DC Historic Sites Wikipedia Editing Workshop

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Agenda

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- Housekeeping: Wifi, Dashboard
- Introduction: What is Wikipedia?
- Wikipedia and gender
- Basics and policies
- Create and username/Sign-in
- Article anatomy
- Let’s practice
- Other ways to edit
- Review of resources

Housekeeping

Navigate to the wiki event page.

Go to Wikipedia.org and enter the following shortcut into the search bar.

WMDC-DCPL

Bookmark this page. We will use it throughout the day.

Introduction

Wikipedia: the 21st-century encyclopedia

“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.”

-Jimmy Wales, co-founder, Wikipedia

About us

Free as in beer, Free as in freedom ... gratis et libre

Created and edited by volunteers

Overseen by nonprofit Wikimedia Foundation

All edits and versions recorded forever (revision history)

5+ million articles, 270+ languages

75k active users/month, 11k very active users/month

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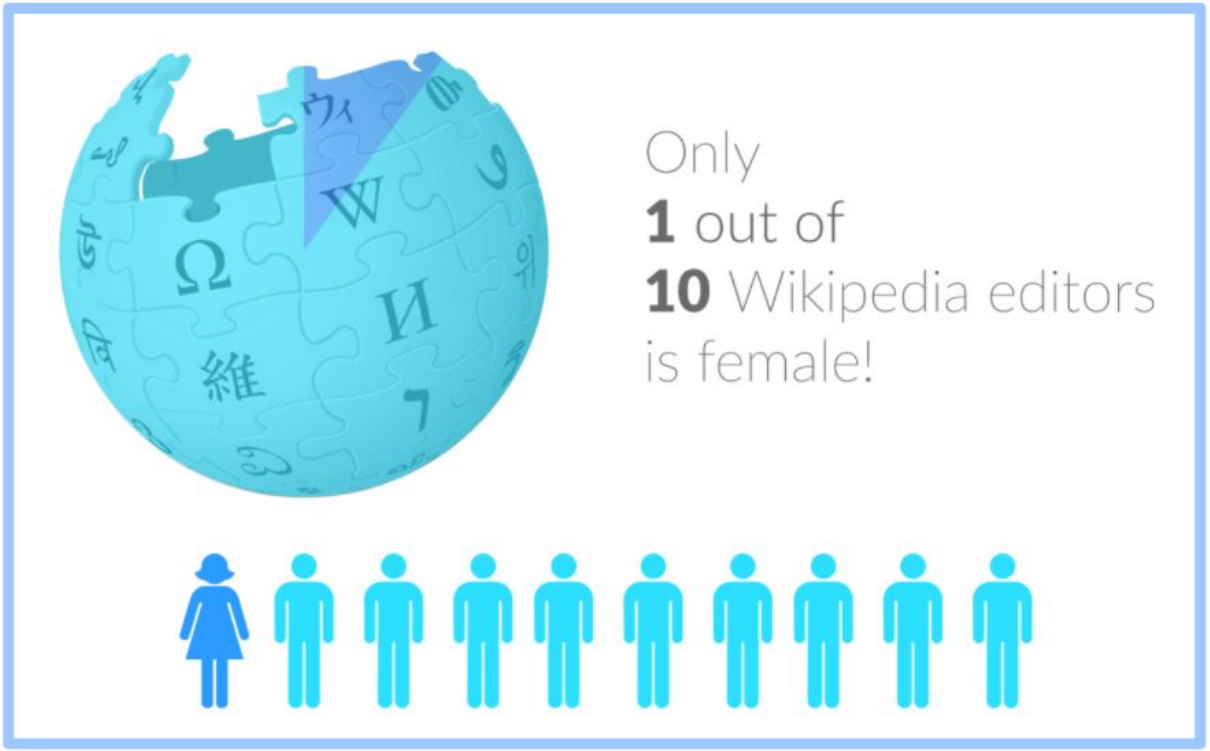
Wikipedia and Gender

Editor gender gap? Unsilence the silent



Content gender gap? Make the invisible visible

Percentage of women's biographies

1957	November 2014	May 2017
3.6%	**15%**	**16.97%**
Ramón Armando Rodríguez. *Diccionario Biográfico, Geográfico e Histórico de Venezuela*	English language Wikipedia	English language Wikipedia

How Can We Fix This?

- Engagement through edit-a-thons, training opportunities and Wikiprojects like Women in Red.
- Ideal Partners Are: Nonprofits*, colleges/universities, government entities and beyond

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***75% of nonprofit employees are female.**
These nonprofits include educational, scientific and literary organizations. It's time to engage these 'gatekeepers'.

*Source The White House Project's 2009 report, ***Benchmarking Women's Leadership***,

Basics and Policies

Wikis

- A website where anyone can edit any page at any time
- Meant to be "quick"
- Remembers all versions (nothing ever destroyed)
- Hyperlinks between pages

Wikipedia policies

- **Neutral Point of View** - written so all sides can agree
- **Notability** - significant independent sources -> importance
- **Verifiability** - Using reliable sources to reference information
- **No original research** - point to existing scholarship
- **Assume good faith** - start with congenial spirit
- **Conflicts of interest** - disclose and abide by terms of service

Create A Username/Sign-in

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia
English
5 550 000+ articles
日本語
1 091 000+ 記事
Deutsch
2 142 000+ Artikel
Русский
1 447 000+ статей
Español
1 381 000+ artículos
Français
1 947 000+ articles
Italiano
1 409 000+ voci
中文
986 000+ 條目
Português
988 000+ artigos
Polski
1 260 000+ haseł
EN
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- Arts
- Biography
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Science
- Society
- Technology
- **All portals**

