

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 improvement in partnership with curators, coordination of image or multimedia donations, or organizing visits/events.

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

British Museum, London

In 2010, Liam Wyatt served as the first Wikipedian in Residence at the British Museum. His five week term marked the start of the GLAM-Wiki movement by bringing together curators and local Wikipedians to improve articles about museum objects such as the Rosetta Stone and the Hoxne Hoard.



The Children's Museum of Indianapolis

drawings shows a Dürer print block to Wikipedia editors.

The world's largest children's museum has the longest-serving Wikipedian in Residence, Lori Byrd-McDevitt, who started in August 2010. As the recognized expert on "open authority" and museums, her innovative cross-generational Wikipedia programs include a QR code project that showcases the most notable objects in the museum.



Lori Byrd-McDevitt shows how QR codes link relevant Wikipedia articles to the museum's artifacts.

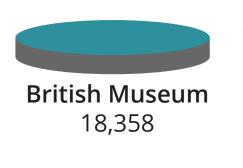
Museums have the knowledge and the documentation, and Wikipedia has a global reach and a circulation far beyond anything any museum could achieve on its own.

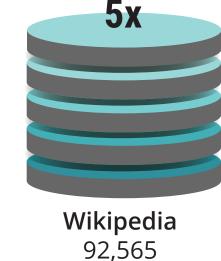
– Josep Serra, Director, Museu Picasso

GLAM Origins

The British Museum realized the number of visitors to the Wikipedia article on the most-visited object in their collection was five times greater than the traffic to their own web site. This convinced museum curators to work with Wikipedia editors as an "extension of our community programme."

Traffic to pages related to the Rosetta Stone, October 2009





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Smithsonian American Art Museum

Sara Snyder, the museum's chief of media and technology has been a catalyst for Wikipedia engagement with other parts of the Smithsonian Institution, as well as with US federal agencies, museums, archives and libraries in Washington D.C. (Pictured with Smithsonian Secretary G. Wayne Clough)



Sara Snyder looks on with Smithsonian Secretary G. Wayne Clough at the Luce and Lunder Wikipedia edit-a-thon in 2013.

National Archives and Records Administration

NARA's full-time Wikipedian in Residence Dominic Byrd-McDevitt has worked to make the vast U.S. government holdings more accessible. He has coordinated the upload of tens of thousands of images, including works by renowned photographer Ansel Adams.



At a NARA edit-a-thon, American University professor Andrew Lih works with student Bailey Edelstein to scan documents for Wikipedia.

Collaboration

A partial list of international institutional partners

Cultural

Smithsonian Institution
Museum of Modern Art
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Walters Art Museum
Brooklyn Museum
British Museum
Victoria and Albert Museum
Château de Versailles, France
Museo Picasso, Spain

Libraries and Archives

National Archives and Records Administration
Library of Congress
New York Public Library
Metropolitan New York Library Council
OCLC
British Library
National Library of Scotland
Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Egypt

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National Institutes of Health
Centers for Disease Control
Cochrane Collaboration
Chemical Heritage Foundation
Consumer Union/Consumer Reports
University of California system
Harvard University
Wiki Education Foundation

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