

#critlib 2018-01-22: Wikipedia, open access, and social justice

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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Hello #critlib fans! Our chat "Wikipedia, Open Access, and Social Justice" will begin in 30 minutes. Please click here for questions and readings: critlib.org



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Hello everyone--welcome to our #critlib chat #Wikipedia, #OpenAccess, and #socialjustice. I am @voxpathulare, Collection Mgmt Librarian and Wikipedian at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN. Let's introduce ourselves--who are you, where do you work, and why are you here?



A MONTH AGO



Angie S.

@AngieStangl

Hopefully tuning in to #critlib chat for a bit! Excited to talk #wikipedia and hear what others are up to!



A MONTH AGO



Teresa Schultz

@tschultz0

Hi everyone, I'm Teresa at University of Nevada, Reno. Interested in learning more about Wikipedia to help use it in instruction sessions and to teach about OA. #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

Hello [#critlib](#)! I'm Leslie, Amer. immigrant in Berlin, (old) MLIS student at [@IBI_HU](#), working part-time at a special library in a museum.

 A MONTH AGO



Naomi Binnie
@libnaomi

Hi [#critlib](#) I'm Naomi, Digital Ed Librarian at UMich in Ann Arbor. Excited to follow along while I multitask!

 A MONTH AGO



Megan Wacha
@megwacha

Hi, [#critlib](#)! I'm Meg, and I lead open research initiatives at the City University of New York and currently serve as president of [@WikimediaNYC](#). Like [@libnaomi](#), I'm following along while I multitask. Looking forward!

 A MONTH AGO



Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

Hi [#critlib](#) I'm Lisa, academic librarian in California, mostly lurking this morning.

 A MONTH AGO



Marcos
@marklclemente

Hey [#critlib](#) folks, I'm Mark, scholarly communications librarian at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland

 A MONTH AGO



Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

Hi [#critlib](#)! Megan, info lit librarian in Alaska. Students in my credit-bearing class that starts next week will spend the term editing/creating Wikipedia articles...1st time trying this, should be an adventure! :)

 A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

For folks who follow me and don't know [#critlib](#) yet, it's a regular chat about Critical Librarianship. Join us! More info here: critlib.org.



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@meganjwatson](#) Cool idea to use Wikipedia authoring as a teaching tool! Looking forward to hearing how it goes. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Matthew Noe

@NoetheMatt

Hi [#critlib](#)! Matthew here, a medical librarian in Massachusetts. Mostly gonna be lurking today.



A MONTH AGO



liz chenevey

@gnomadlibrarian

Hi [#critlib](#), academic librarian in VA here! Excited to follow along as I can during my office hours



A MONTH AGO

Q1. How have you engaged with Wikipedia in the past week, month, or year (personally or professionally)? Is there anything that keeps you from engaging more than you do? [#critlib](#)



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Nice to meet you all! Let's begin our discussion with ...Q1. How have you engaged with Wikipedia in the past week, month, or year (personally or professionally)? Is there anything that keeps you from engaging more than you do? [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Angie S.

@AngieStangl

A1. I haven't engaged a lot lately! Although, in the past I've collaborated with student groups to host Wikipedia edit-a-thons. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Teresa Schultz

@tschultz0

A1 Mostly as a user! Interested in helping out with 1Lib1Ref, so starting to explore the backend and how the process works. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

A1 I *use* Wikipedia constantly. I know how to edit, did [#1Lib1Ref](#) last year. But tend to write/edit in little bursts, then lapse for awhile. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Elizabeth Stregger

@estregger

This term I'm helping a professor with a Women's and Gender Studies class assignment. Students will be contributing to biographies of women scientists [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@estregger](#) That's great! Last year during [#1Lib1Ref](#) there was a challenge to add new bios of women (can't remember who organized(; I wrote one. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpopulare

I created a new article last night, in addition to all of the [#1lib1ref](#) efforts--[#folx: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Folx_\(gen...](#) [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Matthew Noe
@NoetheMatt

I do have a quick answer to Q1: I am hitting "random" once a day on Wikipedia this year, partly to try to engage with it more, partly to see what a year of random information turns out like (i.e. what's rep'd, what's not). [twitter.com/NoetheMatt/sta...](https://twitter.com/NoetheMatt/status/1111111111) #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpathulare

[@NoetheMatt](#) Oh you are a brave soul! Finding citations for random information that needs citation. :)



