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?
☆ 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?

- 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
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

Time: 9:00am

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

Promoting Open Knowledge Practices in African Libraries through Wikidata

Project sponsored by the Wikimedia Foundation.
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

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