Librarypedia

The Future of Libraries and Wikipedia

Wikipedia's mission

Imagine a world in which every person on the planet shares in the sum of all human knowledge.
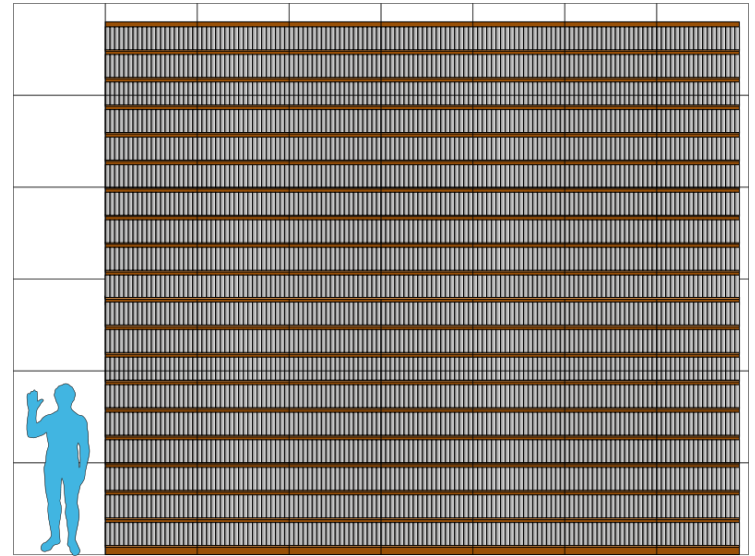
(for free, in the language of their choice)

Wikipedia is huge

30m articles, 4m English

16 million images

8000 views per second

500 million unique visitors per month

2.1 billion edits, 700 million English edits

Wikipedia is voluntary

20 million registered users

130,000 active users

1,400 administrators

… working for free, with no central control

Wikimedia's scope

286 languages

15 projects

...images, data, dictionary, travel guide, species, quotes, books, source material, wiki software

Wikipedia's Foundation

Wikimedia Foundation in San Francisco

150 employees

Donor funded

Non-profit

No-ads!

Wikipedia's foundation

Neutral point of view

Verifiability
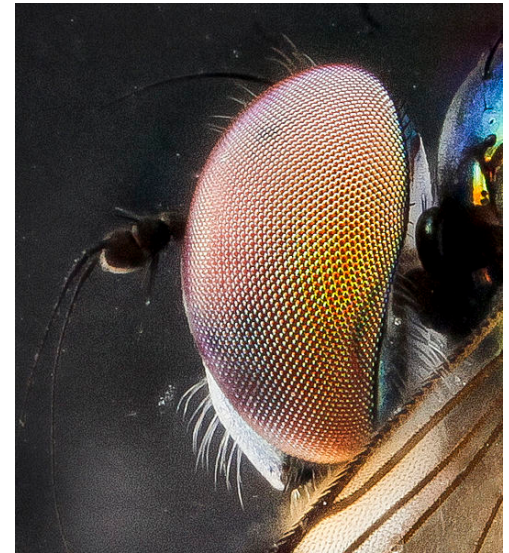
Consensus

Civility

Open copyright

Wikipedia's reliability

Like Britannica

Errors fixed quickly over time

Virtual filter

"Many eyeballs make all bugs shallow"

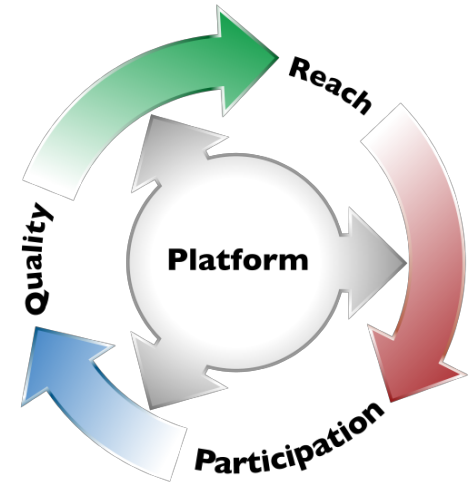Belongs in the classroom: ow.ly/q04he

The Library connection

Only as good as our sources

Libraries have the best sources

Wikipedia has the most eyeballs

Connect a circle of research and dissemination
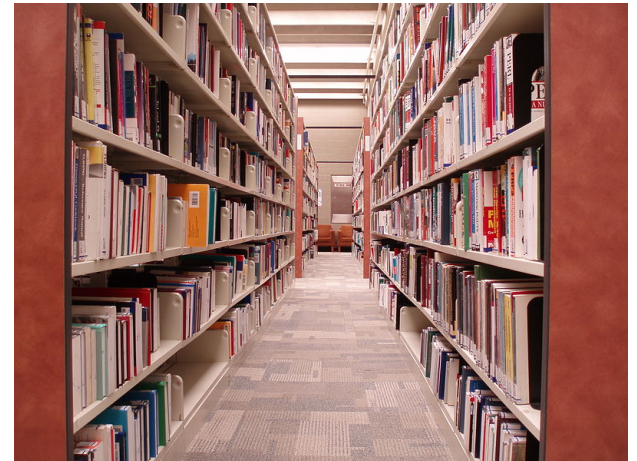
The Wikipedia Library

Lead to libraries and free sources

Gain access to paywalled sources

Ally with the library community

Facilitate research

Promote open access

How to do it

Donations

Visiting Scholars

University partnerships

Catalogue integration

Reference desk

Enquiry service

Fulfillment tools

OA signalling

Library outreach

Subject guides

Remixing metadata

Donations

*Credo Reference

*HighBeam Research

*Questia Online Library

*JSTOR

*The Cochrane Library

*NYT, Lexis-Nexis, Wiley?