A MONTH AGO



Naomi Binnie
@libnaomi

A1 mostly casually engage with Wikipedia as a user, recently interested in getting involved with an edit-a-thon #critlib



A MONTH AGO



liz chenevey
@gnomadlibrarian

A1. I use Wikipedia all the time. Often for quick intros into concepts or historical things. (Most recently, to read more about the Pentagon Papers after seeing The Post) #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Teresa Schultz
@tschultz0

[@gnomadlibrarian](#) I did the same thing! #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A1. Been engaging a bunch with [@WikiEducation](#) lately as I work on getting my course up-and-running. Did some editing years ago, but fell off. Got busy/wrapped up in other things. #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Max Bowman
@maxgbowman

Hi [#critlib](#) 🧑🏻♂️ I'm Max, and I'm an academic librarian in Virginia, who is mostly lurking.

A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

A1 I used to use my DE>EN translation skills to improve English-language articles about Berlin, Germany, etc. But haven't for awhile. [#critlib](#)

A MONTH AGO



Elizabeth Stregger
@estregger

A1: Something I'm struggling with in [#1lib1ref](#) this year - Citation Hunt identifies places where citations are needed. Sometimes I'm pretty sure the statement is flat-out wrong. When do I know that with enough certainty to remove it? [#critlib](#)

A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpathulare

So we have a mixed crowd here--those who have not edited and some master Wikibrarians! What keeps those who have not edited from editing? [#critlib](#)

A MONTH AGO



liz chenevey
@gnomadlibrarian

A1.2 I took a workshop almost 3 years ago on how to edit it. I haven't actually done it since then, but I want to learn more ways to engage than by just being a passive reader! [#critlib](#)

A MONTH AGO



Marcos
@marklclemente

A1: like most of us I use it all the time (& can hardly believe we are still having debates in 2018 about its validity as a starting point - not here but elsewhere in libraryland) but due to time I don't do much as an editor [#critlib](#)

A MONTH AGO



Nicole Gustavsen

@referencebird

Hey #critlib I'm an academic librarian outside Seattle WA. I love Wikipedia and enjoy finding new uses for it in infolit sessions. Looking forward to this chat.



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

@estregger I'm a novice Wikipedian but my understanding is that you don't need 100% certainty to act. The idea of Wikipedia is that the net of Wikipedians will catch your mistakes, no? #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Teresa Schultz

@tschultz0

@voxpopulare Mystery of the process, not thinking about it (meant to do it over the weekend, and then kept forgetting). #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpopulare

Jan 15-Feb 3 is @WikiLibrary #1lib1ref campaign--easy way to get engaged! Here is their website: meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_Wikip... #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Lisa Hubbell

@lisahubbell

A1. I use Wikipedia, refer students to it to find search terms on their topics, and have occasionally made minor edits.



A MONTH AGO



Naomi Binnie

@libnaomi

@voxpopulare my own lack of knowledge about the process and wariness about working with moderators/internet-y people (clearly i'm uneducated on this) #critlib



A MONTH AGO



liz chenevey
@gnomadlibrarian

@voxpopulare I think the first time I tried on my own I got some error message, or my edit wasn't accepted (I don't remember) & I just got discouraged. And then distracted by other things so never went back to keep trying [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

@gnomadlibrarian Try try again! You can always revert an edit or a deletion and defend it.



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

A2? I think editing Wikipedia seems more daunting than it is in reality. Even though I know from experience that editing can be quick & painless, I often think I don't have time. So I can imagine this is even more of a problem for those who've never done it. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

A2 Last year for [#lib1ref](#) there was a Wikipedia webinar in Germany for librarians. Most of them saw editing as very daunting, and also saw tracking down citations as not librarians' job! [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Nicole Gustavsen 🇺🇸
@referencebird

A1 [#critlib](#) a little less than a year ago I created a libguide for a student group's Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon for Black History Month, and working on that got me interested in wiki-editing-as-activism. guides.lib.uw.edu/wikipediaedita...



A MONTH AGO



Lisa Hubbell
@lisahubbell

A1. I would love to work with students on [#wikipedia](#) editing. It doesn't fit smoothly into any of the curriculum I support. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

@leslie_kuo @estregger That's right @leslie_kuo! Wikipedia is a community, not just an "online encyclopedia". Getting something started will lead to improvements and expansion over time.