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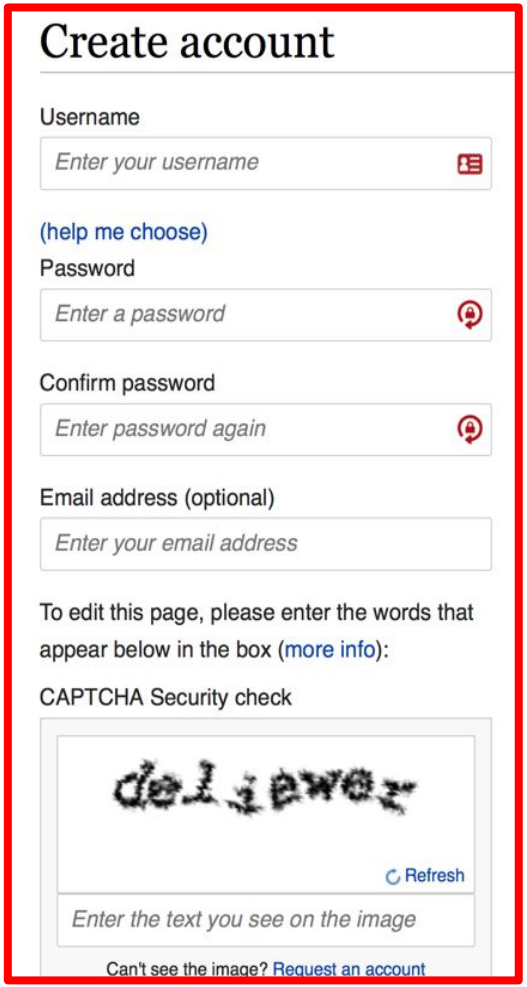
ughter of Ptolemy VIII and
became the queen of Egypt in 115
to her brother, King Ptolemy IX,
King Ptolemy X. In 103 BC,
n alliance with the Seleucid ruler

In the news

- The British construction and services company **Carillion** goes into compulsory liquidation.
- The oil tanker MV *Sanchi* sinks with the loss of all 32 crew eight days after **colliding with another ship**.

Mudflow damage in
Santa Barbara County



1. Create account and login

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Special:CreateAccount

- Individuals only; no institutional, shared accounts
- Advantages
  - Signals membership in community
  - Facilitates discussion
  - Preferences and privacy

Article anatomy

Edit buttons
Edit = Visual Editor, Edit Source = Code

Discussion

Lead paragraphs

Main photo or Infobox placement

WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

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Founders Library [edit | edit source]

A start-class article from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Founders Library** in Washington D.C. is the main library at Howard University. The building, named The Founders Library in honor of the 17 men who founded Howard University, serves as the iconic symbol of the University. Designed by architect Albert Irvin Cassell, construction began in 1937 during the presidency of Mordecai Wyatt Johnson. As the second library built for the University, the cornerstone was laid on June 10, 1937, and the building was opened for service on January 3, 1939. Today, the library houses over 1 million volumes, the Channing Pollock Theater Collection, and is the home to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.

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Founders Library

Founders Library, Howard University

Country	United States
Established	1939
Location	Washington D.C.
Coordinates	38.922306°N 77.019717°W
Branches	5

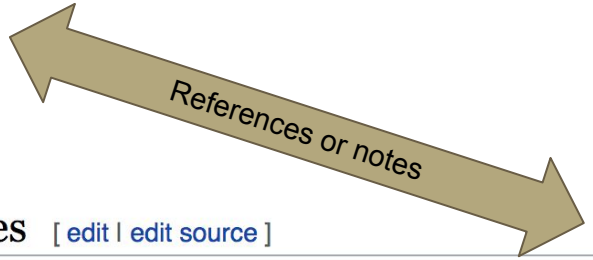
Collection

References

History [edit | edit source]

Planning Process

Discussions related to building a state of the art library on the campus of Howard University began in 1929. In that year, the U.S. Congress appropriated $1 million for the construction of the library. At the time, the university's library collection was housed in the Carnegie Library also located on the main campus. Opened in 1910, the Carnegie Library allowed for the expansion the library collection and number of which facilitated easier usage of the collection. Prior to this period, the library collection was scattered between the main building and individual libraries in each college. By 1929, the collection had grown to over 85,000 volumes and continued expanding through yearly appropriations of $4,000. The building also housed the Moorland Collection of over 3000 documents related to African and African American history donated in 1914 by Howard Trustee and YMCA executive Jesse E. Moorland. Due to its continued growth, the Carnegie Library was strained by usage at the time. Thus, a new library was commissioned.[1][2]



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Additional Sections

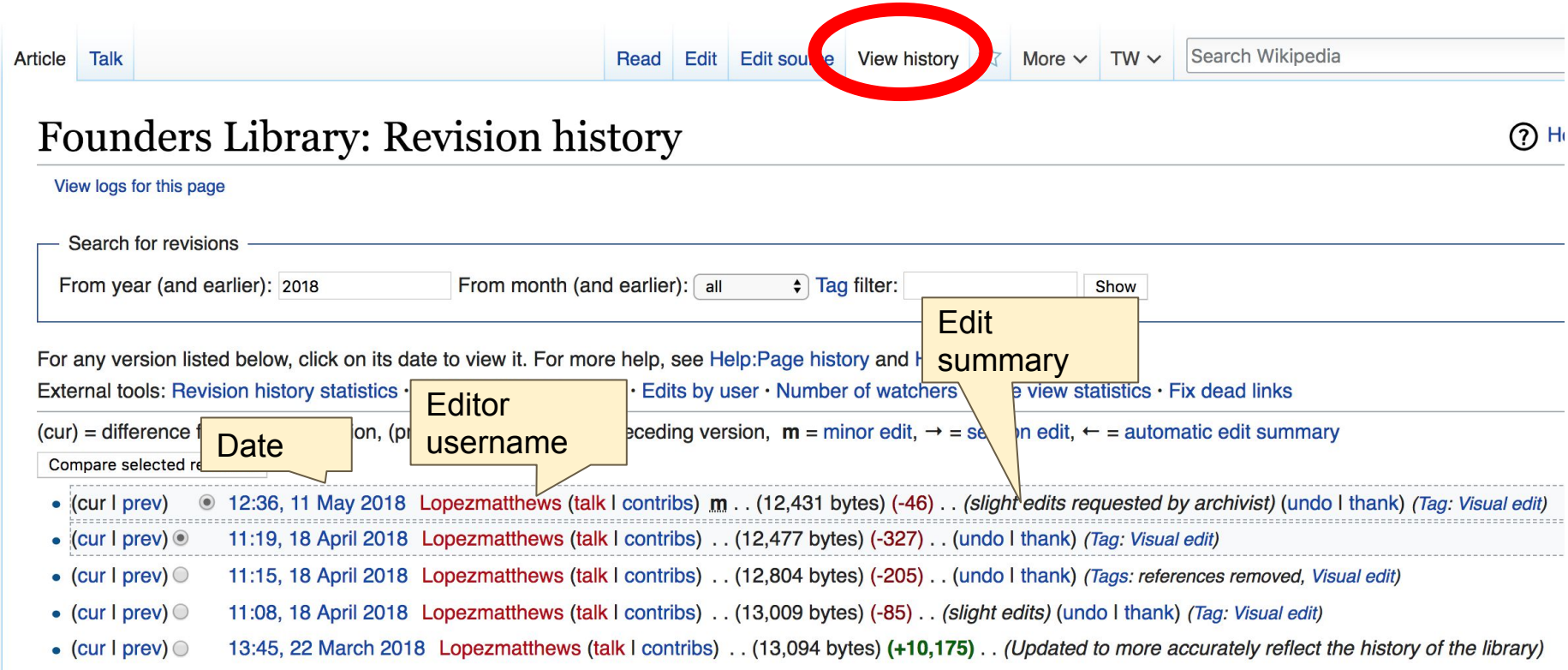
See Also [edit | edit source]

