

L'association Hayrenik donne des livres rares des années 1800 et des journaux comme "Bahag" ou "Razmik" (Bulgarie 1905) à NAASR

et seront accessibles au public quand la bibliothèque Vartan Grigorian ouvrira le 1er Novembre 2019 à Belmont , Massachuchets USA.

Rare books from the 1800s published by Armenian presses around the world as well as precious bound volumes of Armenian newspapers from the early 1900s and other hard-to-find treasures comprise the notable donation in July from the Hairenik Association of Watertown, MA to the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR). This collection represents a significant addition to NAASR's Mardigian Library and will become accessible to the public after NAASR's new Vartan Gregorian Building opens on November 1, 2019, in Belmont, MA.

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George Aghjayan, a member of NAASR's Board of Directors as well as chairman of the ARF Eastern Region Central Committee was key to making this donation possible. "I have been a member of NAASR for over 20 years and well *Razmik* newspaper from Bulgaria (1905)

understand NAASR's importance and value to the Armenian community. As a library and beacon of Armenian Studies, NAASR is the natural place for this special collection of works," said Aghjayan.

"These rare books and periodicals are an incredible addition to NAASR's rare book library," commented NAASR's Director of Academic Affairs Marc Mamigonian. "We are truly fortunate to be on the receiving end of such a rich and diverse collection and now have the privilege and responsibility of taking care of these materials and making them accessible to researchers."

Ani Babaian, NAASR's Library Curator, spent many days this summer at the Hairenik with Mamigonian, examining the collection and selecting materials that would augment existing holdings. She has now started to catalogue this significant donation according to Library of Congress standards for inclusion in NAASR's catalogue of over 29,000 rare volumes, accessible online at www.naasr.org.



Pahak (Bahag) newspaper from Providence, RI (1913)