

2016/08/23 #critlib chat: Wikipedia & #critlib

Story of the #critlib chat from 8/23/2016 on Wikipedia & #critlib, moderated by @oksveta, @fiidget and @nora_almeida. For more information about #critlib, including past & future chats, see <http://critlib.org>

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Readings

McCook, K. D. L. P. (2014). [Librarians as Wikipedians: From library history to "Librarianship and Human Rights"](#) (pdf). Progressive Librarian, 42, 61-81.



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

<1hr til #critlib + #Wikipedia, Qs & readings here: critlib.org/wikipedia-crit... & relevant new piece by @bfister here: insidehighered.com/blogs/library-...



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Introductions!



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

OK, #critlib! Tonight we're talking about #Wikipedia & LIS! But let's start with intros: I'm Sarah, an LIS PhD student co-modding w @oksveta



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S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

I'll have the first 2 Qs, and @oksveta will do the final 3, but you can see them all at critlib.org/wikipedia-crit... #critlib




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Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton


Hi! Gina from NY. Academic librarian and Wikipedian. First [#critlib](#) chat ever. Thanks for the topic [@fiiidget](#) :)

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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

[@ginamshelton](#) thanks for helping to get me started on wikipedia!! [#critlib](#)

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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

Hi, [#critlib](#)! I'm Megan, ScholComm Librarian at CUNY and board member of [@WikimediaNYC](#)

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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

Confession: I set set the date and ordered the refreshments for my first edit-a-thon in 2012. THEN I taught myself how to edit. [#critlib](#)

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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

Since then, I've continued to teach editing via edit-a-thons & course assignments and have slowly moved into more of a support role [#critlib](#)

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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

I have heard more than one librarian make this confession! [#critlib](#)
[twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](#)

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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

Confession: I started editing [#Wikipedia](#) because I was POed about the gender gap. Now it's fun, humbling, enriching. I found my ppl [#critlib](#)



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Arlene Haessler

@Rweenie

I learn best by teaching...if I want to learn wiki editing guess I'll be teaching it [#critlib](#)
[twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status...)



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Dianne

@diannelibrarian

Hi [#critlib](#), Dianne, social science R&I librarian. Looking forward!



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sveta

@oksveta

Hi [#critlib](#) -- it's been awhile! I'm a humanities liaison at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa & ur friendly co-mod. [twitter.com/fiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiidget/status...)



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Violet Fox

@violetbfox

Hi [#critlib](#), I'm an academic cataloger in the middle of Minnesota. I'm also an occasional Wikipedia editor.



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Kate Crowe

@kcrowe

hey [#critlib](#) I'm an academic archivist/curator type person [@UofDenver!](#)



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Kara Plamann Wagoner

KaraKaraPW KaraPW

Hi [#critlib](#), I'm a reference librarian at Kapi'olani Community College and also an occasional Wikipedia contributor...



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Gina Murrell

@GinaMurrell1

Hi, I'm Gina, library job seeker & freelance proofreader/copy editor participating in tonight's [#critlib](#) from Eugene, Oregon. [#westcoast](#)



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Tina Gross

@aboutness

Hi [#critlib](#). I'm an academic library cataloger in St. Cloud, MN. Very, very occasional Wikipedia editor (maybe five times ever?).



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Meghan Dowell

@librarianmegs

Hi [#critlib](#), I'm an academic librarian and will be lurking during the night shift.



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gayatri singh

@socaldesi

[#critlib](#) hola, I'm an academic librarian who has helped host a few wikipedia edit-a-thons



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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

Howdy [#critlib](#)! This is my first lurk/chat. Science librarian @ Tufts



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Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

hello [#critlib](#) ! I'm a humanities librarian at Queens College, CUNY



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lurklearn

@nancyeadams

health sciences librarian who teaches medical students information literacy in the guise of "evidence-based medicine" in Hershey PA [#critlib](#)



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Marisa Mendez-Brady

@msmendezbrady

Hi [#critlib](#) I am an academic librarian, hosting her first ever Wikipedia edit-a-thon this upcoming year! Thanks for the great topic



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Emily Drabinski

@edrabinski

Hi [#critlib](#)! Lurking tonight! Only know Wikipedia as a user, excited to learn what ppl are doing as WP builders/makers!



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Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

[#critlib](#), late to the party! Faculty at "school of information" and infrequent but enthusiastic Wikipedian!!



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FlaPubLibGuy

@BohVik

I'm a LIS Grad Student at USF & have used WP forever, since it started. I have edited a few articles still a newbie though [#critlib](#)



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Rory Litwin

@rorylitwin


I'm the founder of [@LibJuicePress](#) , just lurking tonight. Looking forward to the next hour. [#critlib](#)




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 **Alisha Abrams**
Alisha Abrams


Hey #critlib I'm participating from Virginia, library student at USF, new Wikipedia editor, and future library job seeker.

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 **Katherine Ahnberg**
Lux_Serviam


Academic services and Women and Gender Studies lib in from the U of South Florida, excited to chat a resource I teach with #critlib

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 **John Mark Ockerbloom**
@JMarkOckerbloom


Hello #critlib! I do digital lib work at @upennlib & maintain Forward to Libraries service on Wikipedia & elsewhere: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia...

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 **Jenna Freedman**
@zinelib

This is Jenna in NYC, joining #critlib late because I was on a call with folks from the incredible @LISmicroaggress crew. Hi!!!

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 **Matthew Noe**
@NoetheMatt

Hi #critlib, Matthew in Mass - lurking tonight. Medical librarian working with #graphicmedicine and getting hands on training as a fellow.

