

Open library data

as a foundation for increased MIL
and for a more reliable Wikipedia

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Wikimedia Sverige is a non-profit organization and the Swedish chapter of the Wikimedia Foundation – the organization that hosts Wikipedia and its related projects.



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“Imagine a world in which every single person on the planet is given free access to the sum of all human knowledge. That's what we're doing.”



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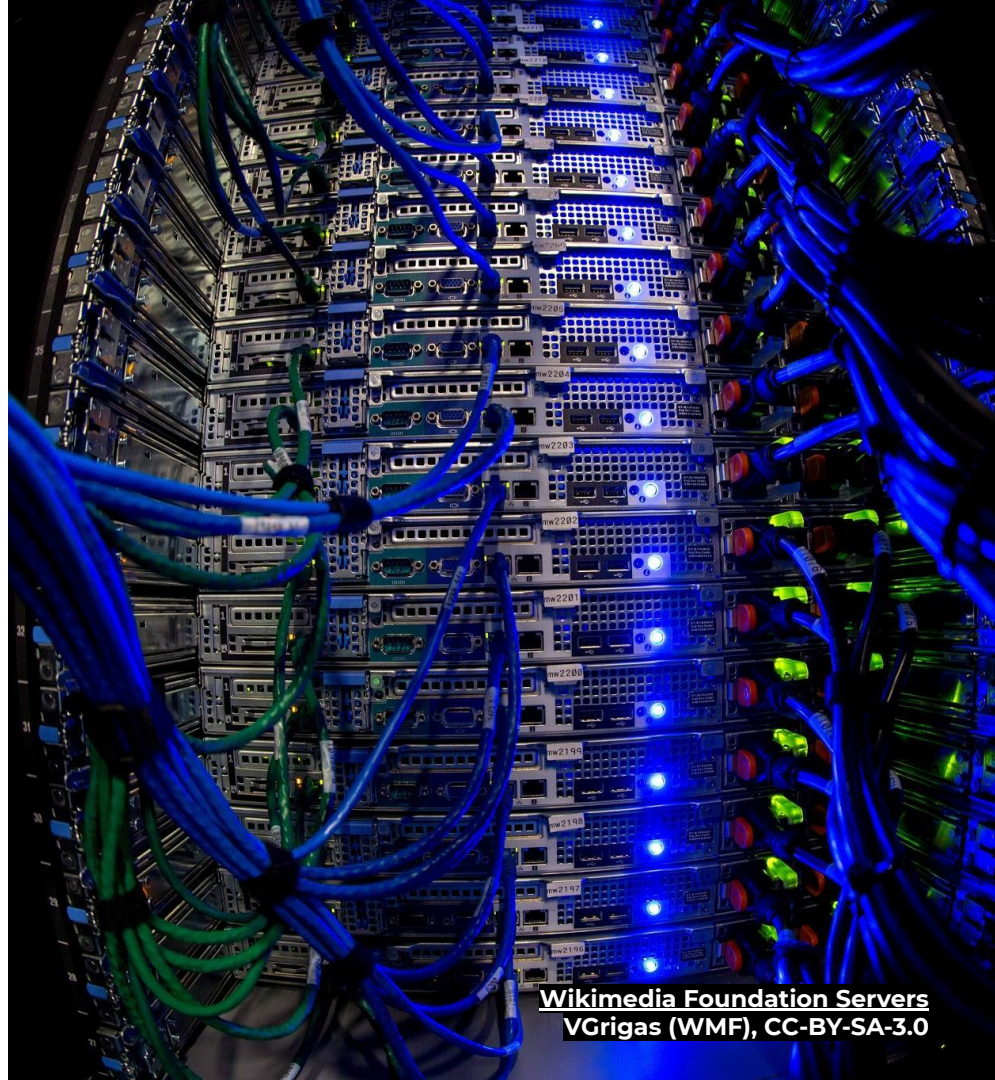
Swedish library data becomes more free

The National Library of Sweden has published open data that can be accessed and re-used by anyone, without restriction:

<https://data.kb.se/>.

This includes the Swedish National Bibliography: metadata of 700k+ Swedish publications (books, journals, newspapers...).

The data is structured and machine-readable.



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Kungliga Biblioteket
(National Library of Sweden)
and **Wikimedia Sverige** are
working to bring more
Swedish bibliographic data to
Wikipedia and increase its
usage.



**National Library
of Sweden**



Wikidata is a platform for structured linked data.

It's a sister project of Wikipedia. Just like Wikipedia, it can be edited by **anyone**, and all the content is available for reuse under an **open licence**.



<https://wikidata.org>

With 60 million items and a community of thousands of volunteers around the world, Wikidata has a unique position in the Open Knowledge movement.

Stakeholders include: National Library of Finland, National Library of Wales, German National Library, Library of Congress...