The Howard University Libraries

Howard University's Founders Library Designated a "National Treasure". *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*. March 11, 2016.

Categories (+[+]): University and college academic libraries in the United States (–) (±) | Howard University buildings (–) (±) | Libraries in Washington, D.C. (–) (±) | 1930 establishments in Washington, D.C. (–) (±) | (+)

Article history



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Talk:Founders Library

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article is within the scope of **WikiProject Libraries**, a collaborative effort to improve the coverage of Libraries on Wikipedia. If you would like to participate, please visit the project page, where you can join the discussion and see a list of open tasks.

Library and information science portal

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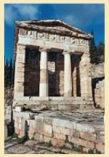

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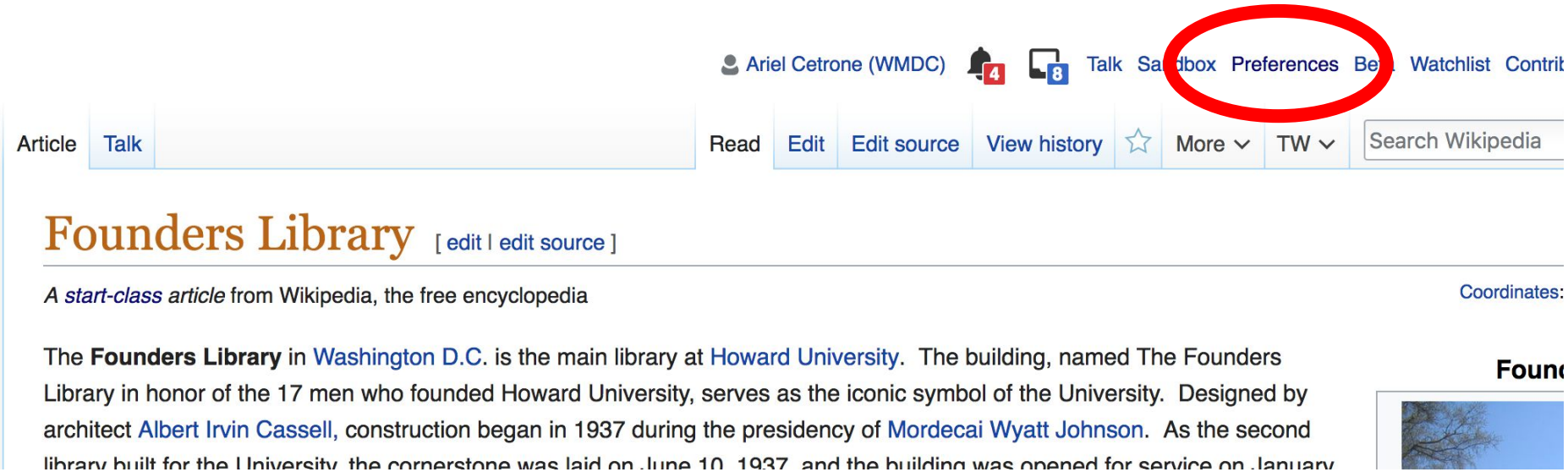

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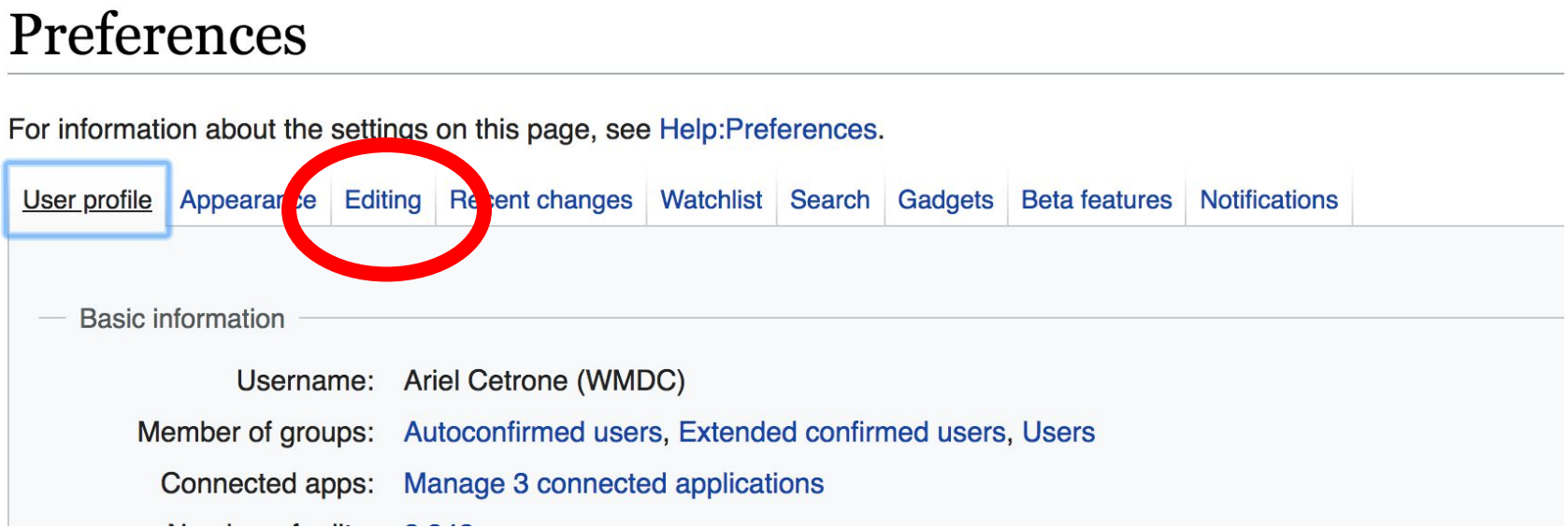

