GLAM-Wiki Engagement and Partnerships in Washington DC

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Welcome to Wikimedia DC

We are the regional outreach organization for Wikipedia and the other projects of the Wikimedia Foundation. Our mission is to promote participation on Wikimedia projects in the Washington, DC area and throughout the United States.

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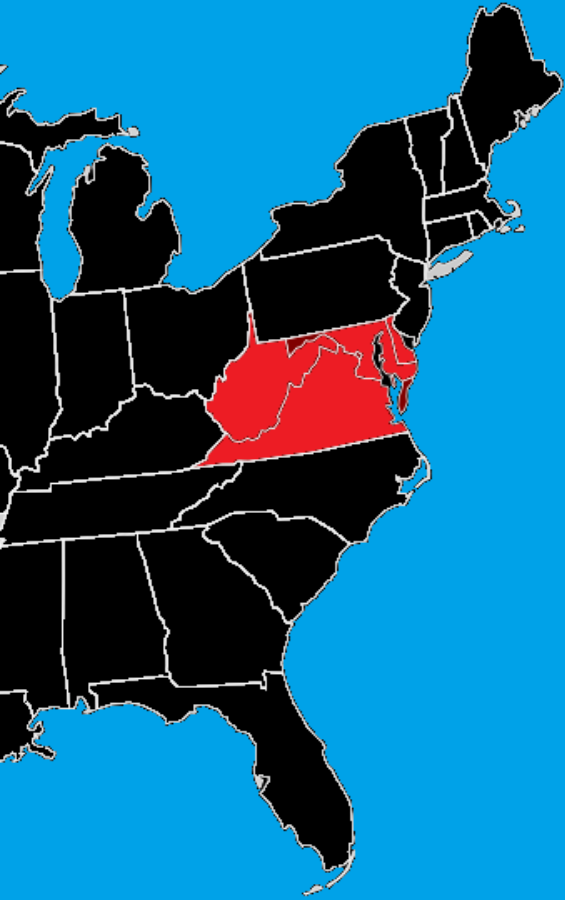
⇒ Upcoming events

⇒ Support Wikimedia DC

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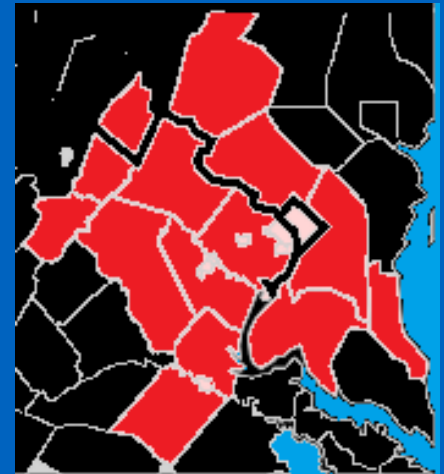Photo by Bill Woolf, CC-BY-SA

wikimediadc.org
Incorporated May 2011

Upcoming events

NOV 10   Cleveland Park Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

- Four US states and one federal territory: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia (Washington DC). 🗿 18 mil. 82k mi.²/211k km²
- DC metro area: 🗿 6.13 mil.; 1k mi.²/419 km²
- Israel: 🗿 8.9 mil.; 8.5k mi.²/22k km²

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US Government Agencies (US Dept. Agriculture, National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health, etc.)

Smithsonian Institution – 19 museums and galleries including National Zoo, research, archives, etc.

Library of Congress and National Archives (NARA)

