

Digital Storytelling through the WeChangEd Stories App

Multimedia Biographies Powered by Linked Open Data

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Our Collaboration

- We began collaborating on a Wikidata-powered app for Yale University Library in 2017
- Created our multimedia front-end application [Sciencestories.io](https://sciencestories.io) in 2018
- Partnering with WeChangEd since July, 2019 making our front end framework available for other projects to reuse

- A strategy for data structuring that makes use of [Resource Description Framework \(RDF\)](#) and allows your data to be combined with other data already on the web.
- Further reading: [Linked data for libraries, archives and museums: how to clean, link and publish your metadata](#)



WIKIDATA

This knowledge base of structured data is:

- Machine-readable linked open data
- Editable by anyone with Internet access
- Designed to support both human and algorithmic curation
- Fully-versioned wiki

Items, properties, unique identifiers

Item Discussion

Isabella Beeton (Q287665)

English journalist, publisher and writer

Mrs Beeton | Isabella Mary Beeton | Isabella Mayson | Isabella Mary Mayson

[+ In more languages](#)

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Isabella Beeton	English journalist, publisher and writer	Mrs Beeton Isabella Mary Beeton Isabella Mayson Isabella Mary Mayson
French	Isabella Beeton	No description defined	Mrs Beeton
German	Isabella Beeton	englische Kochbuchautorin (1836-1865)	Mrs Beeton
Scots	No label defined	No description defined	

All entered languages


Statements

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Isabella Beeton, by Mauil & Polyblank.jpg
1,110 × 1,474; 490 KB

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sex or gender [edit](#)

Wikipedia (14 entries) [edit](#)

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- de [Isabella Beeton](#)
- en [Isabella Beeton](#)
- es [Isabella Beeton](#)
- fi [Isabella Beeton](#)
- fr [Isabella Beeton](#)
- he [איזבלה בייטון](#)
- it [Isabella Beeton](#)
- ja [イザベラ・ビートン](#)
- pl [Mrs Beeton](#)
- ru [Бейтон, Изабелла](#)
- simple [Mrs Beeton](#)
- sv [Isabella Beeton](#)
- uk [Ізабелла Біттон](#)

Wikibooks (0 entries) [edit](#)

Wikinews (0 entries) [edit](#)

Wikiquote (0 entries) [edit](#)

Wikisource (1 entry) [edit](#)

[en](#) [Author:isabella Mary Beeton](#)

Wikiversity (0 entries) [edit](#)

Wikivoyage (0 entries) [edit](#)

Wiktionary (0 entries) [edit](#)

Other sites (1 entry) [edit](#)

[commons](#) [Isabella Beeton](#)

Figure 1: Isabella Beeton in Wikidata

- Developed by the [GeneWiki team](#) from the [Su Lab](#) at Scripps Research Institute
- Python package that supports interacting with Wikidata via the API and SPARQL
- Available [here](#)

Exploring Isabella Beeton's item in Wikidata

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Figure 3: Isabella Beeton in Wikidata

How Can We Use Wikidata?

- Additional pathways into our projects
- Crosswalk between authorities
- Public SPARQL endpoint for queries

Archives containing materials related to WeChangEd people

- After aligning data with Wikidata we may find more research opportunities
- What archives hold material related to these people?
- Wikidata has records of 86 different archival holdings related to WeChangEd
- [Try this query!](#)

Aligning a Dataset with Wikidata Helps Us Find More Data

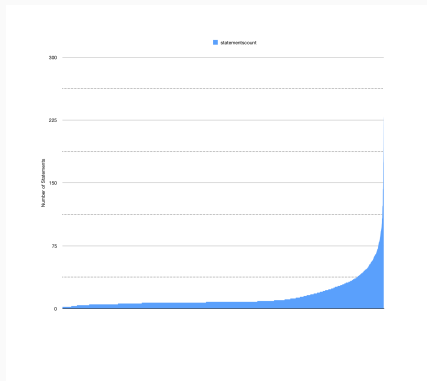


Figure 4: Count of statements per item

- On average we created 7 statements per item
- After alignment, they have dozens or hundreds of statements
- [Try this query!](#)