A MONTH AGO



Lisa Hubbell

@lisahubbell

A1. Personally, it has occurred to me to write a Wikipedia article about my mother, and suggest the same to others. Could build from obituary and add references. #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

@libnaomi @voxpathulare I hear this a lot! The good news is that there some easier ways to get started, and there's always more to learn, no matter how long you've been editing #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Have you all heard of the #WikiProject directory? You can look for articles in your area of expertise that need expertise: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_directory) #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

@leslie_kuo That's really interesting! Do you think that the professional assumptions/skills about librarianship are very different from English speaking areas? cc @fischerdata @wmde #libraries #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

@voxpathulare @estregger I think the majority of users (and even librarians?) don't perceive the Wikipedia community though because most of us use it constantly in a hands-off way. #critlib



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@lisahubbell](#) What are you teaching/supporting? There is a WikiProject out there for everyone. :)



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Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@sadads](#) [@fischerdata](#) [@wmde](#) Apparently! I was really surprised, being originally from the US where librarians often help students with citations. I brought this up and my german colleagues said that's not the case here. [#critlib](#)



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Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@sadads](#) [@fischerdata](#) [@wmde](#) I believe [@fischerdata](#) was one of the organizers of that [#1lib1ref](#) webinar, if I remember correctly. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@leslie_kuo](#) [@sadads](#) [@fischerdata](#) [@wmde](#) So what do academic librarians in Germany do, lol?



A MONTH AGO



Kelly M. Hoppe

@thebookinator

Hi everyone! Kelly here. Sorry, im late to the party. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO

Q2. In general, how does Wikipedia supplement or enhance your work or that of your students, faculty/staff colleagues, or general library patrons? [#critlib](#)



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

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A MONTH AGO



Teresa Schultz
@tschultz0

A2 Right now mostly as starting place for learning, but think can be good for teach source evaluation, concepts of information access, whose voices are being represented, etc. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Marcos
@marklclemente

A2. working as an open access advocate, OA & Wikipedia go hand-in-hand. when scrolling through a wiki article's references, nobody wants to chase down toll-access papers [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpathulare

[@marklclemente](#) Totally! I have this argument with Wikipedians all the time--either all access or no access. :)



A MONTH AGO



Megan Wacha
@megwacha

A2 As a librarian, my job is to make information accessible and to make sure my community has the tools they need to use that information effectively and responsibly. I don't see my wiki* work as any different! [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A2: I find Wikipedia to be a great entry point into getting students to talk about what a scholarly convo looks like, why citations are important/what they do, what background info is/isn't, etc. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Nicole Gustavsen 🇺🇸
@referencebird

A2 [#critlib](#) students I work with are perennially delight to find out I'm not going to shut them down for looking at Wikipedia. I like to show them how to use the References @ bottom to get to sources they can use for their assignments.



A MONTH AGO



Jake Orlowitz
@JakeOrlowitz

A2. As my patrons are in some sense Wikipedia's *readers* I feel it's my role to make the information they encounter more reliable, but also to make them discerning consumers of its content. At the same time, removing stigma is often needed first. [#critlib](#)
[medium.com/@jakeorlowitz/...](https://medium.com/@jakeorlowitz/)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

What is amazing to me is the following I am getting through the Wikimedia [@wikilgbt](#) Twitter account...[#youth](#), [#librarians](#), [#writers](#), [#celebs](#), and [#activists](#)...from around the world! Global engagement in so many languages too. Talking about [#LGBTQ](#) Wikipedia! [#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

[@referencebird](#) Exactly--and do you show them the quality scales too, to show that the articles are peer reviewed? Faculty get a lot out of that...



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

[@voxpopulare](#) [@markclemente](#) I thought one of the ideas of [#1lib1ref](#) is that librarians might have access to sources others do not? Including ones behind a paywall. What do you think?
[#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

What helps [#Wikipedia](#) work is tweeting about what you are doing and asking folx for help in finding resources, translating, getting images or photos, etc...lots of folx are here to help. :)
[#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@leslie_kuo](#) [@marklclemente](#) This is true--also, librarians can show folx that a particular book is in their library by linking the book title to WorldCat :)



A MONTH AGO



Julie Piacentine

@pibrarian

A concern I've held is that, as reliant users of Wikipedia, universities should provide financial support for the platform. Unfortunately, most library budgets preclude this. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

A2 The museum where I work (in the library) is very pro-Open (Open Access, Open Science) so Wikipedia is def. part of the discussion. [#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@leslie_kuo](#) We include [#Wikipedia](#) activities in our [#OpenAccessWeek](#) programming--very important.