<https://wikidata.org>

WikiCite is an initiative to build a free and open database of bibliographic data on top of Wikidata – to serve open knowledge.



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<https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/WikiCite>

Wikipedia is a source of information for many of us.

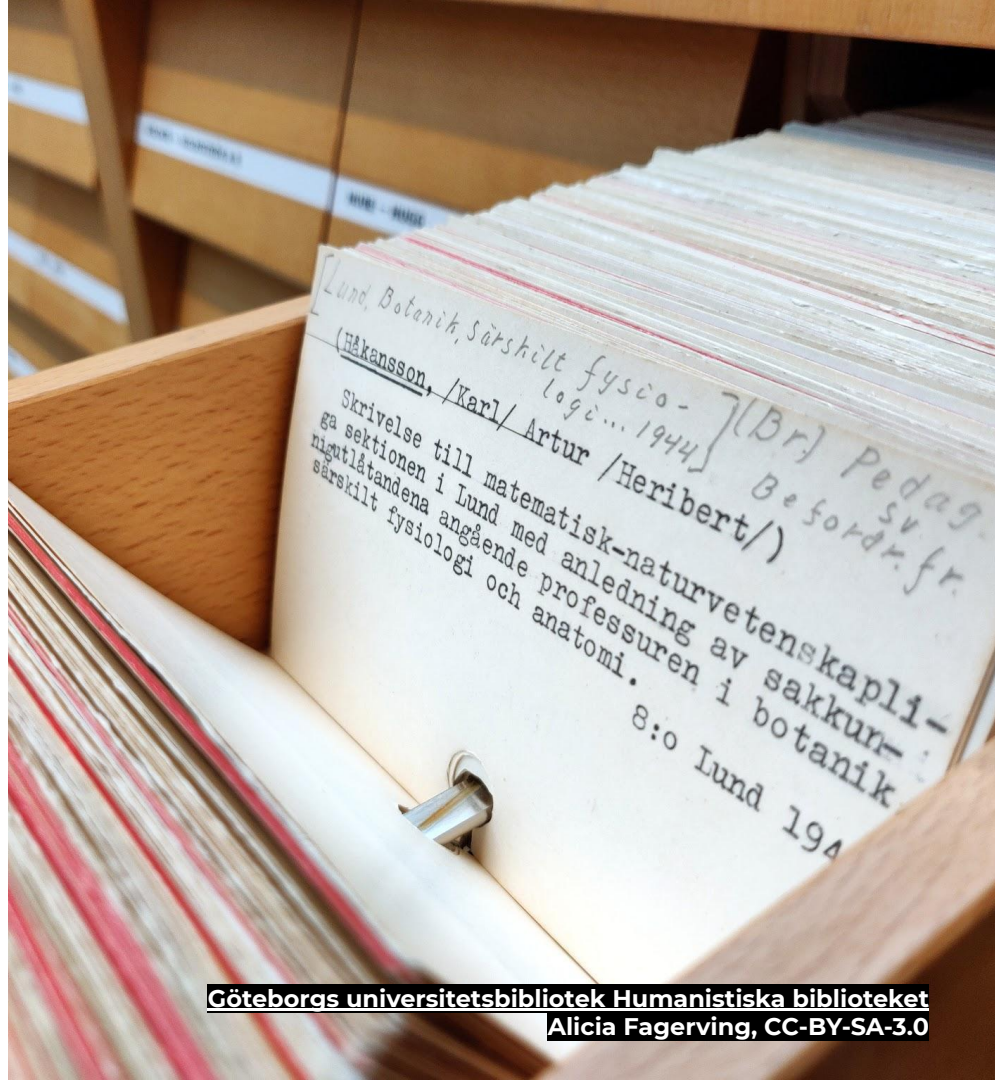
In order to be reliable, it needs reliable sources.



Kvinnohistorisk skrivstuga på Nordiska museet
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Why open bibliographic data?

- Libraries serve people. The metadata is part of our common **cultural heritage**.
- Libraries all over the world work towards **the same goal**. Sharing the results makes it easier – and allows the actors to benefit from each other's work.
- Libraries become visible and relevant for **communities** in the Open Knowledge movement. They gain new tools and become better at fulfilling their role of spreading knowledge in society.



Open data = more equal access to information

- The Wikimedia projects are open to everyone, regardless of age, nationality, gender, social class...
- People from all walks of life are united by a common cause.
- Developers use the resources to build new tools and services.
- Data providers reach new audiences through new channels.



Kvinnohistorisk skrivstuga
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Open data = involvement and collaboration

- Wikimedia editors develop their MIL by interacting with the data.
- Anyone can take the step from passive consumer to active participant.
- A hands-on lesson in how information is created and distributed.



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Engaging librarians

We're developing training material for librarians in Sweden:

- How to contribute to Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects.
- How to work with the public and spread knowledge about Wikipedia as a resource.



Thank you



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