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Q1. What is your stance towards/relationship with Wikipedia (WP) & what experiences have brought you to that stance?



Violet Fox
@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A1. I've had a few discouraging experiences, mostly as a new editor when my corrections were reversed w/o me understanding why.

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A1 (cont) Since then I only contribute to inconsequential articles (it's no fun to "be bold" when your hard work is erased).

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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

[@violetbfox](#) did you ever figure out why that was happening? [#critlib](#)

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

[@fiiidget](#) I've gone back and checked, and it really was overzealous editors not being particularly friendly to a new editor. [#critlib](#)

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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

[@violetbfox](#) >:-/ [#critlib](#)

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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A1 Too many horror stories (like [@karencoyale](#)'s recent exp) to be enthusiastic about WP. I find it labyrinthine (& I'm a cataloger!)

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Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

Q1 Wikipedia great tool for background info on a topic. Want to use my research skills to expand the content. All thanks to [#LIS](#). [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

A1: Editor for 2+ years, thx to [@megwacha](#), [@silssa](#) & [@PrattInfoSchool](#) for making connections btwn LIS & WP for LIS students. [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

A1: WP = a p good attempt @ accessible info 4 all. Still built on structural inequalities that prevent true radical openness, tho [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

Ive also lead editathons, taught editing workshops & conducted research on the relationship btwn libs & Wikipedia. I'm in! to! it! [#critlib](#)



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Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

I am most curious about [@dbpedia](#) and its possibilities for [#dh](#)/[#dighum](#) for archives & special collections. [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/fiiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiiidget/status/1000000000000000000)



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Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

A1: I came to this stance through learning about linked open data for libraries, archives, and museums ([#lodlam](#)) [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget


@kcrowe so much awesome #lodlam stuff to do with @dbpedia!! #critlib

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sveta
@oksveta

#critlib A1 Cautiously optimistic. Great for info access, great teaching tool, some serious structural issues [twitter.com/fiiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiiidget/status...)

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@oksveta

#critlib I have taught undergrads to edit wikipedia a couple times, participated in a couple of edit-a-thons, & done a few individual edits

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gayatri singh
@socaldesi

#critlib A1.I feel like Wikipedia has evolved since the beginning, and I can see how it can be used as a tool for instruction

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gayatri singh
@socaldesi

#critlib A1.but being aware of the diversity/inclusion issues I am a little wary. I've had both so-so & great interactions w/ editors

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Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

@socaldesi That's where I want to go next with WP. Engaging college students in #infoLit skills with editing #wikipedia. #critlib

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Kara Plamann Wagoner

KaraKaraPW KaraPW

@ginamshelton Noooo! And it was only done once...How wonderful would it be to carry it forward? Definitely worth exploring! #critlib



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Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

A1 I've kind of poked at it & I've read a lot of the documentation, and I've used it in my credit course. Haven't edited much #critlib



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Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

A1 part 2: I keep thinking I should edit more, but I don't #critlib



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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

@nfoasberg I agree.. it's a lot of work/effort #critlib



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Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

I find it really intriguing as a rare transparent place that knowledge gets put together and presented, and what goes into that #critlib



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Dianne

@diannelibrarian

Q1 Use #Wikipedia in IL sessions as place for students to get ideas for research topics, encourage them to look @ citations #critlib



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Kara Plamann Wagoner

KaraKaraPW KaraPW

A1. I was part of an awesome edit-a-thon where students in HI edited info about their neighborhoods/towns, sparking my Wikilove. [#critlib](#)



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@oksveta

Place-based pedagogy! [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/KaraKaraPW/sta...](https://twitter.com/KaraKaraPW/status/1000000000000000000)



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ontology mechanic

@cm_harlow

A1 Wikipedia offers a ****needing to be evaluated, improved**** model for involvement/data mngmnt that traditional lib authorities lack [#critlib](#)



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ontology mechanic

@cm_harlow

A1 cont. So I see Wikipedidia + related projs- DBpedia, Wikidata - as possible ways for community curation/reuse of "authority" data [#critlib](#)



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@cm_harlow

A1 cont but not without social/contextual/technical/data probs needing to be addressed - that maybe libraries can help address best [#critlib](#)



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ontology mechanic

@cm_harlow

sorry [#critlib](#) i just totes jumped on ur hashtag.




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Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1


A1. In publishing (my 1st career), Wikipedia was viewed as an unreliable reference source. Authors were discouraged from citing it. #critlib

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S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

@GinaMurrell1 is the attitude in libraries different in your experience? #critlib

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Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

@fiidget At this point, I can't say. I'm still trying to gain a strong foothold in the library field 2 years after earning my MLS. #critlib

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@oksveta

@GinaMurrell1 @fiidget I think there is still a lot of variation in the libraryland Some enthusiasm, lots of apathy? #critlib

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Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

@oksveta I'll take your word for it. I'm still finding out! @fiidget #critlib

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S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

@oksveta @GinaMurrell1 it seems like far less outright disdain than 10 years ago, but yeah, still a lot of apathy #critlib

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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

A1: Huge Wiki fan... Love the idea of crowdsourcing knowledge. 10/10 use daily. Platform for critical thinking [#critlib](#)



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Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

A1: I appreciate Wikipedia's aim to make info free & its participatory structure. Useful for talking abt sources & trust w students [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney

@fiidget

[@EamonTewell](#) would love to hear more (from any/all) about WP as teaching tool for infolit! [#critlib](#)



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Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

[@fiidget](#) I usually discuss it w/ other sources--asking what a db vs. google vs. wiki are good for gets lots of interesting answers [#critlib](#)



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@oksveta

[@fiidget](#) [@EamonTewell](#) IMO showing the "talk" page of a popular article is a great way to demo knowledge is contested & constructed [#critlib](#)



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Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

[@oksveta](#) [@fiidget](#) [@EamonTewell](#) Agree! I love showing it in class, esp contested entries. Transparency like nowhere else! [#critlib](#)



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Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@jessicahochman @oksveta @fiidget students' minds get blown w/ the talk page. I also mention that 90% of editors are men #critlib



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Jessica Hochman
@jessicahochman

@EamonTewell @oksveta ditto! Luckily, in my last WP class, I had @fiidget present to share some experiences, so helpful. #critlib



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Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

@ellieatoric Great idea for demo'ing #infolit Framework with #wikipedia. #critlib
twitter.com/oksveta/status...