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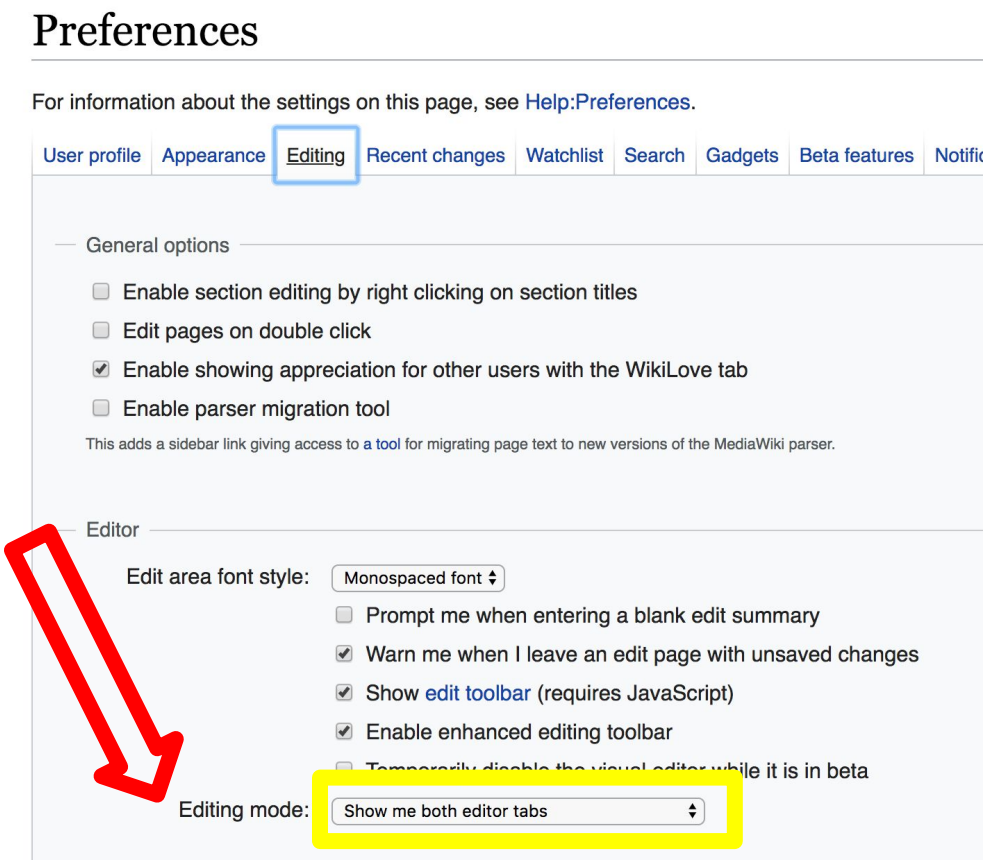


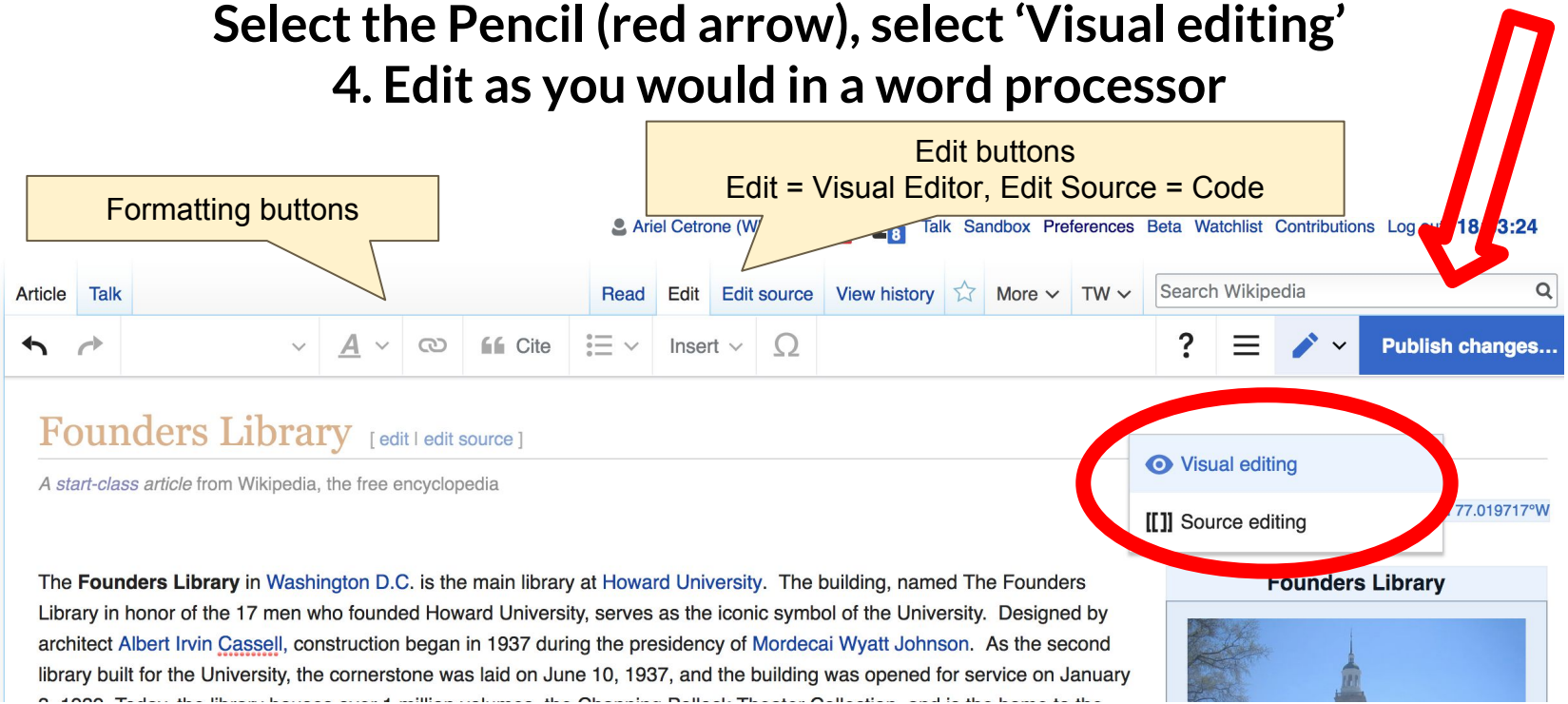
Let’s Practice...