National Gallery of Art

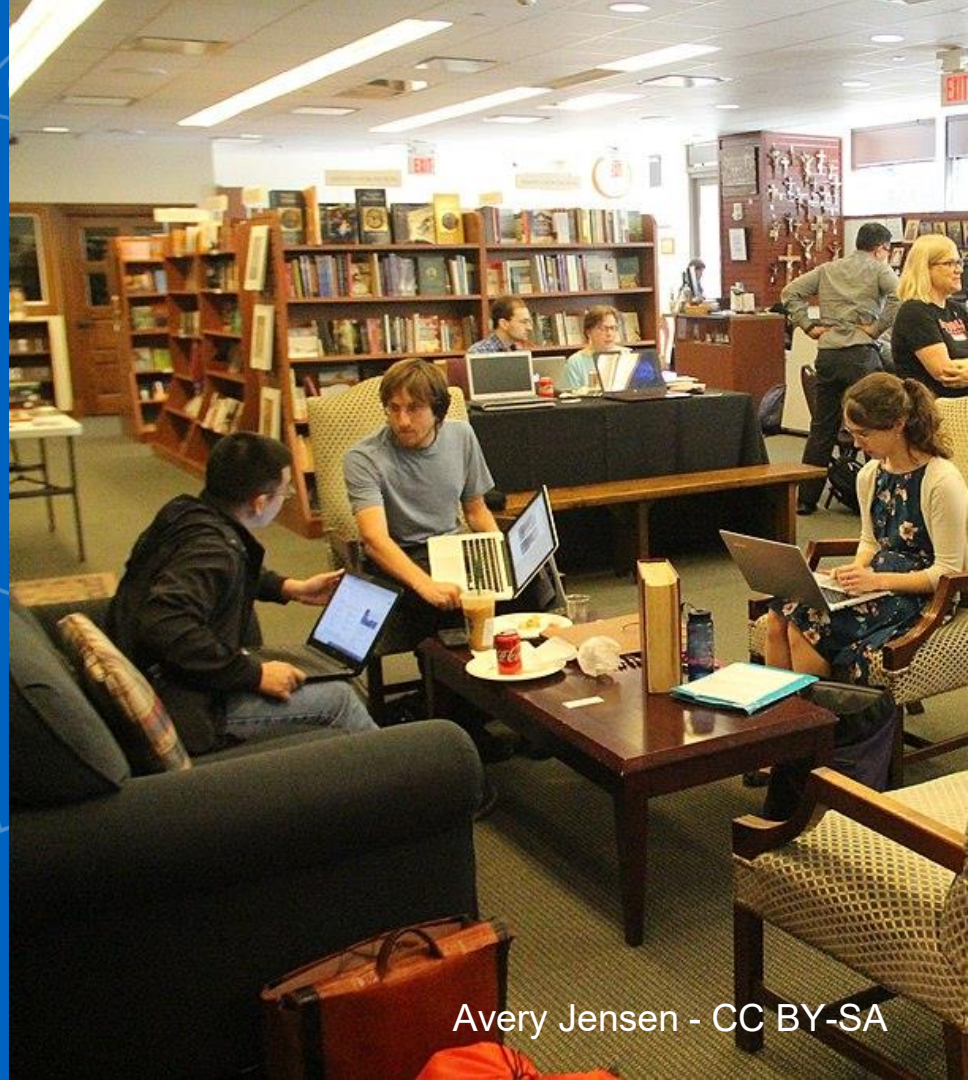**Many smaller cultural institutions, universities, etc.**