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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

@oksveta @fiidget @EamonTewell History, too. It shapes article. 1st edit for menstruation? "Women have this all the fucking time" #critlib



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lurklearn
@nancyeadams

A1 I say it is OK (but don't go as far as recommd) it as starting place for facts for med students. #critlib



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lurklearn
@nancyeadams

Several studies show it isn't necss. incorrect for med info, but incomplete. Ex. drug side fx missing. so... #critlib



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lurklearn

@nancyeadams

...I encourage med students to use the tools of their profession, and right now Wikip. ain't it.

[#critlib](#)



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Librarian, AFT 7463

@klmccook

[#critlib](#) Kathleen McCook have taught class on editing WP to over 150 LIS students last 4 years at U of South FL. School of Information.



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S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

[@klmccook](#) thanks for yr fantastic article that's tonight's suggested reading!! [#critlib](#)



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sveta

@oksveta

[@klmccook](#) Your article in Progressive Librarian was our suggested reading. So glad you are also here for the chat [#critlib](#)



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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

[@klmccook](#) I had the same experience at UofT's iSchool. Has definitely impacted my views

[#critlib](#)



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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

[@nancyeadams](#) Yes! Wikiproject Medicine has much stricter guidelines for adding content, which means a lot gets left out [#critlib](#)




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Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

@nancyeadams How can we get more medical professionals/faculty/students to edit WP? Avg person probably seeks medical info from WP #critlib

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lurknlearn
@nancyeadams

@ginamshelton UCSF med school has for-credit course where they edit WP med articles; thought it was great idea #critlib

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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

@ginamshelton @nancyeadams Yes! Wikipedia is number one source for medical info, esp for conditions ppl aren't comfy asking about #critlib

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lurknlearn
@nancyeadams

agree totally. But for med professionals, I steer them away from WP. It actually IS BRAIN SURGERY #critlib [twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status/1234567890)

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Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

@megwacha @ginamshelton @nancyeadams is it anti-Wikipedia bias that I hear that & wish there were a better source for such info? #critlib


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Violet Fox
@violetbfox


@nfoasberg @megwacha @ginamshelton @nancyeadams I don't think so. Maybe medical info shouldn't be crowdsourced--too important. #critlib

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 **lurklearn**
@nancyeadams


@violetbfox @nfoasberg @megwacha @ginamshelton Yes, I feel stakes too high. I steer them towards "info from your comm of practice." [#critlib](#)

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 **Tina Gross**
@aboutness


A1: I have poked around [@dbpedia](#) as part of exploring SPARQL, and considered making Wikipedia edits to fix searches that didn't [#critlib](#)

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 **Kara Plamann Wagoner**
KaraKaraPW KaraPW


A1. Love how students react when they realize they are knowledge experts & they have the power to accurately tell stories of place. [#critlib](#)

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 **Jessica Hochman**
@jessicahochman


A1: I love Wikipedia as a starting point, quick ref for things I "should know"; but also bc wikipedians make the road by walking it [#critlib](#)

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 **Jessica Hochman**
@jessicahochman

A1 And, I love wikipedia as a text to read critically. In my classes we read it, edit it, & consider the content & practice [#critlib](#)

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 **Allana Mayer**
@allanaaaaaaa

catching up: A1 - got a few hundred edits under my belt after some rough first attempts + unkind editorial response [#critlib](#)

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Q2. In what ways could Wikipedia be a potential resource or site for enacting [#critlib](#)?



sveta
@oksveta

#critlib A2 for pedagogy, get students to see themselves as knowledge producers, demo how knowledge is contested [twitter.com/fiiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiiidget/status/1111111111)



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@oksveta

#critlib A2.2 especially if their edits don't stick, great opener for convo about power and knowledge. but need debrief time & fore-thought



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@oksveta

#critlib A2.3 especially if working w/ student editors, am careful to have them make anonymous accounts to limit their risk of harassment



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Marisa Mendez-Brady
@msmendezbrady

@oksveta thanks for the tip! #critlib



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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@jessicahochman @socaldesi Well, if they're not, Wikipedia editors often won't accept them as "legitimate". #critlib



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S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

There are so many places to start on WP (subject areas, notability, infolit) but it can be overwhelming! #critlib [twitter.com/fiiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiiidget/status/1111111111)



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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

@oksveta @fiidget students should be thinking of themselves as knowledge creators! #critlib



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Emily Drabinski

@edrabinski

WP makes contested nature of knowledge visible. Often look here first, then compare to peer review. #critlib [twitter.com/fiidget/statu...](https://twitter.com/fiidget/status...)



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Gina Murrell

@GinaMurrell1

A2. Edit-a-thons, like ones for women artists, are great for enacting #critlib principles, i.e. working toward more inclusive histories.



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gayatri singh

@socaldesi

#critlib A2. with so much focus on citations, when we edit I want us to be more aware of who we are citing; give voice to marginalized...