Edit w/ Visual Editor = What you see is what you get (mostly)

1. Locate an article
2. Select 'Edit'
3. Unsure if you are in Visual Editor?

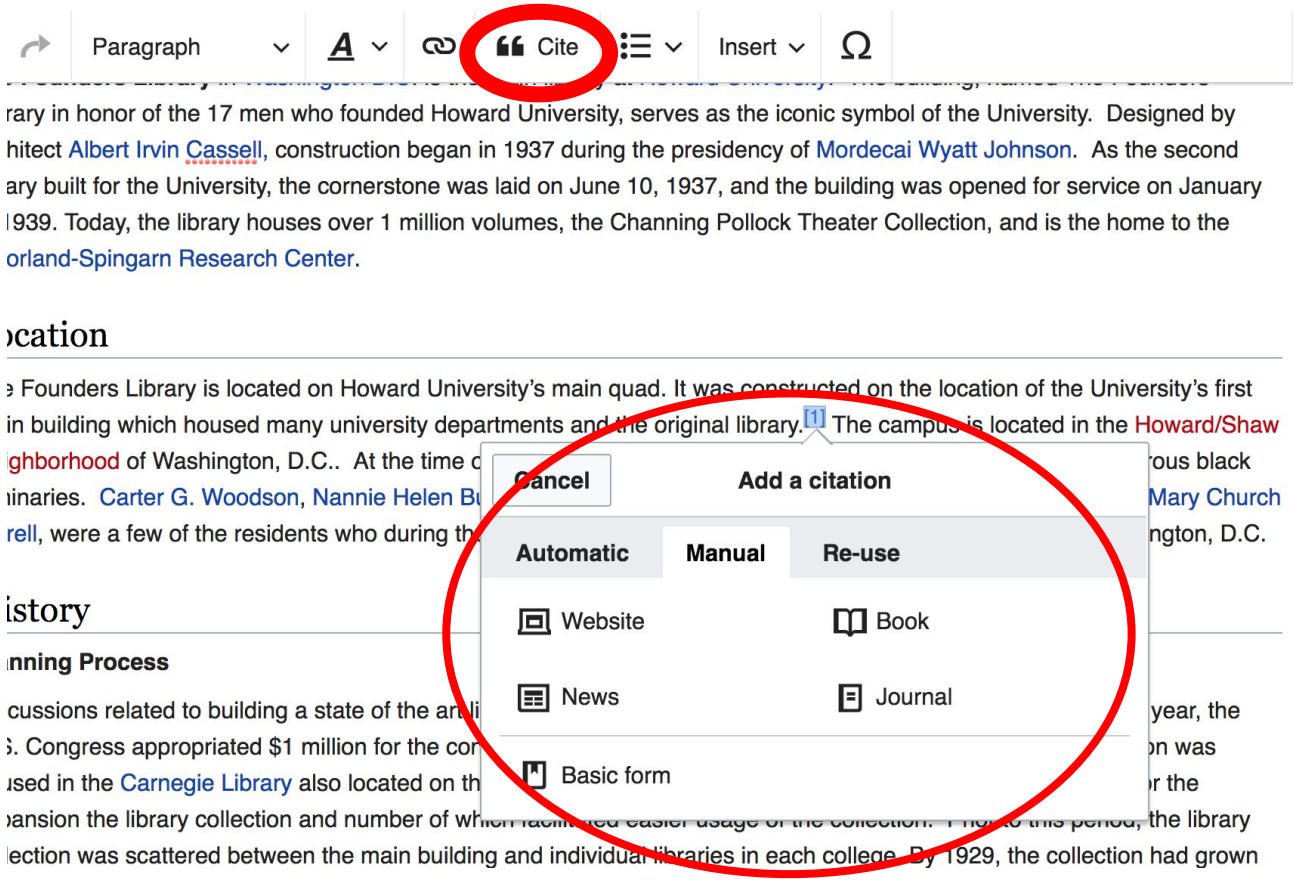
Select the Pencil (red arrow), select 'Visual editing'

