

Wikipedia @ Library: The training

“Global Libraries Bulgaria” Foundation

- 10 training in Wikipedia, 12 hours
 - Lecturers: Justine Toms, Plamen Mintchev, Spasimir Pilev, Vassia Atanassova
- 19 trainings in Media Literacy, 18 hours
 - Wikipedia was part of the training
 - Lecturers: Justine Toms, Lyuba Batembergskа, Vassia Atanassova

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- *Brainstorming: What do we (not) like of Wikipedia?*

- (Un)reliability of Wikipedia
- Content may be inaccurate, out of date, biased, and dynamically changing
- Everyone can write in Wikipedia
(and it's usually the bravest, not the most knowledgeable)
- Wikipedia takes visitors from libraries
- For many people Wikipedia is the first *(and only!)* source of knowledge

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- *Brainstorming: What do we (not) like of Wikipedia?*
- Wikipedia as online encyclopedia, and as a technological, media and social phenomenon
- Technology and philosophy of the wiki software
- Encyclopedic style of writing, structure of an article
- Wikipedia content rules
- Criteria for reliability of sources, criteria for notability
- Sister wiki projects related to librarians' work
- *Practical work*

Wikipedia @ Library: The results

- About 150 librarians now know Wikipedia from the inside ;)
- About 60 new and about 40 edited articles
 - Chitalishte's
 - Regional libraries
 - Places
 - Notable people
 - Local newspapers, etc
- About 40 uploaded photos : buildings, memorial plaques, portraits, facsimiles of newspapers

Wikipedia @ Library: The results

- The project was presented at
 - Wikimania 2018, Cape Town
 - Central and Eastern European Wiki Meeting 2018, Lviv
 - GLAM Wiki Conference 2018, Tel Aviv
 - Conference for the 90-th Anniversary of the Sofia City Library

Wikipedia @ Libraries: Advantages

- 10 + years of collaborations between Wikipedia and GLAMs
- Approbated various models of partnership depended on the needs and resources
- Content on Wikimedia servers functions as a free backup for the GLAM
- Positive publicity
- Access to national/international volunteering networks, and to the resources of the GLAM
- Wikimedia Foundation offers funding for such activities

Уикипедия в библиотеката: Ползите

- Уикипедия е **петият** по популярност уебсайт в света
- Единственият уебсайт в Топ 100, който е със **справочен характер и некомерсиален**
- BG version with ~ 250 000 articles is 34th among 292
- Average daily **for the last 1 year**:
 - 782 000 pageviews of the BG WP from 283 000 devices
 - 251 million pageviews of the EN WP from 66 million devices

Wikipedia @ Library: Catalyst of digital transformation

- Effective information retrieval with Google
- Reliability of media sources
- Software for Optical character recognition, OCR
- Free licenses and copyrights, Creative Commons
- Wiki platforms for digital cultural heritage : Wikimedia Commons, Wikisource

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**Wikipedia and libraries:
Better together**