Active, experienced editors

Mutually beneficial partnerships

Donations

*What if **every publisher** donated **free access** to the 1000 most active Wikipedians in that subject area?*

Wikipedia Visiting Scholars

Academic tradition

Research affiliates

Unpaid, remote positions

Full access to collections

Liason to Wikipedia's community

Wikipedia Visiting Scholars

*What if **every library** or research institution had one Wikipedia on staff to **access their collections** and add to the encyclopedia?*
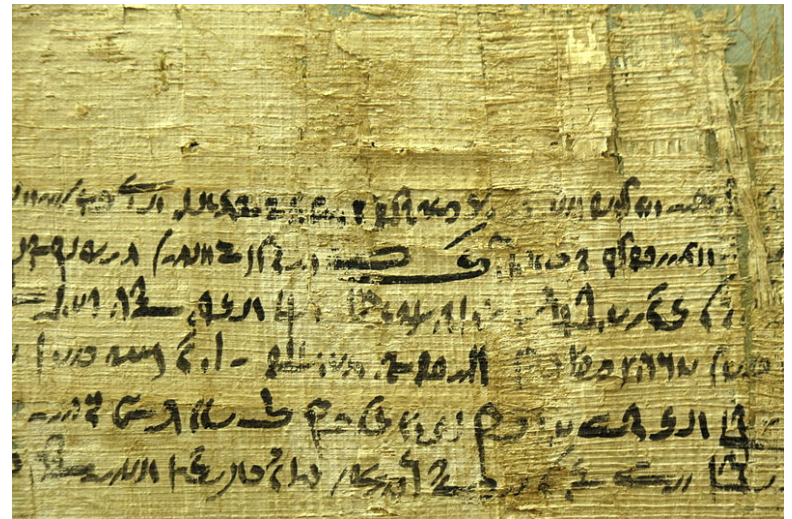
University partnership

Institutional donation

5 -10 thousand editors

Subscription license

High cost

Technical implementation

University partnership

The Wikipedia Library

*Powered by **George Mason University***

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Catalogue integration

OCLC/WorldCat

Library of Congress

EBSCO

ProQuest

Identifiers

Catalogue integration

*What if a Wikipedia reader could easily **search** every major book, journal, archive, and e-collection **from Wikipedia**?*

Fulfillment tool

OCLC Pilot

IP affiliation

Open URL

Proxy Resolver

University initiative

Fulfillment tool

*What if **every reference** in a Wikipedia article had the **link to the full text** source next to it?*

Reference desk

On Wikipedia

Tens of thousands of questions per year

About Wikipedia's content

Towards improving Wikipedia

Reference desk

*What if every **library professional** or research expert spent **one hour a week** answering **reference queries** from Wikipedia editors?*

Enquiry service

From Wikipedia

Integrated with
online reference queue

About their collections

To improve Wikipedia

Enquiry service

*What if a Wikipedian could send a **research enquiry** to any reference librarian in the world, **from Wikipedia**?*

Library outreach

Wikipedia Loves Libraries

Editathons

Backstage passes

Research literacy sessions

Wikipedian in Residence / Visiting Scholar

Library outreach

*What if **every library** hosted a quarterly editathon or teaching session about **Wikipedia literacy**?*

OA signalling

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*What if **every reference** in a Wikipedia article tagged whether it was **free to read or reuse**?*
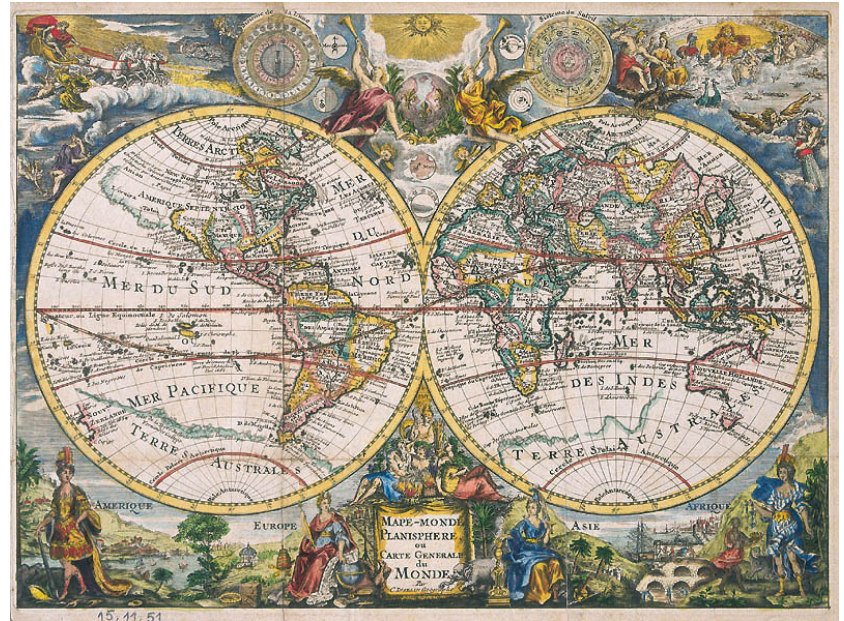
Subject guides

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Finding aids

Open source

Collaboratively created

Subject guides

*What if **every subject guide** was **freely licensed** and/or collaboratively curated on Wikipedia?*

Metadata remixing

RAMP editor

structured data

wiki markup

authority control

consistent copyright

Metadata remixing

*What if **every piece of archival metadata** could be intelligently **crafted into an article** framework on that topic?*

If you remember one thing

Wikipedia and Libraries are natural allies

Wikipedia is the starting point for research

We lead readers back to sources at libraries

So they can think critically about subjects

How to get involved

http://enwp.org/WP:TWL

profile

newsletter

wikimania

mailing lists (Libraries, GLAM, OA, Wikidata)

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