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Editathons

- **Currently approx. 2-6 events a month**
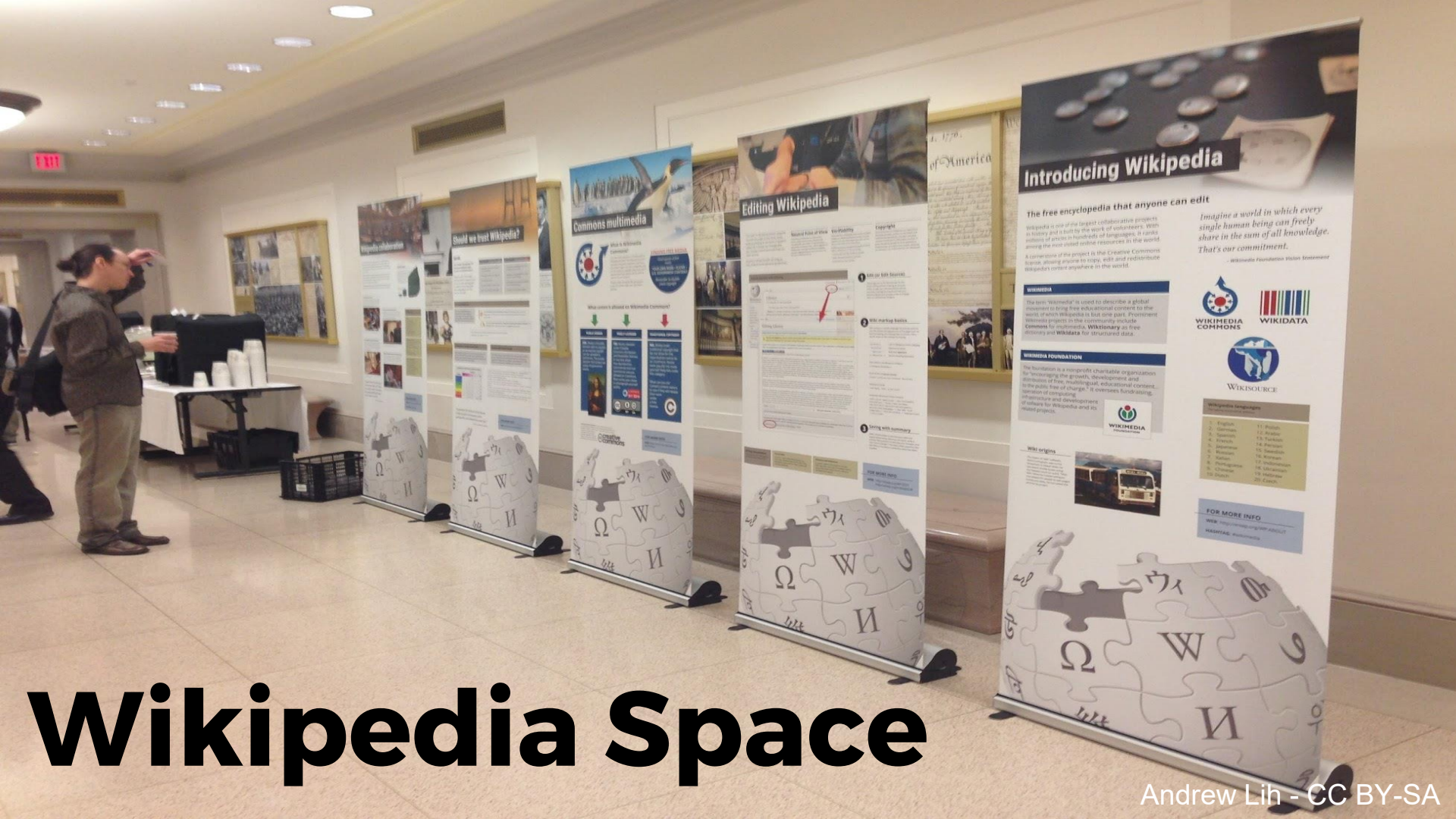- **Institutional Partnerships Manager hired May 2017**

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Wikipedia Space

[[WP:WikipediaSpace]] @ en.wp

Funded by Knight Foundation grant

Debuted at WikiConference USA in Washington DC in 2015

Four sets:

Innovation Hub @ US National Archives
Science History Institute
Local DC events
US events and conferences

WikipediaSpace 2.0: Rapid Grant for new set in 2019

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Introducing Wikipedia

The free encyclopedia that anyone can edit

Wikipedia is one of the largest collaborative projects in history and is built by the work of volunteers. With millions of articles in hundreds of languages, it ranks among the most visited online resources in the world.

A cornerstone of the project is the Creative Commons license, allowing anyone to copy, edit and redistribute Wikipedia's content anywhere in the world.

Imagine a world in which every single human being can freely share in the sum of all knowledge. That's our commitment.

— Wikimedia Foundation Vision Statement

WIKIMEDIA

The term "Wikimedia" is used to describe a global movement to bring free educational content to the world, of which Wikipedia is but one part. Prominent Wikimedia projects in the community include **Commons** for multimedia, **Wiktionary** as free dictionary and **Wikidata** for structured data.

WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

The foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization for "encouraging the growth, development and distribution of free, multilingual, educational content... to the public free of charge." It oversees fundraising, operation of computing infrastructure and development of software for Wikipedia and its related projects.

Wiki origins

Wikipedia languages

1. English
2. German
3. Spanish
4. French
5. Japanese
6. Russian
7. Italian
8. Portuguese
9. Chinese
10. Dutch
11. Polish
12. Arabic
13. Turkish
14. Persian
15. Swedish
16. Korean
17. Indonesian
18. Ukrainian
19. Hebrew
20. Greek

Editing Wikipedia

The "wiki" in Wikipedia means anyone can edit any page at any time, even without creating an account. A system called wiki-markup can change the text, format content and add links to other articles.

Anyone is invited to edit, so long as they abide by some general guidelines.

Neutral Point of View

Verifiability

Copyright

Getting started with Editing

Editing Library

1. **Edit (or Edit Source)**

2. **Wiki markup basics**

3. **Saving with summary**

Editing conventions

Talk Pages

Notices and standards

Commons multimedia

What is Wikimedia Commons?

It's a free online repository of media used in Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects that have been shared by volunteers. Commons only allows images and other media files that are not subject to copyright restrictions which would prevent them being used by anyone, anytime, for any purpose.