A MONTH AGO



Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

[@leslie_kuo](#) [@voxpathulare](#) [@marklclemente](#) Both are true, not incompatible. Wikipedia wants good & canonical sources, & prefers OA when possible; WP usage is also a great argument for making things OA. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@estregger](#) Join the FB page "Wikipedia + Libraries", or the multiple Twitter accounts related to Wikipedia--guaranteed someone is watching. Once you know the main players and who knows what, you can reach out to them personally--they will be happy to help. :)



A MONTH AGO



Megan Wacha

@megwacha

[@pibrarian](#) I love this idea! I know there were proposals to include monetary support of open projects in ARL stats, but I don't think Wiki* was included in this idea. Hmm. . . [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

[@estregger](#) [@meganjwatson](#) Right. I like to ask, "What kind of citation would you look for to verify this fact?" Blows their mind AND is a real, hard editorial & research question. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

[@leslie_kuo](#) [@voxpopulare](#) [@markclemente](#) This is one the great strengths we bring to Wikipedia, we can find and access sources others can't. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@megwacha](#) [@pibrarian](#) This reminds me of something I forgot in A1: I donate (modestly) to Wikipedia every year. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO

Q3. Based on the readings about Wikipedia as activism and indigenous Wikipedia, what do you see as the potential for Wikipedia as a site for activism or eliminating information gaps about/for marginalized populations? [#critlib](#)



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpopulare

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A MONTH AGO



Violet Fox 
@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A3. The article on Indigenous knowledge in Wikipedia made me wonder about Wikipedia's views on cultural history. Is a tribe/people's knowledge about themselves considered more valid than scholarly works about them?



A MONTH AGO



Violet Fox 
@violetbfox

[#critlib](#) A3 (cont.). The article also mentioned the importance of tribal control of access to information about themselves and their cultural heritage--how does that fit in with the Wikipedia ethos?



A MONTH AGO



Megan Watson
@meganjwatson

A3: I need to do a closer read of those articles, but so many possibilities here. One of my hopes for my course is that students, many of whom are Alaska Native and/or from rural areas, will take this opp to enhance Wikipedia/represent their communities [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

A3 I think it will take continued, organized action to use Wikipedia to counter underrepresentation of people/groups. We all know that left on its own, technology recreates society. OTOH the woman Wikipedia page writing marathon last year was very inspiring!
[#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Phoebe Ayers
@phoebe_ayers

Hi [#critlib](#)! I am Phoebe; an engineering & science librarian at MIT & a Wikipedian for the last 15 years; I also wrote a book about it. I also was on the Wikimedia board. I'm thrilled there's so many librarians participating! Ask me anything whenever (outside this chat too).



A MONTH AGO



Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

A3. One of the great advantages to Wiki is the ability to be responsive and current in a way that is challenging with trad publishing. You can fill gaps that are wider than only on-Wiki. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@violetbfox](#) Great question! As always, lots of debate. Wikipedians at conferences are hearing from [#Dalit](#), [#Roma](#), indigenous, non-Western, nonliterate and [#LGBTQ](#) populations about cultural diversity of information dissemination, access, authority, and notability.



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

[@violetbfox](#) A3 Good point. It's a recurring discussion around Wikipedia that its definition of truth is essentially "If it was published, it's true." [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@violetbfox](#) Once tribal members become editors they have as much "clout" as any other Wikipedian. And their work will receive support. Folx also develop separate wikis using MediaWiki for their work linked to Wikipedia but not directly within it.



A MONTH AGO



Marcos

@marklclemente

[@phoebe_ayers](#) Was thinking of you when I saw the topic! We're all better off with you in this chat! [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO




Megan Watson

@meganjwatson


I think this may be (I hope it is!) a conversation we have in my class when talking about working on articles related to Alaska Native communities/issues/language/etc. [#critlib](#)
[twitter.com/violetbfox/sta...](https://twitter.com/violetbfox/status/1234567890)





A MONTH AGO


 **Rachel Wexelbaum**
@voxpathulare


@sadads @violetbfox @WhoseKnowledge Attitudes are beginning to change, and there are thematic user groups and folx who see Wikipedia as a platform for social justice work who support and defend non-Western definitions of notability and authority.

