Finding GLAMs

and putting them on Wikidata

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Wikidata: the largest database of GLAMs in the world?
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Possibly!

- ~80k items [http://w.wiki/43w](http://w.wiki/43w)
- Combines imported datasets and manual edits
IFLA estimates there are 2.5 million libraries[^1]

29k on Wikidata: [w.wiki/45X](w.wiki/45X)

[^1]: [https://librarymap.ifla.org](https://librarymap.ifla.org)
FindingGLAMs

meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs
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- Project by Wikimedia Sverige with UNESCO, WMF
- Boost GLAMs on Wikimedia projects
- Structured, machine-readable resource for Wikimedians, researchers, general public
- Visibility and networking opportunities for the GLAMs
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First step: a register of registers

https://meta.wikimdia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs/GLAM_datasets
We’d love more GLAM staff to contribute!

But Wikidata has a learning curve for non-Wikimedians.

**Technical knowledge** – triples, claims, statements, qualifiers, Q??????...

**Cultural knowledge** – how is this particular type of item usually modelled? Where do I find the properties I need?

Do I even need to learn this stuff?
Monumental – makes editing Wikidata easier

https://tools.wmflabs.org/monumental-glam/
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- Explore your area
- See Wikidata items in a user-friendly way
- Get an overview Wikidata, Commons, Wikipedia material
- Made by Paweł Marynowski and Stephen LaPorte
- Intended audience: GLAM professionals without Wikidata experience
- Purposefully limited scope
Where is the data?

Datasets of GLAM institutions exist.

We’ve been working on inventorying them with an eye on importing them to Wikidata.

Most of them are not that good…
Some problems we have faced...

- Data not easily accessible – website, behind search form, PDF...
- Data not complete, and no information about criteria, how it was collected, when it was updated (if ever!)
- Not CC0/Public Domain
How you can help

1. Translate [https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs_Campaign](https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/FindingGLAMs_Campaign) into your language
2. Test Monumental – report bugs
3. Contribute to our register of registers – do you know of any interesting datasets?
4. Tell us what you’ve been working on!
TACK!