Wikimedia & Scottish Higher Education Libraries

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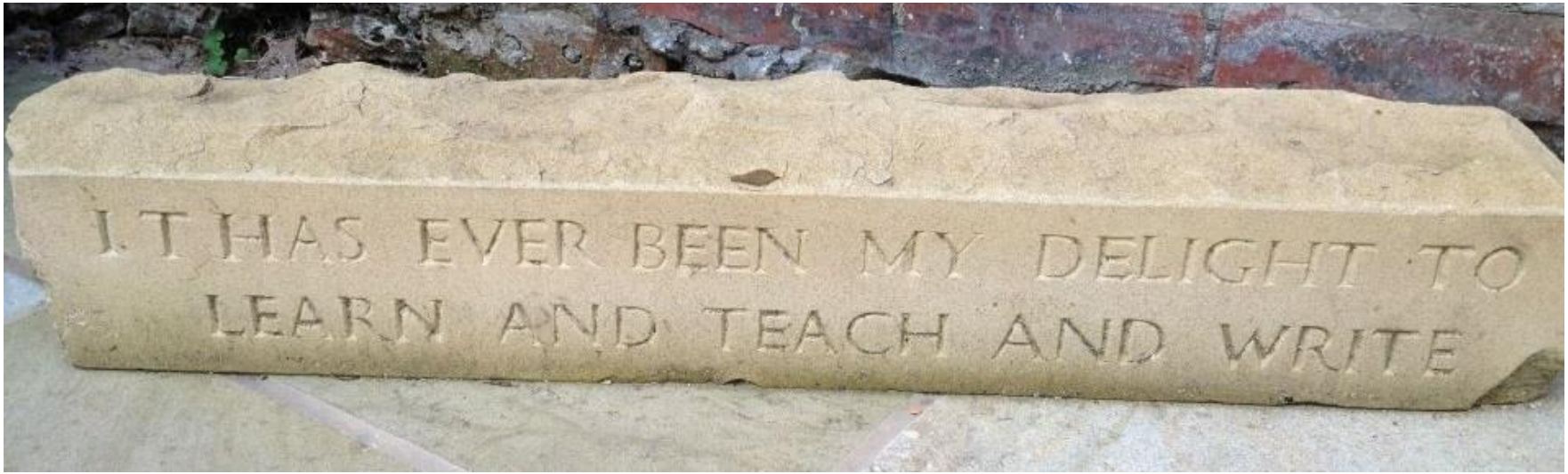

Phase 1: August 2017-April 2018

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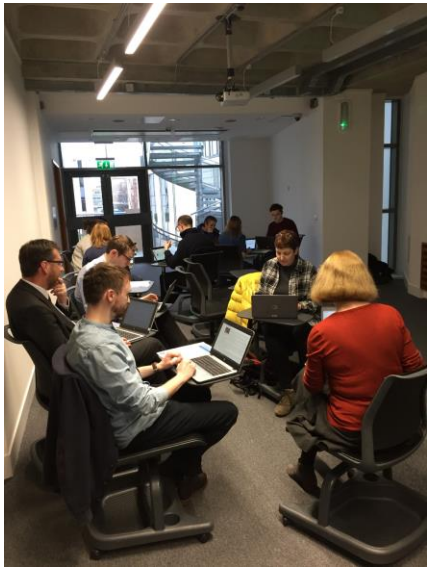
What we've been doing so far…



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What's the benefit of engagement?

(& how do you teach with Wikimedia?)

With thanks to Gavin Willshaw, Digital Curator,
University of Edinburgh University Library