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gayatri singh

@socaldesi

#critlib A2. ...scholars. that's something pulse orlando syllabus made me think abt. it's more than talking about underrepresented folks...



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gayatri singh

@socaldesi

#critlib A2. ...it's important to cite their work.



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Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

@socaldesi great point. As much as I love the outside links, they're often too hegemonic, obvious sources. #critlib



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S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

Yes! But then there can be problems with what's considered a reliable source, or a notable topic! #critlib [twitter.com/socaldesi/stat...](https://twitter.com/socaldesi/status...)



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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

+1 Wikipedia reinforces bias in the literature. #critlib [twitter.com/socaldesi/stat...](https://twitter.com/socaldesi/status...)



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S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

@socaldesi there's some deep deep structural bias in WP bc of who created it, and for all my love, idk if it can be overcome :(#critlib



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Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

@violetbfox @jessicahochman @socaldesi so interesting how Wikipedia relies on traditional authority & reproduces these structures #critlib



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Dianne

@diannelibrarian

A2 Wikipedia seems ripe for #critlib work: empower student voices, work to deconstruct gendered power structure, think critically abt info



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Dianne

@diannelibrarian

A2.2...creation & dissemination [#critlib](#)



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Katherine Ahnberg

Lux_Serviam

Q2. Emerging scholarly language often starts in online discourse communities. Peer review process filters alternative terminology [#critlib](#)



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Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

A2. So many knowledge/political/social structures are visible when editing [#critlib](#)



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Marisa Mendez-Brady

@msmendezbrady

[#critlib](#) A2 I am hoping to teach Wiki editing in the context of narratives not well represented, and to question why they aren't already



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Jenna Freedman

@zinelib

This is SO GOOD. I'm dying from all the great responses to [#Wikipedia](#) editing as a site for [#critlib](#). [twitter.com/msmendezbrady/...](https://twitter.com/msmendezbrady/)



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Librarian, AFT 7463

@klmccook

Notability big issue. Class often adds entries on libraries & get taken down. Trolls deem subj. not notable. Discouraging. [#critlib](#)



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Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

@klmccook Unfortunately some editors have a vision of notability that is narrower than WP policy and is influenced by their biases. #critlib



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Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

@klmccook Outreach needs to be two-way process. Teach new editors about WP, teach WP editors that subjects new to them are notable. #critlib



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Kelly Swickard

@k_swickard

#critlib A2 showing students linked data avail on wp/ citations and citing/ authority control



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lurklearn

@nancyeadams

A2: Juxtapose articles on important underrep. topics at the same time w/ stats showing avg white, male WP editor; amirite? #critlib



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Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

A2: Scholarship as conversation irl #critlib



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Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

A2: As far as demonstrating the power of non-hierarchical information sources and freely sharing info, Wikipedia is a great example #critlib



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John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

A2. I think WP-conflict, tho frustrating, also useful in showing inherent politics of info & prompting critical eval of assertions. [#critlib](#)



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Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A2 Wikipedia is a great place to learn how "collaborative" = unfair influence + powers, oh, + that scholarship isn't a conversation [#critlib](#)



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Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A2 therefore, great place to evidence power imbalances + oppressed voices under banner of "notability" + other "pillars" [#critlib](#)



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Q3. In what ways are the pillars (i.e. Neutral Point of View) and/or organizational structures of WP in tension with [#critlib](#)? bit.ly/2b3HO7d [link to Wikipedia page for the 5 pillars]



sveta

@oksveta

Q3. In what ways are the pillars (i.e. Neutral Point of View) and/or organizational structures of WP in tension with [#critlib](#)?



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Emily Drabinski

@edrabinski

Only Wikipedia edit from my family so far is gf's addition of a fact about Randy Fenoli as Miss Gay America en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randy_Fenoli [#critlib](#)



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S. E. Hackney

@fiidget

@edrabski v. important work #critlib



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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

Q3: This is a tough question, and I struggle with the word 'tension' as much as I do the word 'neutral' #critlib



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Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

@megwacha Unfortunately a structural problem. A way around that is to use librarian powers to find and amplify other sources. #critlib



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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

Yes! For me, this is a call for open access to the lit and recognizing other forms of knowledge creation #critlib twitter.com/wikigamaliel/s...



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sveta

@oksveta

Very interesting. Can you elaborate a little on that? #critlib [twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status...)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski

@edrabski

@megwacha What's the struggle around tension as a word? I use it all the time, didn't know it was contested! #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

@edrabinski @megwacha I'm also curious re: tension. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

Q3 'Neutral Point of View' is intended as a means to prevent subjective language and a call to "represent the debate" #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

If we could get at the same thing without using the word neutral, what would we say? I know there's something better. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

,@megwacha I'm imagining a lot of arguments over which terms are loaded and which ones can safely be used by "all sides" #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

an attempt from WP to prevent editwars, infotrolling, but taken too far? #critlib
[twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status/1088888888888888888)



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

@megwacha is this a place where "tone policing" would be acceptable? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

[@megwacha](#) i don't know if it's possible. All writing has a lens. But to admit that is difficult & dangerous to status quo. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

[@jessicahochman](#) YES. Most Wikipedians recognize you can't be neutral. It's more about writing style, representing the debate. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

[@megwacha](#) [@jessicahochman](#) Do you think many WP editors wouldn't defend (their idea of) "rational" POV being superior to others? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

[@violetbfox](#) [@jessicahochman](#) It depends. Are we talking about the majority of editors, or the loudest voices? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

[@violetbfox](#) [@megwacha](#) [@jessicahochman](#) I would be surprised if a majority of WP editors didn't feel this way. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

