Libraries + Wikimedia

past, present, and future

Sunday, August 20

WIKIMANIA
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Speakers

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Shout-outs from 18 countries:
India (3)
Australia (3)
Ghana (2)
New Zealand (2)
Argentina
Aymara-Bolivia
Burkina Faso
Canada
Côte d'Ivoire
Finland
Hong Kong
Indonesia
Italy
Netherlands
Singapore
South Africa
Taiwan
US
A tour of some highlights between libraries, the Movement, and the Foundation
Libraries do beautiful things in Wikimedia…

(aka Wikipedia & beyond!)
They build scanners, digitizing books and share them to the world!

i.e. Wikimedia Argentina + Libraries digitization project
They’re organizing edit-a-thons

sharing their collections & closing the gap to achieve knowledge equity!

i.e. Editatón de Voz en Voz, Biblioteca Daniel Cosío Villegas
Librarians organize campaigns and create hundreds of Wikipedia pages in multiple languages, sometimes even defying censorship <3

i.e. #EveryBookItsReader Campaign
Gift the world with trusted references & impact on the millions of users, fighting misinformation one reference at a time!

i.e. #1Lib1Ref 2023 workshop in Malang, Indonesia
They teach information literacy skills like fact-checking, and they do this with a 21st century open education resource: Wikipedia!
and we’ll hear more about that from Alice Kibombo later on this day

& they also train other librarians!

(and we’ll hear more about that from Alice Kibombo later on this day)
...and they meet & share at Conferences
Who’s there to support this work?

tl;dr working together
develop workshops, organize calls, curate documentation, deliver talks (like this one)
Libraries have Wikipedians in Residence

who have freed millions of images in Commons, organized hundreds of events, and so much more!

& Wikibrarians have lots of great partners among affiliates <3
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& great partners at the Foundation!
Funding conferences like this one! And so many others 😊
Grants for workshops
Figure 1: The proportion of articles referencing generally reliable and deprecated/blacklisted sources from the English Wikipedia perennial source list for the top 40 language editions by the number of articles. The size of a circle represents the number of unique articles in that edition. The shaded area shows a 90% confidence interval. Languages can be mapped from the Wikipedia code using this list.\textsuperscript{1}
### Available Collections (33)

- **AAAS (The American Association for the Advancement of Science)** offers access to the resources on its website, sciencemag.org, which include the journal Science (1880-present) and other scientific research, news, commentary, and media.

- **ACLS Humanities Ebook Collection** provides access to thousands of books selected by scholars from the American Council of Learned Societies as foundational to studying the humanities and social sciences. The books come from over 125 publishers and are all

Copyedit

Copyediting is about making a small fix to the way an article is written, and it is a valuable and easy way to get used to editing Wikipedia. Copyedits help articles be more professional and trustworthy.

Easy
Recommended for when you are first learning to edit.
- Copyedit (fix spelling, grammar, and tone)
- Add links between articles

Medium
After you have completed some easy edits.
- Find references (sources for existing articles)
- Update articles (bring existing articles up-to-date)

Hard
When you have learned about Wikipedia best practices.
- Expand short articles
- Create a new article
  To successfully create a new article, you’ll need to use many of the skills you can learn through completing some easier tasks. To learn more about how to create a new article, click here.

(4) 194 articles found
& the Culture and Heritage Team <3

Meta: https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikimedia_Foundation_Culture_and_Heritage_team

Diff: https://diff.wikimedia.org/culture-and-heritage-team/

Contact: cultureandheritage@wikimedia.org
What does the Senior Program Officer for Libraries at WMF do?

or what I’ve been doing on my first 6 months
I’m here to...

map library partnerships
From local libraries, to global impact: A world tour of January 2023 #1Lib1Ref Campaign

I'm here to...

amplify your stories

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Tfnspaces 🌐

I'm at the African Library Summit organized by ALIA (African Library and Information Associations and Institutions), listening at all the fantastic stories #Wikilibrarians from Africa have to share:
I’m here to...

strengthen affiliates’ and user group’s partnerships with library associations, national libraries, or other related institutions whenever it’s required.
I’m here to be a think-partner for strategic wikibrarian planning.
I’m here to provide training that creates capacity with care.
I’m here to be a think-partner for the tools you develop…
& for the metrics librarian-organizers need
But most importantly, I’m here to listen 🎧
organize your feedback
And grow this beautiful Wikibrarian community, together
WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY

WIKIMANIA SINGAPORE | Rajene Hardeman
Thrill of the Chase

- Another knowledge form
  - Still a reference source, needed supervision, oversight.
- Open source
  - Available
- Professionalism
  - A tool: online encyclopedia
Increased Capacity

- Beyond article creation
  - Wiki projects suitable for librarians to gain ground
- Leveraging databases
  - Uploading catalog and book references
- Your own personal and professionals interests
  - Local and community history
Shared Community

- Online and in person conferences of like-minded professionals
  - Such as today
- Regional and themed participation
  - Local histories and more
- Access to growth and institutional knowledge expansion on a global scale
  - National libraries collections to name one type
Librarian
Wikimedian
Wikibrarian

Dr. Nkem E. OSUIGWE

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Knowledge as a service

Knowledge equity
Making the most impact

- 10 recommendations
- 40+ Initiatives
The National Library of Israel

Wikimedia Initiatives

Orly Simon
212,324 Media files in Wikicommmons

682,593 Entries in Wikidata

255,669 Links from Hebrew Wikipedia to the NLI digital library
Outreach & Advocacy

- Monthly workshops
- #1lib1ref
- Youth wiki summer bootcamp
MLS studies: Wikipedia, libraries & Librarians

- Librarianship students training
- 130 new articles
Artificial Intelligence
Exploring the Promise and Perils
Generative AI

Copyright Infringement, Disinformation/Misinformation, and Model Collapse
Experimenting with AI

How Can We Use to Help Libraries and Wikipedia Flourish?

How do I get started in such a fast-moving field?
AI Salons

Discussing AI with Librarians Worldwide

Coming this fall!