Welcome to the
SFAI / Art+Feminism 2017 Edit-a-thon
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Wikipedia is a free online encyclopedia that anyone can edit. That's what we'll be doing today! Unfortunately Wikipedia suffers from a lack of coverage of women. For example, less than 17% of biographies on the English Wikipedia are about women. Our goal today is to improve Wikipedia's coverage of women in the arts and related topics.

Step 1: Create an Account
Head to **bit.do/lets-go-wiki** - This where you can create an account on English* Wikipedia. An account lets you easily track your own edits, communicate with other editors, and so on. You also can create your own userpage (*User:<YOUR USERNAME>*) which acts as your profile. Your account name/username will be publicly associated with all your edits, so you will want to pick a username that connects with you, keeping in mind that it will also function as your name/signature for all your interactions and contributions on Wikipedia.

*if you plan to edit in another language go to the main page for that language's Wikipedia. In the upper right or left corner, you will see a link to create an account.

Step 2: Add Yourself to Participants List
Head to **bit.do/anne-bremer** – this is our Outreach Dashboard event page that will track contributions. Log in with your Wikipedia account and join the program. If you get asked for a password, use "AF". Keep this page open in a tab. **This is very important for tracking outcomes of this event, so please make sure to do this!**

Step 3: Find Articles
Head to **bit.do/SFAI-meetup** – this is our event page on the English Wikipedia. Near the bottom you will find a list of articles to improve, create, and translate, as well as some resources for research. These lists aren't exhaustive! If you need help finding topics to edit, ask. Want to work on something not covered here, go for it.

Step 4: Claim Articles
To avoid edit conflicts, and/or help you find someone working on a topic of common interest, head back to our Outreach Dashboard page (the tab you opened in Step 2). Select the **Articles** tab near the top. Here you can see what articles everyone is working on. If no one is working on your chosen article, click the **Editors** tab, find your username, and then assign to yourself that article. If someone is working on what the article you were interested in, feel free to make an announcement to find that person. Or find another article.

Run into any problems, have questions, or want to find others interested in working on similar topics? Do not hesitate to ask! There are multiple experienced Wikipedians are around to answer your questions. And feel free to take the stage to make an announcement or present a Lightning talk.

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SCHEDULE

Feel free at any time to drop by the nearby Anne Bremer Library to look for reference material. Reference materials are also available at the McBean Book Station in the gallery.

- 1:00 PM-ish: Welcome! Introductory remarks by Katie Hood Morgan and Niki Korth
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM:
  - Long-time Wikipedian Britta Gustafson (Dreamyshade) explains how and why to edit.
  - Wikipedia is big, and getting bigger with the help of editors like you. Mahmoud Hashemi will briefly introduce a few ready-made tools that enable experienced editors to organize their efforts and maximize their impact.
- 2:00 - 4:30 PM: Work time!
  - 3:00-3:30 PM: Lightning talks in the upstairs gallery - open mic for short talks, conversations, and performances, about Wiki life and Wiki projects. (Or feel free to keep working downstairs).
- 4:30 PM: Round-robin discussion on what we worked on, what we learned and what inspired us
- 5:00 PM: End. Thank you for joining!

EDITING TIPS

Way to improve articles:
- Adding information, from reliable sources (many can be found in the Anne Bremer Library!)
  - Also take advantage of the Library's extensive digital resources (see *A Guide to Accessing the Library's Digital Resources* handout)
- Adding citations for statements that are missing any
  - Fun way to find statements needing sources: tools.wmflabs.org/citationhunt/
- Re-word and copy-edit
- Add missing information to infoboxes
- Add images (ask about this; images need to be freely licensed *most* of the time)

Tips:
- Make sure content you add to articles is written in your own words. Never simply copy and paste!
- Creating a new article? Article subjects should be notable (in other words, they need significant coverage in a variety of independent, reliable sources). A good starting point for writing an article is finding at least 3 reliable sources that cover a subject. Ask if you need help!
- **All content should have a reliable source**. When in editing mode, you can add a citation by using the "Cite" button at the top of the page.
- When improving / creating an article, it is often helpful to refer to other quality pages in the same category. (Scroll down to the bottom of an article to find the list of categories to which the article belongs.)