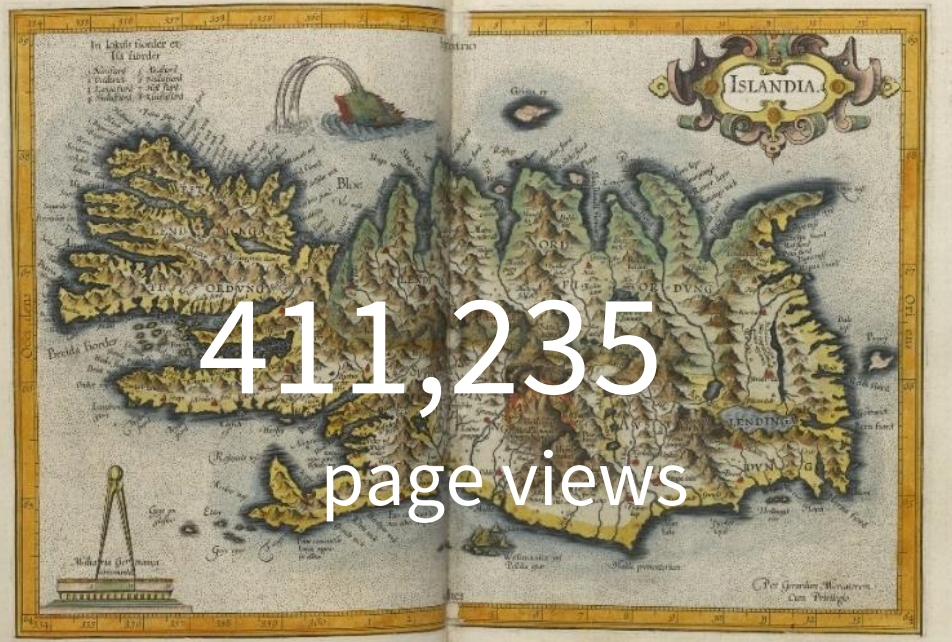
Wikisource

- Wikimedia's online library of digitised, out of copyright texts
- Uploaded a digitised PhD, *Some Problems in Variation and Heredity* by Thomas Jehu
- Fully OCR-ed and transcribed
- Page viewed 196 times on Wikisource compared with 11 downloads from UoE repository

WIKISOURCE

Image uploads to Wikimedia Commons

- Identified small group of 74 images and openly licensed
- Uploaded to Flickr then Wikimedia Commons
- Linked back to source
- Large numbers of page views compared to our own image repository http://images.is.ed.ac.uk
- Our top three collections images by page views since upload…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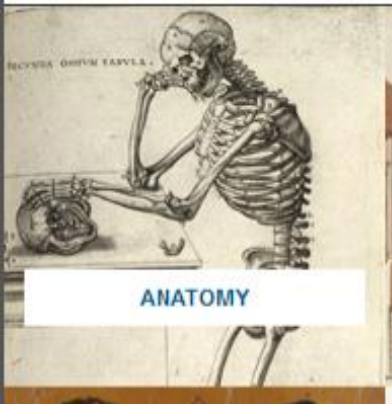