[@violetbfox](#) [@megwacha](#) imo all people defend their ideas as "right"; prob is that most people don't acknowledge they have a lens [#critlib](#)




2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox
@violetbfox


@megwacha @jessicahochman I'm sure you interact with lots of reasonable editors, but hard to hear them over louder GG-esque voices. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Tina Gross
@aboutness

@violetbfox @megwacha @jessicahochman From what I've seen, they have no critical distance from their notions of neutral, rational. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha
@megwacha

@violetbfox @jessicahochman I know. And it depends on where you edit, what you contribute. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson
@sadads

@violetbfox @jessicahochman as @megwacha points out: only certain topics attract the trolling editors: most editing uncontroversial #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman
@jessicahochman

@aboutness @violetbfox @megwacha super interesting & kinda sad. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

A3: I think we've already started talking about the problems w who "gets to be notable" creating barriers for representation #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



sveta
@oksveta

How do you think this structural bias compares with similar in "traditional" reference sources?
[#critlib twitter.com/fiiidget/statu...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

[@oksveta](#) on WP it is more visible, more accessible and hopefully more malleable. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Def seems to adhere to pretty conservative ideas about what counts as proof/evidence. [#critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



gayatri singh
@socaldesi

[@oksveta](#) yaasss! just b/c info moves online doesn't make it perfect/imperfect. these issues exist w/ our print collections at well [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

[@socaldesi](#) Totally agree! Maybe a way to talk about how format doesn't determine much?
[@oksveta](#) [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

A3. Wikipedia is touted as a neutral resource, but librarians (& libraries) aren't neutral. We bring biases when using/editing it. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

A3: Notability has always seemed kind of weird and potentially power-reinforcing. What's notable and what isn't? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

A3 the "rule" against primary sources can be hugely problematic. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Kate Crowe

@kcrowe

Srsly. What if some1's oral history abt their own life contradicts a published "authoritative" src abt it? [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/stacymallison/...](https://twitter.com/stacymallison/)



2 YEARS AGO



Kate Crowe

@kcrowe

I am by no means saying that human memory is infallible. Clearly it's not. But it's THEIR LIFE. THEIR STORY. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Marisa Mendez-Brady

@msmendezbrady

[@stacymallison](#) great insight! And extremely subjective, and therefore potentially oppressive [#critlib](#) [#wikipedia](#) [twitter.com/stacymallison/...](https://twitter.com/stacymallison/)



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

A3. WP says "personal experiences, interpretations, or opinions don't belong," which is anathemic to [#critlib](#). They inform our worldview.



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

@violetbfox seems impossible to write anything without interpretations. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Kara Plamann Wagoner

KaraKaraPW KaraKaraPW

A3: I get annoyed with the idea of "authoritative sources" in Wikipedia...how can that be explored/part of dialogue through a #critlib lens?



2 YEARS AGO



Jenna Freedman

@zinelib

A3: The encyclopedia/tertiary pillar can be tricky to navigate with a professor, as @megwacha & I learned working with a class. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Kate Crowe

@kcrowe

There is no "neutral point of view," first of all. And "notability," which others have mentioned. #critlib twitter.com/oksveta/status...



2 YEARS AGO



Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

A3: As #critlib, we need to take a stance & not be neutral. But also, Wiki is an encyclopedia so neutrality is sort of their thing



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney

@fiidget

@nawalani @ginamshelton @oksveta a good editathon is an empowering safe space-- makes no bones abt BS on WP, encourages nonetheless #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Katherine Ahnberg

Lux_Serviam

A3. False sense of neutrality and equity #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Tina Gross

@aboutness

A3: In practice, "neutral" really means in line with dominant/mainstream/most broadly accepted views, no? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

Yup. #critlib twitter.com/aboutness/stat...



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

The "consensus" touted by WP seems diff than #critlib version of consensus--WP editors can bully/"lawyer" vs. ideal of inclusivity. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Sorry, late to #critlib. @KaraKaraPW's tweet on authority caught my eye. Mapping the ACRL Framework has helped me. pic.twitter.com/S93yqgVN2T



RAY MAXWELL @HSIFNIHPLOD · 2 YEARS AGO



sveta

@oksveta

I wonder if WP rule on "no primary sources" is part of claim to legitimacy. Might this change as WP becomes more widely embraced? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO


@oksveta This policy & WP:V came into real effect c. '05/'06 as a response to criticism about quality: youtube.com/watch?v=yChkep... #critlib

 ALEX STINSON @SADADS · 2 YEARS AGO



Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

A3 Need to be aware of bias but difficult to avoid. Need for more ppl w/ different backgrounds to edit and balance each other out. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

A3 Kind of an accountability system where multiple voices can hopefully balance out the bias
#critlib twitter.com/ginamshelton/s...

 2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel
@wikigamaliel

NPOV necessary and powerful tool to keep WP from being hijacked by agendas, but also serves to reinforce cultural hegemony. #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

@oksveta Primary sources are widely abused to push agendas and create personal interpretations, don't foresee this rule changing. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

A3. In some ways I find spirit of Ranganathan more useful for describing the best ideas behind "NPOV" than the "neutral" concept. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

("Every reader their articles"; "Every article its readers [w all POVs readers might be interested in]"; "WP's a growing organism" #critlib)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A3 I've brought up WP in discussion of other "neutral" user-content platforms inevitably going dumpsterfire #critlib twitter.com/allanaaaaaaa/s...



