

# Ten ideas for editing Wikipedia: for librarians and participants at library edit-a-thons

## 1. **Link library collections**

Link relevant archive or library special collections under the "external links" section.

## 2. **Write about a topic in library collections**

Does the library have a special focus or a particularly strong collection? Use these resources to reference articles in the topic. Use major reference works and databases as sources for common topics, too.

## 3. **Add identifiers**

Add identifiers such as authority control and archive numbers to articles; add ISBNs and DOIs to references.

## 4. **Build bibliographies**

Build a bibliography of further reading in an article to point the interested reader towards more sources – include reference works, comprehensive books, and major articles.

## 5. **Write about books, journals... and libraries**

Important reference works and journals should have articles; include their publication history. Or work on an article about a library or library topic!

## 6. **Check references**

Most articles on Wikipedia do cite some references, but often these are poorly formatted or are missing information. Use databases and catalogs to double-check citations.

## 7. **Find a citation**

There are roughly 320,000 articles on the English Wikipedia that have statements tagged as [citation needed], and 230,000 articles have no sources listed at all!

## 8. **Expand a biography**

There are hundreds of thousands of biographies in Wikipedia; most could use some work. For instance, articles about authors should always include a bibliography of their works.

## 9. **Add images and video**

Can you find a free image on Commons to illustrate an article, or take one yourself? Does the library have special collections material in the public domain that can be uploaded to Commons?

## 10. **Translate**

Do you speak a second language? Try contributing to another language edition of Wikipedia, or translating articles!

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