4. Edit as you would in a word processor



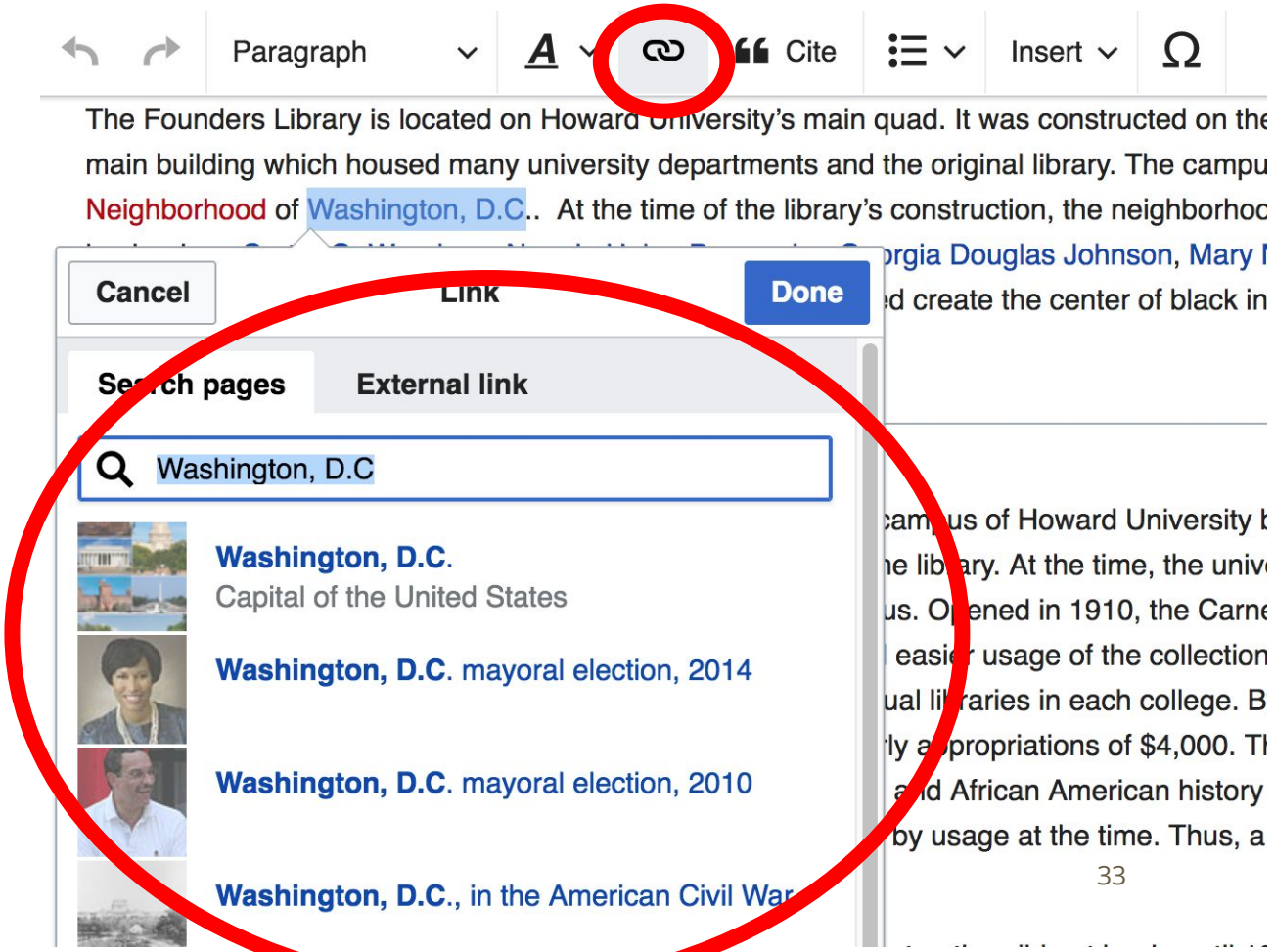
Cite your sources

1. Place cursor in desired location, select ‘Cite’
2. Follow prompts



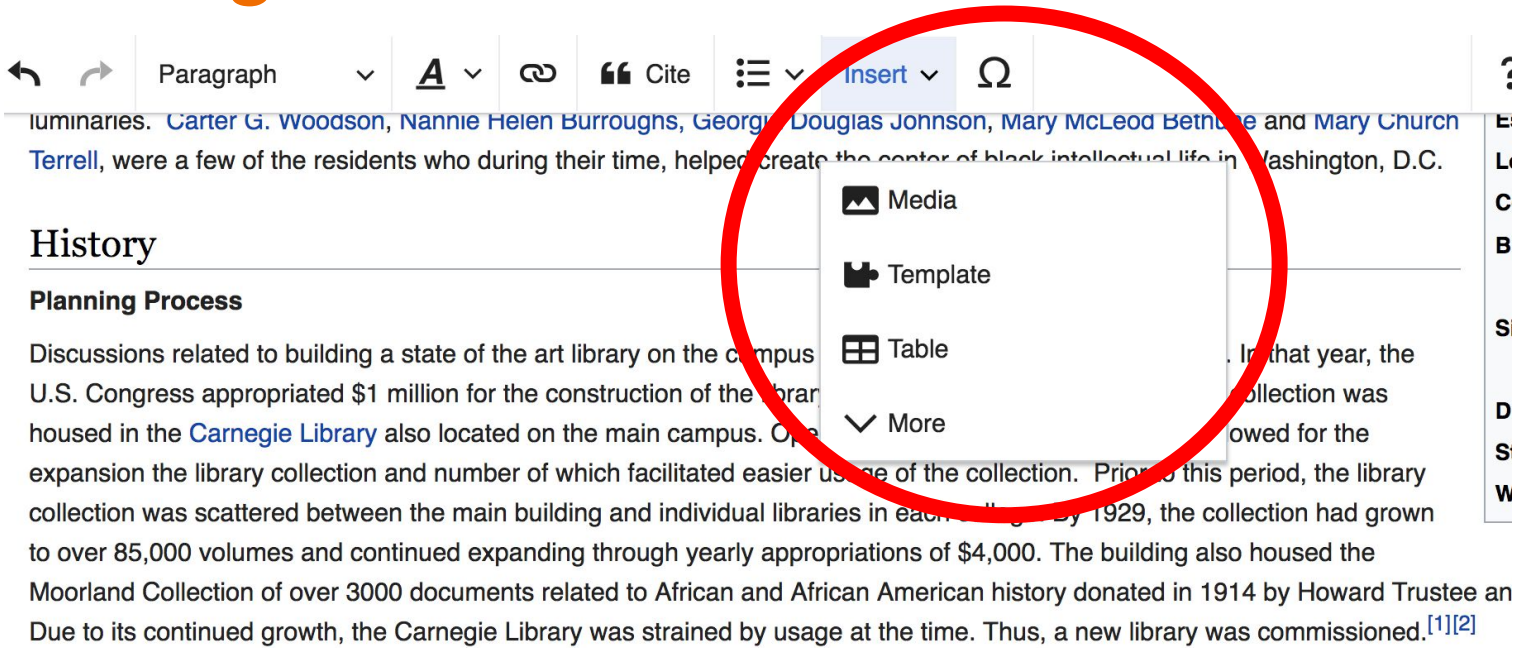
Create links between articles

1. Select text
2. Select link icon
3. Select article and ‘Done’



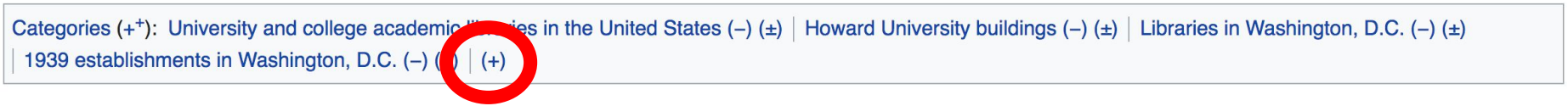
Other Ways to Edit...