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A3 ... that said, Wikipedia's seniority-based "consensus" models has a lot in common with how libraries work these days ... #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@allanaaaaaaa less seniority and more who can appeal to the shared community values best (which usually comes with experience) #critlib 1/2



2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@allanaaaaaaa with good coaching most new editors can figure out how to appeal to those values, i.e. #artplusfeminism or #lib1ref #critlib



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Q4. Do librarians have a responsibility to address pitfalls of WP like gender/race/identity gaps?



sveta

@oksveta

Q4. Do librarians have a responsibility to address pitfalls of WP like gender/race/identity gaps? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

#critlib A4 Not unless I'm getting paid for it.



2 YEARS AGO



sveta

@oksveta

#critlib Great reminder of another structural issue with WP: So much unpaid digital labor! [twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...](https://twitter.com/violetbfox/status/1234567890)



2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@oksveta The problem is that most human good projects are contingent on goodwill, and only work when supported by idealists #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



lurklearn

@nancyeadams

@sadads @oksveta Tragedy of the commons? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@nancyeadams @oksveta Yep, and squatting by the early pioneers with lots of access to that commons. But takes a village to change #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Jenna Freedman

@zinelib

A4: Addressing pitfalls of WP like gender/race/identity gaps eems like basic #infoLit to me, or what info lit should be! #critlib #ifonly



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

@zinelib exactly! #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Jenna Freedman

@zinelib

A4 In add'n to addressing representation in Wikipedia, it's great if you have a librarian who is a #WikiWarrior like @megwacha. :) #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@zinelib For the most part Wikipedians are receptive to change, and acknowledge the gaps: behavior change that is hard part #critlib.



2 YEARS AGO



gayatri singh

@socaldesi

@sadads @zinelib I love the idea/mission of WP. does practice need to improve? yes. which is why these conversations are important #critlib




2 YEARS AGO



Alex Stinson
@sadads


@socialdesi @zinelib Indeed: but once you have the convs outside the community, needs to be paired w/ long hard action from within #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

A4 I don't know if I'd call it a responsibility, I'm not here to assign homework to the field of librarianship #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

A4 but I think it's a good thing to do! #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Dianne
@diannelibrarian

A4 Libs can't(shouldn't) ignore Wikipedia. Feel like if you are using/mentioning to your users, should be transparent abt issues #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox
@violetbfox

#critlib A4. It isn't underrepresented people's job to save Wikipedia from itself.

 2 YEARS AGO



Tina Gross
@aboutness

A4: Broadly, YES. In Wikipedia specifically? Probly not. A laudable goal, but I don't think that resource is our "responsibility." #critlib

 2 YEARS AGO



Katherine Ahnberg

Lux_Serviam @Lux_Serviam

A4. If we're using it to teach, yes; great intro to critical analysis [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



lurklearn

@nancyeadams

A4 IMHO not necessarily librarian's responsibility to do it, but definitely to empower others to correct for their own self. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



lurklearn

@nancyeadams

A4 reminds me of story: angry patron, holding book, "did u c what this book says? why aren't you telling ppl about it??" [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Gina Murrell

@GinaMurrell1

A4 As believers in democratization of information, librarians must ensure the info meets the needs of all. Use/edit WP accordingly. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A4 not sure what "address" means here - do you mean telling patrons about its weaknesses and pitfalls? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer

@allanaaaaaaa

A4 ... because you could make an argument for Wikipedia-editing as "volunteer"/"scholarly" work for academic librarians [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

A4 but asking other heritage workers, who don't have allotted time in their paid hours, to contribute is cruel, don'tcha think? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Stacy Allison-Cassin
@stacymallison

A4 depends on context. Infolit yes, using it to feed a digital project or promote content, yes. Edit-a-thon, yes. But mandate? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel
@wikigamaliel

A4: WP is world's largest info source. Our patrons are all there. If we aren't, are we fulfilling our duties as info professionals? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

I have many feelings about this and am now determined to find cited published prim src in Wikipedia. [#critlib](#) twitter.com/wikigamaliel/s...



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

A4: In no way should be an obligation to edit, but libs shld be aware of how WP works, and honest abt it w patrons/students/peers [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiiidget

A4: Libs & librarians need to make their voices heard re:Wikipedia, lest the public (or Wiki admin) think we don't care. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



gayatri singh
@socaldesi

[#critlib](#) A4. I think WP is intentionally seeking out partnerships with libraries, and in that role we should definitely be talking abt it



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

sure, if they pay me [#critlib](#) twitter.com/socaldesi/stat...



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

A4 it'd be nice to have automated bots set up for librarians just to flag, revert, delete bad articles. minimal time, maximal gain. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



sveta
@oksveta

A4 As long as WP (or Google for that matter) is so widely used, librarians have responsibility to understand its structural issues [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



sveta
@oksveta

[#critlib](#) A4.2 and to intervene to the extent that their position allows; not an "off-the-clock" moral responsibility to edit



2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg
@nfoasberg

[#critlib](#) [@oksveta](#) So maybe we should ask -- should libraries be supporting librarians' work to address pitfalls of Wikipedia? (yes)



2 YEARS AGO



Kara Plamann Wagoner

KaraPlamannWagoner

A4: I like to edit because I'm prone to more talk than action...wp= a comfortable place to being gaining [#critlib](#) confidence & close gaps



2 YEARS AGO



John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

A4. IMO, as long as users use WP, we have responsibility to help use it well (eg by making them aware of gaps and/or helping fix) [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

A4. By "we" I mean librns of all sorts; burden shouldn't default to those most hurt by gaps. Tho I hope I'm told when I do it wrong. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

+1 Librarians should be supported to work with Wikipedia, but not required. Personal, informed choices [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/JMarkOckerbloom...](https://twitter.com/JMarkOckerbloom)



2 YEARS AGO



P. F. Anderson

@pfanderson

[@JMarkOckerbloom](#) Also to help shape appropriate use - mine bibliography for resources, dig back to original sources, etc. [#CritLib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Librarian, AFT 7463

@klmccook

Work to include WP work in P & T or annual review. [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status...)