Pictures, video and audio files are popular, as are documents, maps and information graphics.

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Wikipedia collaboration

The GLAM-Wiki initiative (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums) with Wikipedia helps cultural institutions share their resources with the world by collaborating with experienced Wikipedia editors. It is an opportunity for experts in cultural heritage to present their collections and knowledge to new audiences.

A Wikipedian in Residence works with specific cultural institutions to help plan and coordinate collaborative work, such as direct content engagement in partnership with curators, coordination of image or multimedia donations, or organizing workshops.

The Wikipedia editing community has worked with institutions of all sizes to improve online articles about their collections and areas of expertise.

GLAM Origins

British Museum, London

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

National Archives and Records Administration

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Collaboration

Museums have the knowledge and the documentation, and Wikipedia has a global reach and a circulation far beyond anything any museum could achieve on its own.

— Liam Wyatt, Former GLAM-Wiki Ambassador
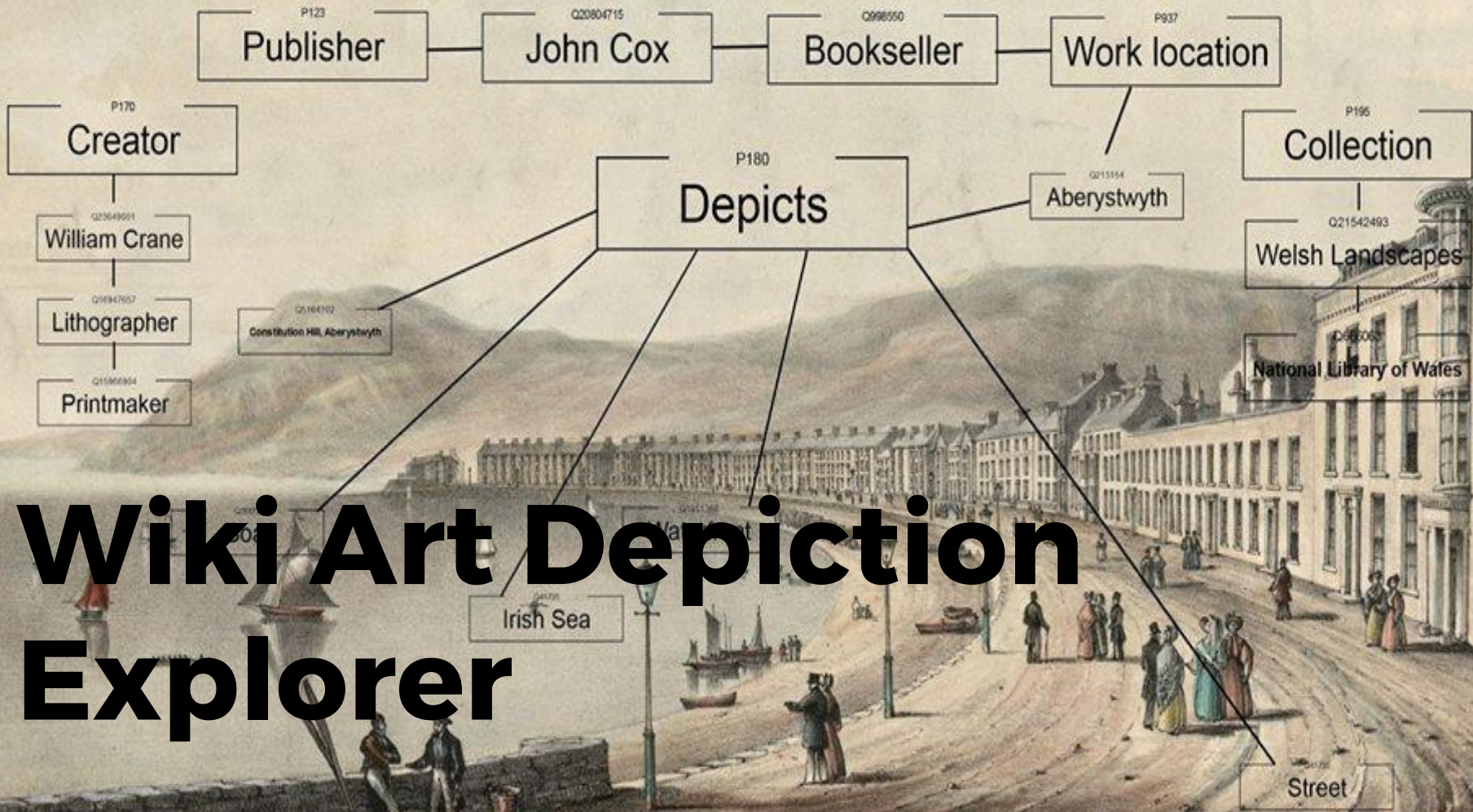
Wikimedia Boot Camps

- Held in 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018

- Attendees from all over the US, fully funded

- Strong GLAM participation and support from National Archives, Smithsonian, Library of Congress, etc.

