

***Chitalishta* and Contemporary University Education. Case Study – St. st. Cyril and Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo**

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(Summary)

The researches and the university teaching on the topic of *chitalishte* are among the traditional but barely presented themes in Bulgarian history education. At the same time, the establishment and functioning of the *chitalishta* as an active element of the system, which will organize the future of the independent state (19th century), continues to focus the interest of the researchers of Bulgarian modernity.

The article comments the contemporary teaching concerning the role of the *chitalishta* in modern Bulgarian history and culture at the University of Veliko Tarnovo, which gave rise to the necessity of realizing “Find a Treasure!” project. The results of the project and its potential for future national research are presented.

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