2 YEARS AGO



Gina Shelton
@ginamshelton

A4 In lib instruction students learn abt potential biases/flaws w/ any source then learn 2 find other sources 2 balance out the POV [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

A4. But, like, I fill this screen w characters for free. If editing WP was fun for me, I'd likely do for free. (Alas, It's not.) [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO

Q5. What accounts for historic maligning of WP by libs and what does this tell us about our own stance towards information?



sveta
@oksveta

Q5. What accounts for historic maligning of WP by libs and what does this tell us about our own stance towards information? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



FlaPubLibGuy
@BohVik

A5 Reason for historic bad rep of WP is printed Encyclopedias, with printed citations. must be right. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

A5: I feel like librarians were early to using Wikipedia critically, though not as open as now. Convincing profs is a challenge. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Eamon Tewell
@EamonTewell

@zinelib most resistance I see re: wikipedia use is from profs (and usually in the middle of instruction sessions) #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

A5 fully justified intuition-based suspicions borne out by later evidence #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel
@wikigamaliel

A5. Mission to promote quality sources of info, so a natural reaction to an untested source. Now librarians are excited about WP. #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Katherine Ahnberg
Lux_Serviam

A5 General mistrust of crowdsourced materials, "armchair" academics, any anonymity in relation to authority #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Katherine Ahnberg
Lux_Serviam

A5. Who gets to be the expert? #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



Dianne
@diannelibrarian

A5 Wiki represents move away from trad scholarly sources to open, free & crowdsourced. Scary for ppl who built careers on print #critlib



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

A5 Fear of becoming obsolete? Fear of info free-for-all? Fear of disrupting white cishet control of mainstream access to info? Fear [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

[@fiidget](#) except if there's white cishet control of wikipedia (is there?) seems like little difference? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

[@edrabinski](#) right, time has proven. but 15 years ago, it cld have been anything (not really, it could have only ever been this way) [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

[@fiidget](#) It's like we're all rearranging deck chairs til the revolution comes. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Gina Murrell
@GinaMurrell1

[@fiidget](#) Yep. WP model of "everyone as info source" disrupts narrative that's historically been white cishet Christian normative. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Mr. D.
@aasomrd

[@fiidget](#) Agree + jealously over gatekeeping knowledge. Begs Lacanian question: Why do we need jealously to maintain our identity? [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Barnard Library
@barnlib

Injecting this oldie but a goodie into tonight's [#critlib](#) chat on Wikipedia.
[twitter.com/ingredient_x/s...](#)

2 YEARS AGO



Barnard Library
@barnlib

Another oldie-but-goodie tweet, prompted by Q5. [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/barnlib/status...](#)

2 YEARS AGO



Marisa Mendez-Brady
@msmendezbrady

[@barnlib](#) this is amazing! Thank you for the epic belly laughs [#critlib](#)

2 YEARS AGO



lurklearn
@nancyeadams

A5: WP was free, accessible to all, unmediated by us. Librarians' turf was threatened. [#critlib](#)
[twitter.com/oksveta/status...](#)

2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha
@megwacha

A5 I became a Wikipedian for the same reasons I became a librarian. Information access. Taking down the patriarchy. [#critlib](#)

2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman
@jessicahochman

[@megwacha](#) yaaassss! [#critlib](#)

2 YEARS AGO



Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

A5. I think a lot of this distrust comes from reluctance to acknowledge expertise in people w/o institutional recognition [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman

@jessicahochman

[@nfoasberg](#) so true. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Eamon Tewell

@EamonTewell

A5: Reliance on traditional modes of authority (print, scholarly) is easy. Understanding new means of producing information is hard [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox

@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A5. I think argument that librarians/college profs are afraid of WP or don't trust it is primarily a straw man at this point.



2 YEARS AGO



Dianne

@diannelibrarian

Whoops, forgot [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/diannelibraria...](https://twitter.com/diannelibrarian)



2 YEARS AGO



Gina Murrell

@GinaMurrell1

A5. Historically, libs were gatekeepers of information. WP model of everyone as a knowledge source resulted in it being maligned. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Matthew Noe

@NoetheMatt

#Librarianship has a pathological fear of becoming irrelevant. Makes us make bad decisions.
[#critlib](#) [twitter.com/GinaMurrell1/s...](https://twitter.com/GinaMurrell1/status...)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski

@edrabinski

Other faculty worse on this. "No WP" all over syllabus/assignments, hasn't come from my mouth in yrs. [#critlib](#) twitter.com/oksveta/status...



2 YEARS AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

A5 If you want to change the wikibrarian convo, join the listserv! It's pretty quiet, but we can fix that [#critlib](#) lists.wikimedia.org/mailman/listin...



2 YEARS AGO



Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

[@megwacha](#) I can't believe I haven't been calling myself a wikibrarian already. Changing that now. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Nicole Nawalaniec

@nawalani

A5: Love all of the answers to this question! Changing notion of what is "real evidence", not what is scholarly or traditional [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Ray Maxwell

hsifnihpodsiifnihpodsi

I have collided with "notability" issues in trying to break in to WP. Same old walls, y'all hear?.
[#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



lurklearn

@nancyeadams

A5: Authority, authority, authority...of librarians to collect/select, of info publishers to select what's worthy. [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

I'm wondering if [#critlib](#) Q5 a bit slanted. "Malign" implies unwarranted criticism, but we've seen plenty of basis for criticism in-chat.



