

# Building Sustainable Wikibrarian Community in the Global South: Library Associations as Facilitators

## WIKIMEDIA+LIBRARIES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

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# Outline

- 👉 Wikibrarian: What does it mean?

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- 👉 Need for an Active Wikibrarian Community
- 👉 Library Associations to the rescue!
- 👉 Key Stats
- 👉 Future Projection and the Task Ahead
- 👉 Conclusion

# Who is a Wikibrarian?

## Wikimedian+Librarian = Wikibrarian

- Librarians who engage in Wikimedia activities
- Librarians who use Wikimedia projects to promote library services
- Wikipedia editing, organizing 1Lib1Ref Campaign, using Wikipedia to teach information literacy amongst others

# Why Wikibrarian Community?

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- ▶ **Wikimedia Projects are Community driven projects**
- ▶ **Wikibrarian Community gives room for knowledge sharing**
- ▶ **Having a Community promote activism**
- ▶ **It allows for community projects. Not all projects are suitable for individuals**

## **Bring Library Association into the Picture**

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Library associations can play a vital role in building a Wikibrarian community through:

- ✓ **Collaboration with Wikimedians e.g. NLA Edo State**
- ✓ **Organizing Wikimedia events for their community e.g. AfLIA**



**Nigerian Library Association**  
**Edo State Chapter**



PRESENTS:  
**Wikipedia**  
**"TRAIN THE TRAINER"**  
**WORKSHOP FOR**  
**LIBRARIANS**

**Tues.**  
**22nd**  
**March, 2022**

**Time: 9:00 am**

 **Faculty of Law E-Library, Benson Idahosa University, Ugor, Edo State.**



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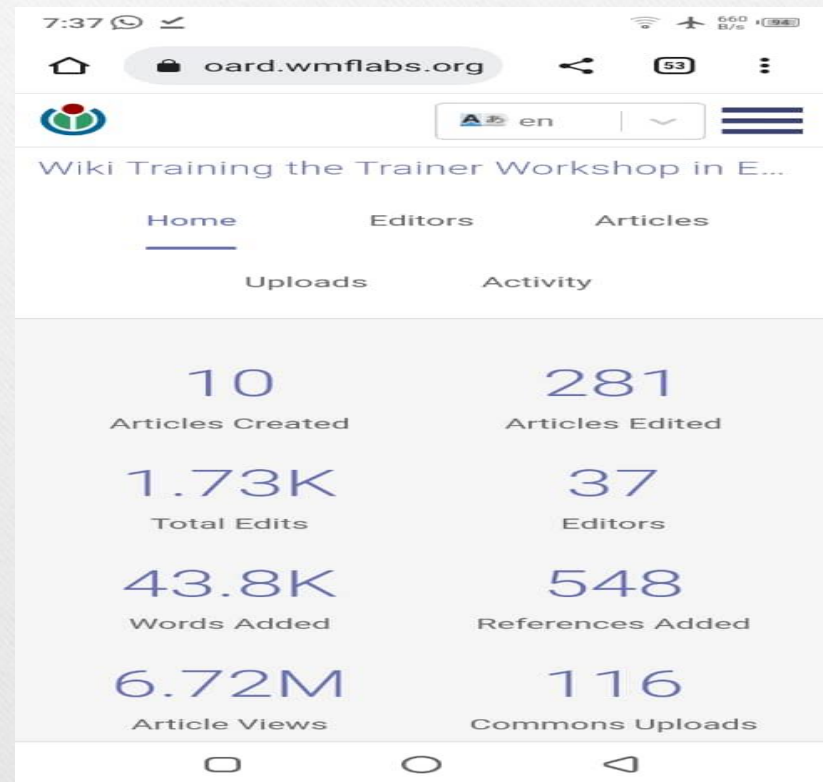
[AfLIACon](https://twitter.com/AfLIACon)



[AfLIA](https://www.youtube.com/AfLIA)

# KEY STATS: Wikipedia Train-the-Trainer Workshop

- ✓ Total Participants = 37
- ✓ Newly recruited = 20+
- ✓ Articles Edited = 281
- ✓ References added = 548



# KEY STATS: African Librarians' Week

- Total Edits: 27,846
- Total Articles Edited: 3,946
- References added: 10, 055
- Active Participants: 241
- Words Added: 660,539

Source: <https://web.aflia.net/recap-aflibwk-campaign-key-stats-outcomes-and-top-contributors/>





## THE MISSING LINK

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*The process of building a Wikibrarian community is exciting yet tasky. However, bringing library associations into the picture makes the job less tasky.*

THANK YOU