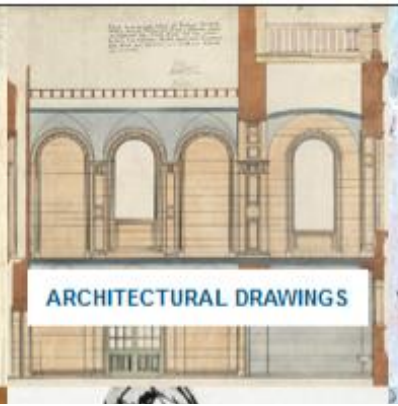

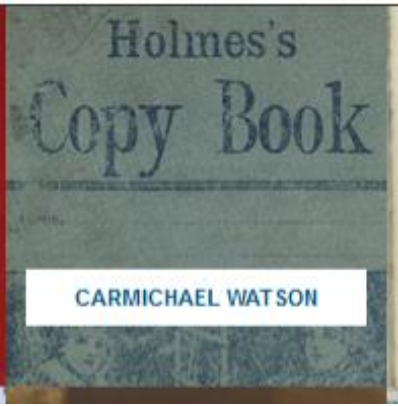

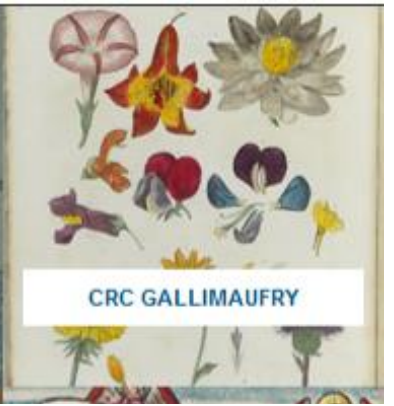

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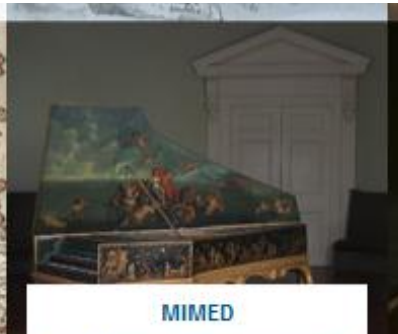
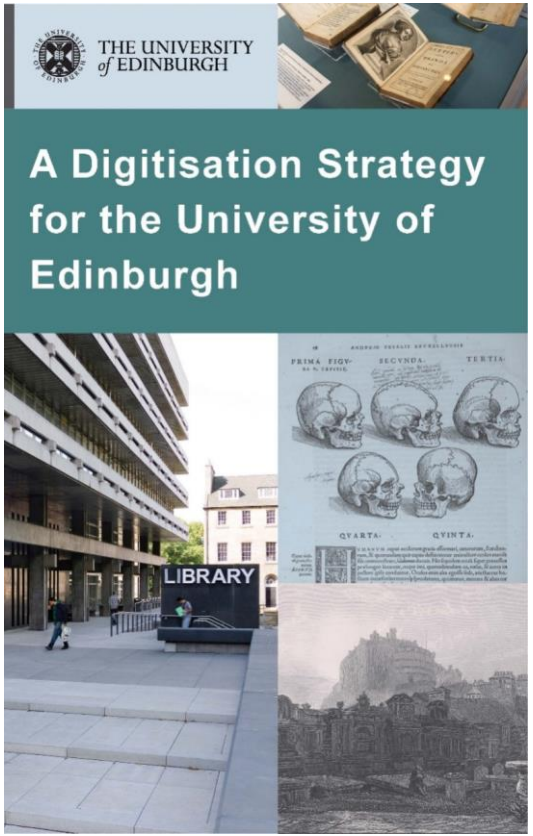


To 2019: A more strategic approach

“Establish a programme for enriching Wikipedia / Wikimedia with collection images, to support teaching and public engagement” by July 2019

Focus on:

- Broader upload of images to Commons
- Wikipedia Content Audit
- Training programme for staff
- Proactive linking of collections to external Wiki activity
- Ongoing experimentation with Wiki tools and contribution to the community



How can Libraries engage with Wikipedia?

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Wikipedia Loves Libraries

"Libraries are fundamental allies to the mission of Wikipedia"

Open Access Week 22nd – 28th Oct

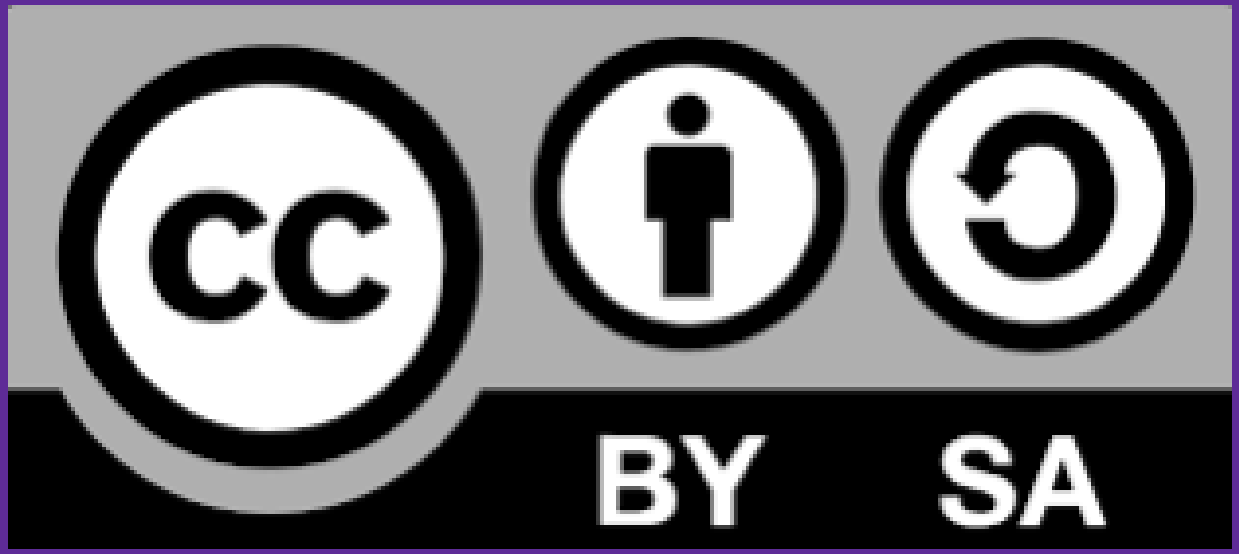
- Wikipedia training sessions
- Editathons
- Backstage passes

#1Lib1Ref

"Imagine a world where every Librarian added one more reference to Wikipedia"

Mapping Libraries with Wikidata

- CILIP Cymru Wales in partnership with Jason Evans, WiR at National Library of Wales
- Joint advocacy project in response to the Welsh Government's Prosperity for All strategy
- Built dataset based on pre-existing list of all public libraries in Wales and added into it information about non-public libraries before adding to Wikidata



Is it time to review the license on your digital collections?

Wikipedia Loves Monuments

- Photo competition runs throughout September
- Great opportunity to connect with schools, youth groups, local history groups
- Improve Wikipedia's content on Carnegie listed libraries

Any questions?

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