2 YEARS AGO



sveta

@oksveta

[#critlib](#) Good point! Distrust perhaps would have been a better term.
twitter.com/JMarkOckerbloo...



2 YEARS AGO

Pitches



sveta

@oksveta

What a wonderful [#critlib](#) chat! Last 5 min... time for [#critpitch](#)



2 YEARS AGO



sveta

@oksveta

if you are new, [#critpitch](#) = share announcements, resources, CFPs, etc relevant to chat or [#critlib](#) at large twitter.com/oksveta/status...



2 YEARS AGO



Librarian, AFT 7463

@klmccook

Dr. Carla Hayden nominated & confirmed as LofC. Her entry barely updated. Librarians should enhance that WP article. LOTS OF US! [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

Yes! We are hoping to plan some [#critlib](#) editathons for those interested after the chat ends!
[#critlib](#) [twitter.com/klmccook/statu...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Jessica Hochman
@jessicahochman

[@fiidget](#) fantastic! My Identity course is doing one with [@megwacha](#) later this term! [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Kate Crowe
@kcrowe

[#critpitch](#) +1 [#critlib](#) [twitter.com/klmccook/statu...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

[#CRITPITCH](#) yaaaaas: the month of September, read the [@lisjournalclub](#) article + talk about it with us on [#lisjc](#)! [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Allana Mayer
@allanaaaaaaa

[#critlib](#) [#critpitch](#) here it is! [twitter.com/lisjournalclub...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Looks fantastic! Love [@davehudson123](#)'s work. Smart. Challenging. [#critlib](#)
[twitter.com/lisjournalclub...](#)



2 YEARS AGO



LibraryJuice Academy
@LibJuiceAcademy

We hope [@megwacha](#) will teach her Wikipedia class for us again! [#critpitch](#) [#critlib](#)



2 YEARS AGO



Violet Fox
@violetbfox

#critpitch: Next #critlib chat is available if anyone wants to volunteer to moderate a chat on Tues. Sept. 6th! [critlib.org/twitter-chats/...](http://critlib.org/twitter-chats/)



2 YEARS AGO



Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Thx so much @oksveta @megwacha @fiidget for a great #critlib tonight!



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Jenna Freedman
@zinelib

#critlib pitch: who's going to Storify this epic chat?



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Megan Wacha
@megwacha

Thank you to @oksveta and @fiidget for a fantastic conversation tonight! #critlib



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Alex Stinson
@sadads

Ditto, important conversations about the comm ! But needs to be paired with exp: lib1ref.org
#critlib [twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status/1000000000000000000)



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S. E. Hackney
@fiidget

Want to do some #critlib editing? Watch this space, and reach out to me, @sveta and/or @nora_almeida to help organize something(s)!!



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Tina Gross
@aboutness

#critlib #critpitch For those who haven't seen it--please check out the SAC report on the LCSH "Illegal aliens" twitter.com/aboutness/stat...



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John Mark Ockerbloom
@JMarkOckerbloom

1 thing I think WP underrated on: rapid response to new events & interests. (In contrast, *still* no "Black Lives Matter" LCSH/NA.) #critlib



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Kelly Swickard
@k_swickard

#critlib I think this is important point that trad LC info is way behind current issues twitter.com/JMarkOckerbloo...



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Violet Fox
@violetbfox

@JMarkOckerbloom Not true. Black Lives Matter Movement #LCSH is approved as of August 2016. Not sure of timeline, but it's coming. #critlib



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Emily Drabinski
@edrabinski

Just asked gf, "Do I have anything for the #critlib #critpitch?" "I do not know what that means." So. I guess that means no!



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Jessica Hochman
@jessicahochman

YES! Thanks @fiidget & @oksveta! This was so great! #critlib



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Megan Wacha

@megwacha

I cannot recommend this enough --> CFP: WikiConference North America
wikiconference.org/wiki/2016/Main... #critlib



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Marisa Mendez-Brady

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Thanks @megwacha ! And thanks everyone for an inspiring #critlib chat. Y'all are amazing librarians. [twitter.com/megwacha/statu...](https://twitter.com/megwacha/status...)



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Dianne

@diannelibrarian

Another great #critlib chat! So grateful for this little corner of the internet: always learning & challenging status quo. Keeps me engaged



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S. E. Hackney

@fiiidget

Thanks everyone for a great discussion!! And thanks to @oksveta for co-modding, and the absent @nora_almeida for helping to plan #critlib



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lurklearn

@nancyeadams

Thanks, mods and tweeters! #critlib



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Kelly Swickard

@k_swickard

#critlib think for faculty being agst wp it is bec students literally copy&paste from wp/ they think it is free text to use without citing



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Nancy Foasberg

@nfoasberg

I've been out of [#critlib](#) for a while, & this was a great convo to come back in on! Thanks [@megwacha](#) [@oksveta](#) [@fiidget](#) !



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Arlene Haessler

@Rweenie

Thanks all this was so informative and fun!!! [#critlib](#)



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Kelly Swickard

@k_swickard

[#critlib](#) thanks all very interesting and engaging conversation



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sveta

@oksveta

Thanks [@fiidget](#) & [@nora_almeida](#) for being fantastic co-mods! & Thanks [#critlib](#) for a great chat... I have missed participating in these!



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John Mark Ockerbloom

@JMarkOckerbloom

Thank you to the organizers & everyone who participated in tonight's [#critlib](#) chat! Great to hear so many voices.



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