Pathways back to library and archival collections

The screenshot shows the library's search results page. At the top left is the logo for 'UNIVERSITEIT GENT BIBLIOTHEEK'. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Libraries', 'Databases', and 'About'. On the right, there are links for 'Sign in', 'NL', and 'EN'. A search bar contains the text 'Dictionnaire des femmes belges' and a 'Search collections' button. Below the search bar, the breadcrumb path is 'Home / Search Results / Dictionnaire des femmes belges : XIXe et XXe si...'. The main content area features a book cover for 'Dictionnaire des femmes belges : XIXe et XXe siècles' by Eliane Gubin and Marie-Sylvie Dupont-Bouchat, published in 2006. To the right of the book information are buttons for 'Next »', 'Services', and 'Reference details'. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'More from' with links to 'Eliane Gubin' and 'Marie-Sylvie Dupont-Bouchat', and 'More about' with a link to 'Women French Belgium Dictionaries'.

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Eliane Gubin, Marie-Sylvie Dupont-Bouchat

Published in 2006 in Brussels by Editions Racine

Next »

Services

Reference details

More from

- > [Eliane Gubin](#)
- > [Marie-Sylvie Dupont-Bouchat](#)

More about

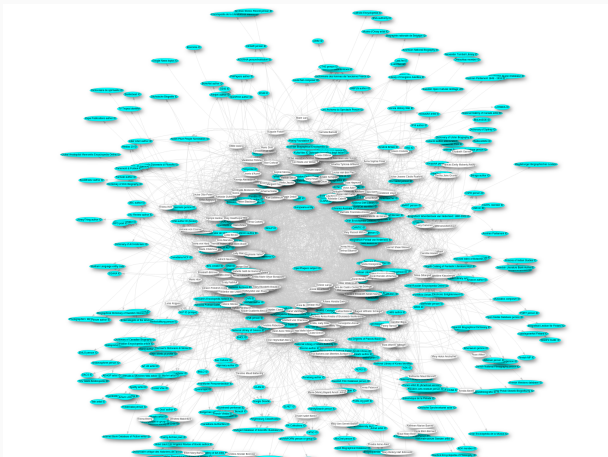
- > [Women French Belgium Dictionaries](#)

Figure 5: Sourcing claims to print reference materials

- The WeChangEd data set had entries for VIAF and ISNI identifiers
- Further reading: [Wikidata as a linking hub for knowledge organization systems? Integrating an authority mapping into Wikidata and learning lessons for KOS mappings](#)

WeChangEd External Identifiers Web

- After aligning with Wikidata this is the graph of current identifiers for WeChangEd editors



Creating a Front-end App with Stories Services

- Reuse data from multiple items
- Present specific views of Wikidata data
- Include your multimedia resources
- Customize the UI for use cases
- Encourage users to explore your data

- **Combine** data from Wikidata with materials from institutional collections or your files
- **Present** Wikimedia Commons material as **IIIF**

International Image Interoperability Framework

- Open API specifications
- Enables interoperability of digital assets across institutions
- Widely-adopted by cultural heritage institutions



Stories Services for data-powered storytelling

The screenshot displays a digital story service interface for Isabella Beeton. On the left, a sidebar identifies her as an English journalist, publisher, and writer, and provides links to a Wikimedia Gallery, Wikipedia Article, Library of Isabella Beeton, and a Timeline. The main content area features a teal header for the 'Timeline of Key Events', which notes that 6 events are currently recorded in Wikidata with a connection to Isabella Beeton. The timeline shows two events: 'IN 1836, ISABELLA BEETON WAS BORN' and 'IN 1852, ISABELLA BEETON PUBLISHED THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE ENGLISH WOMEN'S DOMESTIC MAGAZINE'. The second event is accompanied by an image of the magazine's cover, which is ornate and green, with the title 'The English Women's Domestic Magazine' and 'Vol. 3 No. 3' visible.

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ISABELLA BEETON

English journalist, publisher and writer

Wikimedia Gallery

Wikipedia Article

Library of Isabella Beeton

Timeline

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The English Women's Domestic Magazine

Vol. 3 No. 3

Figure 6: Screenshot from [Isabella Beeton's story](#)

The Case for Linked Data in Research Projects

- **Discover** data related to your research topics
- **Connect** topics to reference sources
- **Leverage** existing tools for exploring and visualizing your data
- **Tell** stories with your data to engage with a broad audience on the web

- If you are interested in trying out **Stories Services** for your own project, consider signing up to be a beta user:
- <https://stories.k2.services>

Thank you!