Adding Photos with Wikimedia Commons



1. Place cursor
2. Select: 'Insert' + Media'
3. Enter search term
4. Select photo + 'Use this image'

Adding Categories



1. **Select +**
2. **Type the category name into the field, i.e. Libraries of Washington, D.C. Only existing categories will appear in the list of options. You may create new categories.**
3. **Select 'Apply Changes'**

Explore linked articles

- Search linked articles for relevant information
- ‘Copy and Paste’ is acceptable between WP articles as long as content is relevant and credit is given
- Also a good way to find new sources

Redirects

1. Identify target article

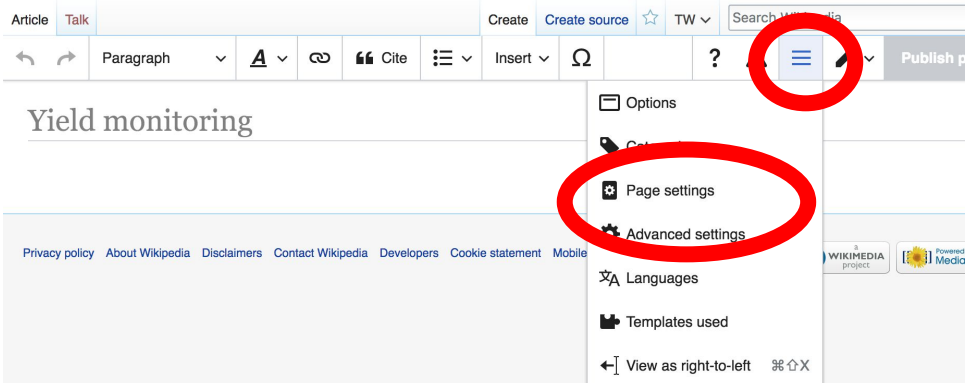
Equitable Co-operative Building Association

2. Create a new article. Name it the alias.

‘Equitable Cooperative Building Association’

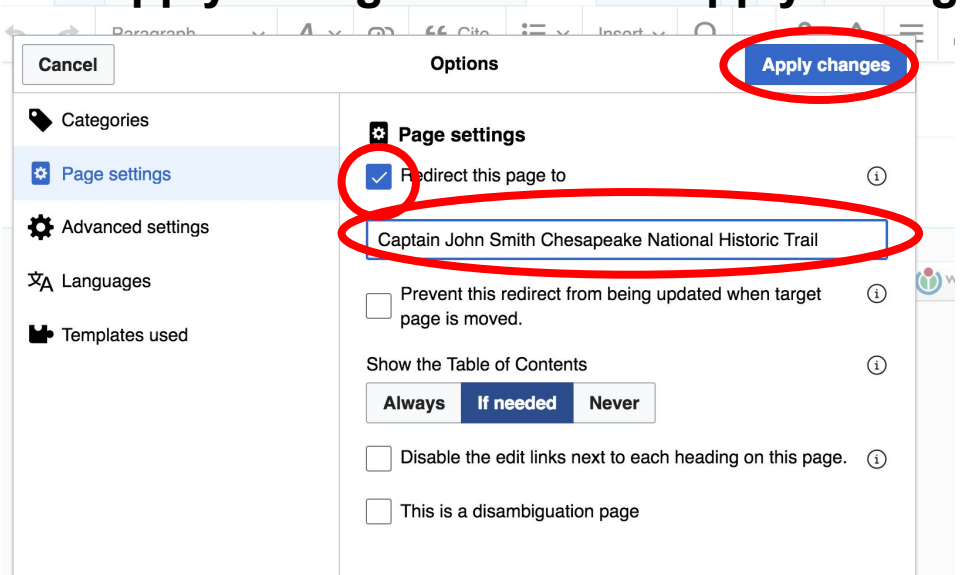
3. To Redirect, select icon w/ three lines.

4. Select Page settings.

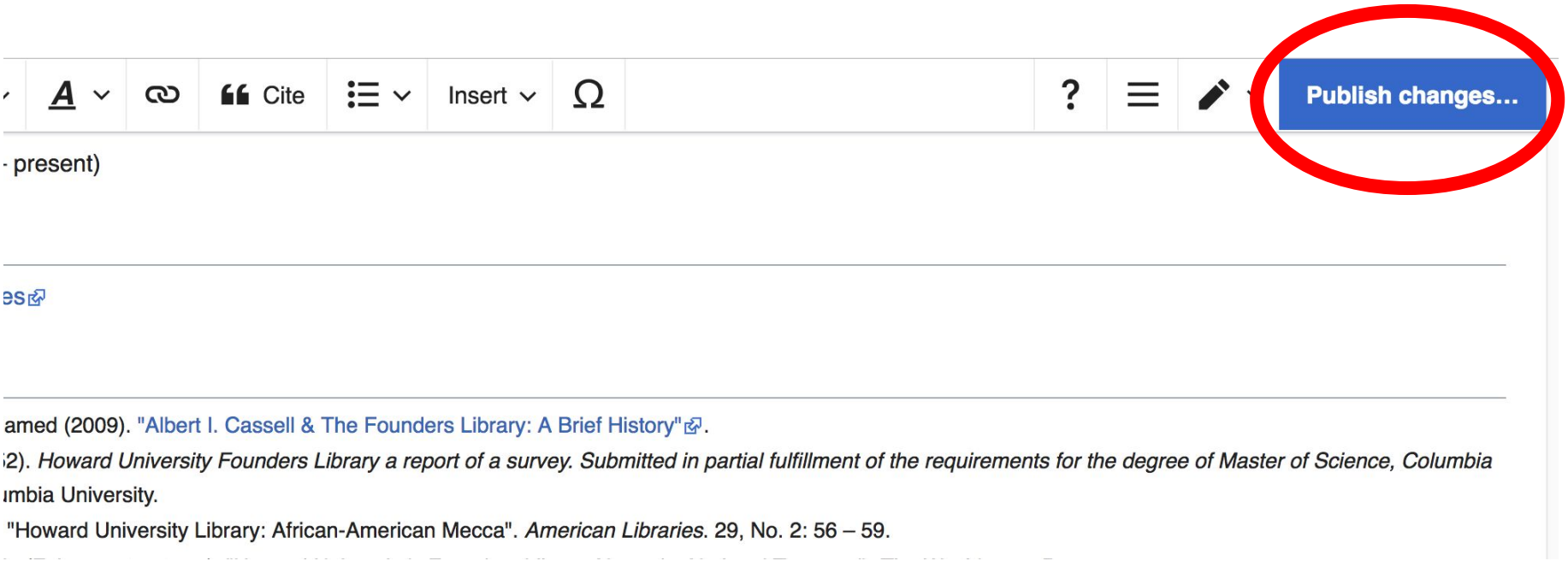


Redirects cont.