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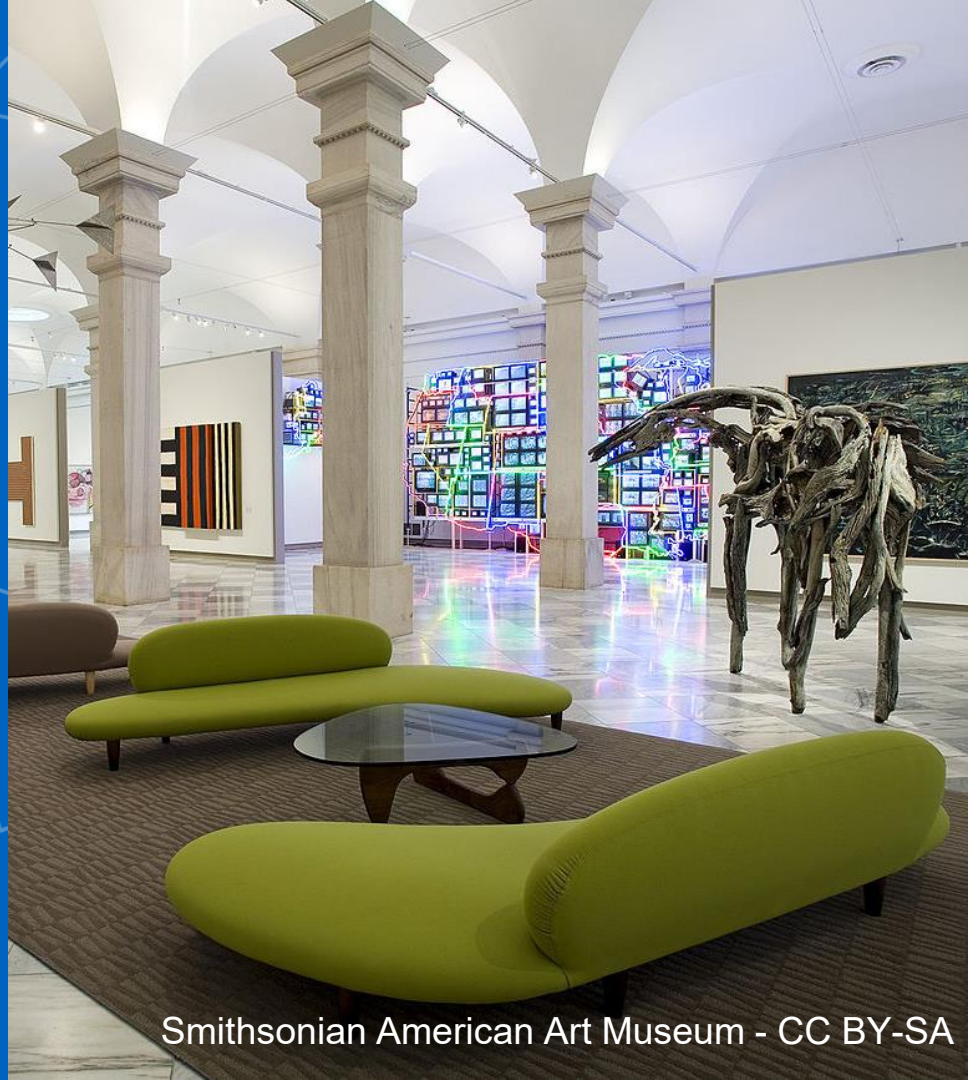
Wiki Art Depiction Explorer

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WADE (Wiki Art Depiction Explorer)

$50,000 US from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation – Knight Prototype Fund

Collaboration between Wikimedia DC and the Smithsonian Institution

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The future

- New types of events and partnerships: photo and architecture walks, data and collection donations, Wikidata projects.
- Limited volunteer capability, no office space or staff
- Uncertain funding from WMF makes it difficult to maintain capacity and momentum.

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