Wikidocks

Wikipedia Meetup assistance for "boondock" areas with no active local chapters

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Wikipedia Meetup "Boondocks"

- Using term "boondocks in loving homage
  - Former Nebraskan – born and raised :-) 
- Excited to hear about Nebraska-based technology initiatives
  - Silicon Prairie cf. Silicon Valley
  - Three areas:
    - Midwest Silicon Prairie
      Multi-state region comprised loosely of parts of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Missouri
    - Dallas–Fort Worth Silicon Prairie
    - Illinois Silicon Prairie

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No Need to Reinvent the Wheel

- Large, active chapters like Wikimedia NYC have **heavily curated resources** that are used over and over again for the Editathon events

- **Main Meetup Page**

- **Add State to Meetup Box listing**
  - [Wikipedia:Meetup Box](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup Box)
  - *i.e.*, [Nebraska](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska)

- **Use #REDIRECT**
  - *i.e.,*
  - #REDIRECT [[Wikipedia:Meetup/Nebraska/2015 03 UNO Womens History]]
  - Point **Event Page** to "main" state **Meetup Page** while event is active

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Curated Event Page Resources

- Share curated event page resources used at Wikimedia NYC Editathons
  - Infobox
  - Event information
  - Event registration (suggest Eventbrite and Meetup.com)
  - Attendees list
  - List of articles to edit
  - Editing resources
    - Online collections, local resources
    - How to edit Wikipedia
  - Wikimedia Commons category for event photos
  - Outcomes

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Post-Event

- Remove #REDIRECT
  - Delete #REDIRECT
    i.e., delete string:
    #REDIRECT [[Wikipedia:Meetup/Nebraska/2015 03 UNO Womens History]]
  - Add Event Listing
    For past events:
    * [[Wikipedia:Meetup/Nebraska/2015 03 UNO Womens History]]
Background

- Amy Schindler, Director at Archives & Special Collections at Criss Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha posted to [GLAM-US] mailing list asking for assistance
  - No Wikipedia Meetup Page
  - Using Google Docs Registration Form
- Twitter and eventually email exchange with offer to help remotely
  - Meetup Box: Added Nebraska
  - Wikipedia Meetup Page: Created Event Page
  - Meetup.com: Amy created Meetup Event Page

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Next Steps

- Share Wikipedia Nebraska Meetup Page with other technologists in Omaha, Lincoln, and surroundings:
  - Alert stakeholders to existence of Wikipedia Nebraska Meetup Page via Twitter (？)
  - GLAM entities: Possible interest in holding Editathons (？)
Suggestions?

- Streamlining process
- Capturing metrics
- Engagement
- Education outreach – to get classes of students involved
- Diversity for underrepresented populations