4. Select ‘Redirect page to’
5. Enter name of the target article
(Ex. Equitable Co-operative Building Association)
3. Select Apply changes 4. Select ‘Apply changes



Don’t forget to ‘Publish Changes’



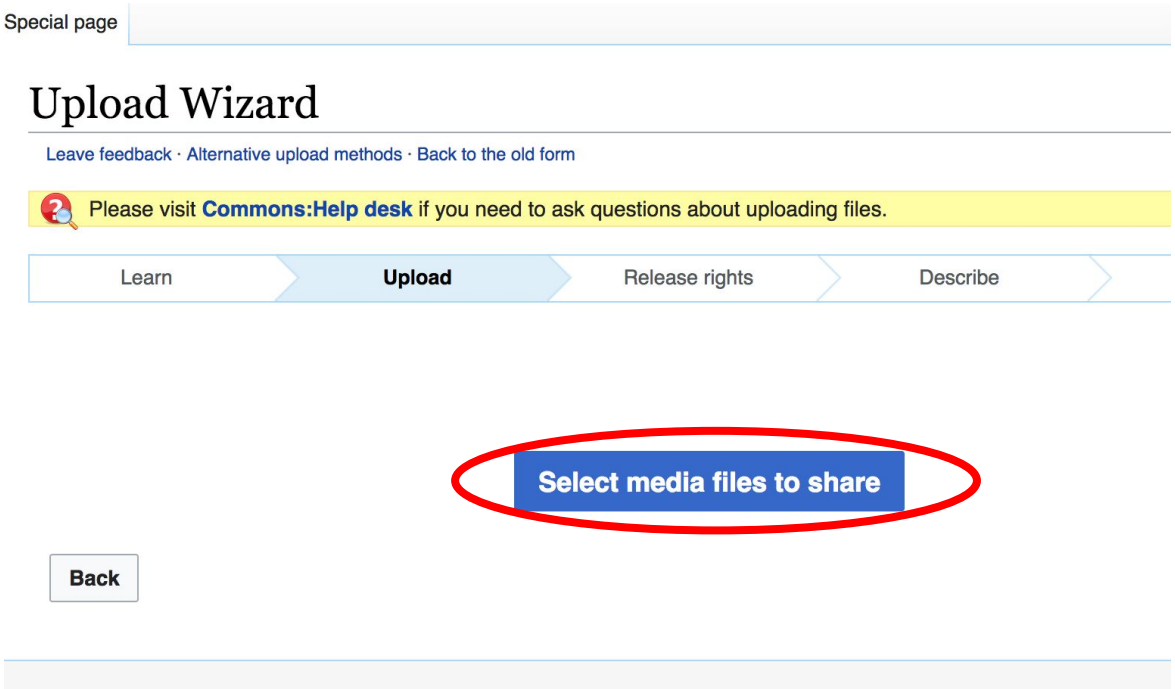
Uploading Photos to Wikicommons

Adding Photos

1. Go to commons.wikimedia.org
2. Select Upload

Adding Photos

3. Select media files to share



Adding Photos

4. Address copyright

Upload Wizard

Leave feedback · Alternative upload methods · Back to the old form

Please visit **Commons:Help desk** if you need to ask questions about uploading files.

Learn | Upload | **Release rights** | Describe | Use

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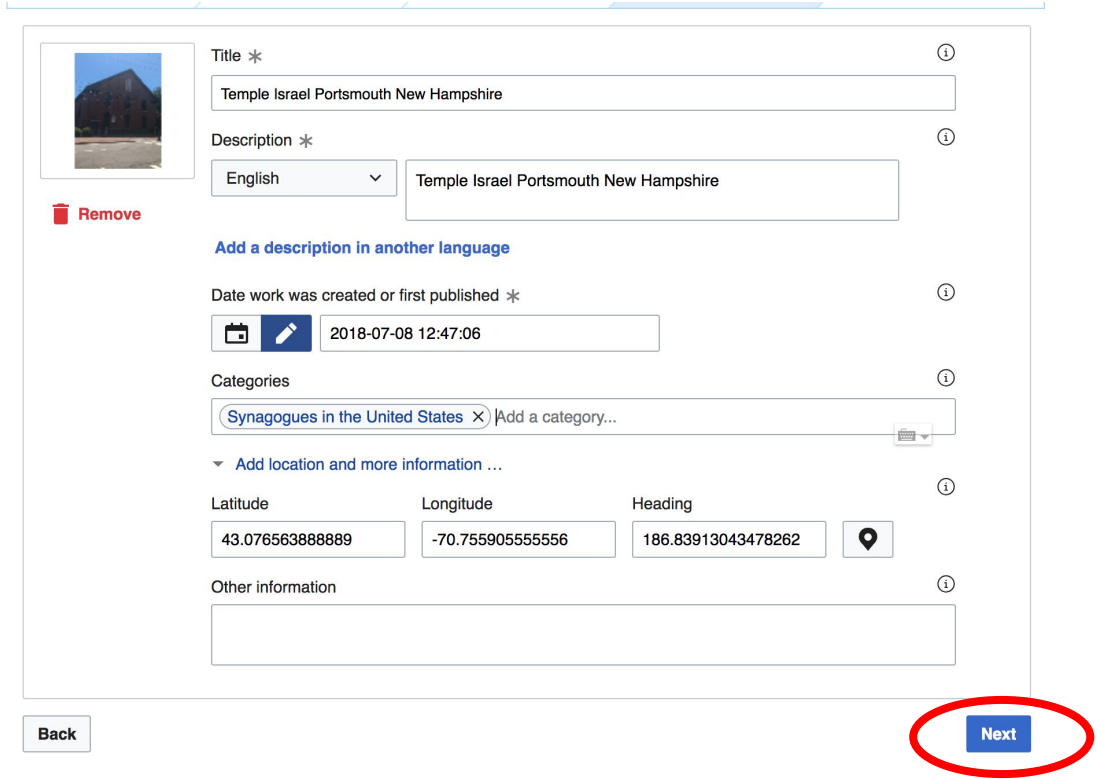
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