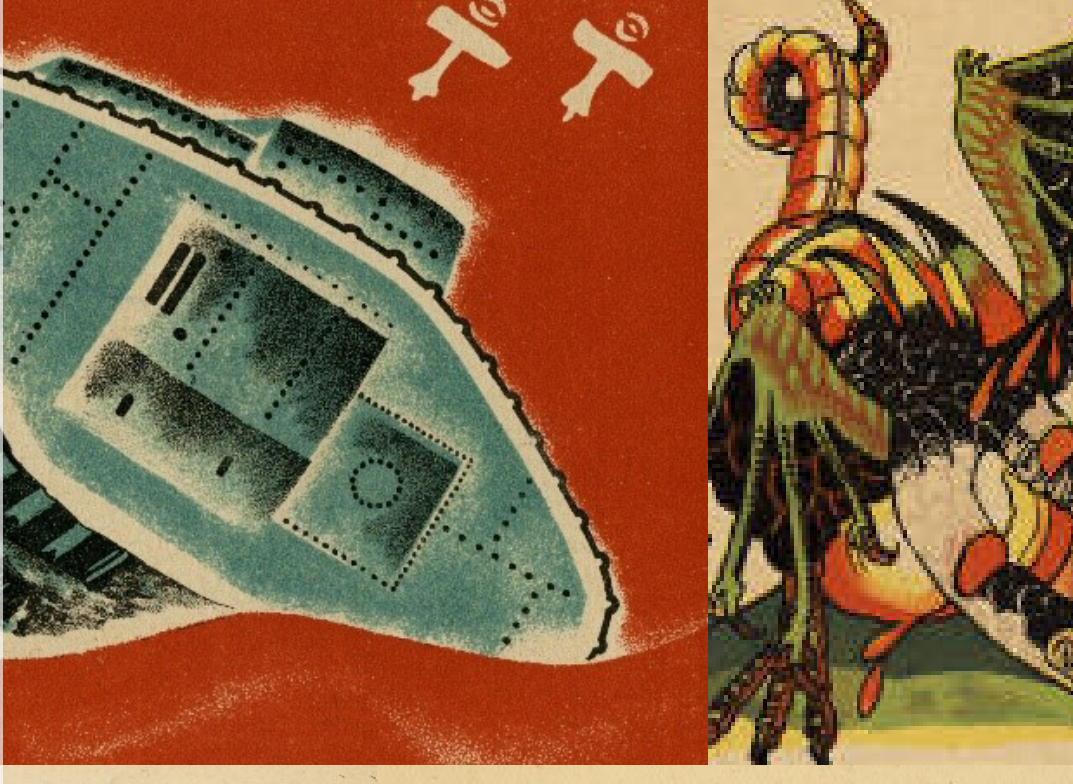
PROCESS

1 Highlight a collection of children's books of the late Russian Empire and the early Soviet Union



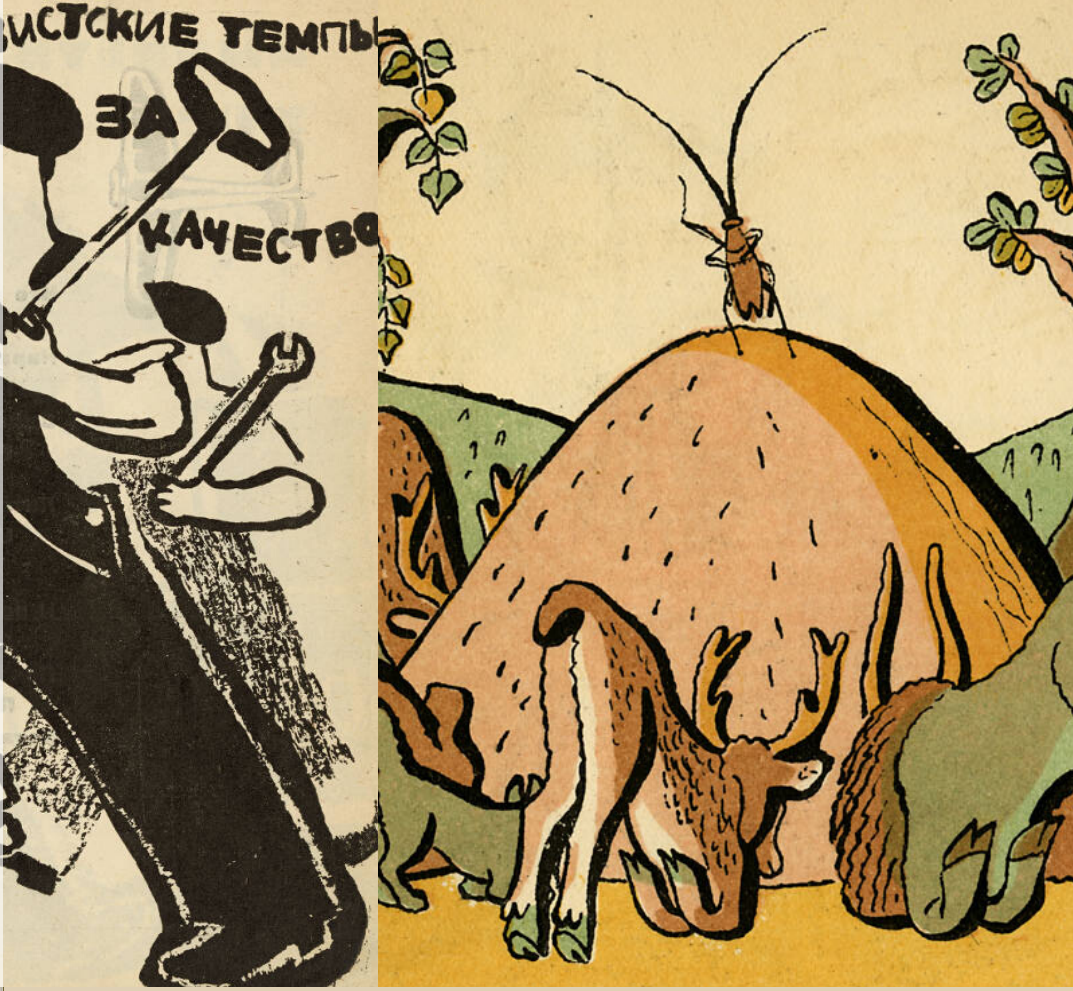
READ decade description

2 Create an interactive experience where the viewer provides feedback to decode the significance of illustrations based on decade and art style descriptions



REFLECT on image WRITE response

3 Facilitate user collaboration with the exhibit through display of selected responses



COLLECTION All of the books featured in the exhibit are from the Pamela K. Harer Russian Children's Book Collection, located at the University of Washington Special Collections.

4 Model a permanent exhibit with rotating collections after this exhibit for similar institutions

5 Encourage visitors to return to interact in the future and continue to explore collections



ADAPTATION

Initially, we planned the exhibit to be in-person, where visitors would submit written digital or physical responses. Due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19, we translated the exhibit to an online platform.

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