 A MONTH AGO


 **Violet Fox** 
@violetbfox

@stacymallison But don't you need traditional publishing (either scholarly or news publishing) in order to make claims on Wikipedia and/or make your case that the subject belongs on Wikipedia at all? #critlib


 A MONTH AGO

 **Stacy Allison-Cassin**
@stacymallison


A3. Pairing Wikipedia with @wikidata can make for powerful interventions into digital knowledge structures. And working it back into our systems. #critlib


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Q4. Based on your experience and the readings, how do you engage with Wikipedia an information resource, a community, or both? [#critlib](#)


 **Rachel Wexelbaum**
@voxpathulare

Some folx answered this, but after we chatted about what we did...Q4. Based on your experience and the readings, how do you engage with Wikipedia an information resource, a community, or both? #critlib

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 **Alex Stinson**
@sadads

@voxpathulare @violetbfox @WhoseKnowledge Most definitely: One of the tactics we may have to support more broadly is publishing the original source materials on commons, and helping expert communities publish the most supportive materials that can be used as citations for Wikipedia. #critlib

 A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

@violetbfox @stacymallison Nope. Some local notable folx are only written about in blogs or Tumblr accounts and those will pass depending on situation!



A MONTH AGO



Nicole Gustavsen 🇺🇸

@referencebird

A3 #critlib on the one hand it's so exciting to see projects like these. It must be very meaningful to see one's own language represented online in this way. On the other hand, I also have q's about how cultural knowledge that's private can be protected from outsider eyes.



A MONTH AGO



Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

@voxpathulare @violetbfox @stacymallison I would qualify this slightly; yes, you need reliable sources outside WP. What a reliable source is varies based on topic... There is a real issue for topics that historically weren't written about by scholars though: wp tends to replicate those biases. #critlib



A MONTH AGO

Q5. How can we use Wikipedia more effectively as a tool to support global engagement among scholars, activists, information professionals, and people in need of open information resources? [#critlib](#)



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Q5. How can we use Wikipedia more effectively as a tool to support global engagement among scholars, activists, information professionals, and people in need of open information resources? [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Alex Stinson

@sadads

Also, never introduced myself to #critlib: #glamwiki Strategist @Wikimedia : huge fan of this twitter convos, and one of the folks who developed #1lib1ref.



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@referencebird](#) The tribe that Benoit worked with were given authority to make that call.



A MONTH AGO



Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

[@violetbfox](#) This is true. Clarifying: we can get something up quickly if something takes place. An award, for example. I should have said academic publishing. For example, community newspapers. But we run into the "notability" challenge with a number of communities. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

Q4 Another aspect: I (and folks I've worked with in and out of the library) regularly turn to Wikipedia for open access / CC-licensed content that we can re-use in our own projects. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

[@voxpathulare](#) [@violetbfox](#) [@stacymallison](#) But Stacey is of course right that eg we have coverage of global disasters and political topics in a way that no US newspaper ever does, bc we're not limited by publishing or audience interest constraints. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@phoebe_ayers](#) [@violetbfox](#) [@stacymallison](#) The historical issue w WP is that some editors/reviewers took a black & white approach to reviewing content; I think now people are becoming more aware of diversity in all aspects of this work.



A MONTH AGO



Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

[@phoebe_ayers](#) [@voxpathulare](#) [@violetbfox](#) [@stacymallison](#) And cricket. So much cricket. [#critlib](#)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

@phoebe_ayers @voxpopulare @violetbfox @stacymallison Phoebe, thank you for this comment. That's what I thought Stacy and Violet were getting at. #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Violet Fox 
@violetbfox

@referencebird Yeah, that's much of what I was trying to get at. I understand there are Wikipedia editors who are sympathetic to this sensitive issue, but since Wikipedia as a whole is built on idea of unfettered access to info, I have doubts about ability to reflect cultural choices. #critlib



A MONTH AGO



jim hayes
@e_j_hayes

@violetbfox @stacymallison yes, but working on oral citations
meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Whose_Kno... also work on indigenous language dictionaries and encyclopedias i.e. meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Canadian_... #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

@leslie_kuo Yup--GREAT source for photos (although some should not be on there but that is another story...)



A MONTH AGO



Leslie Kuo
@leslie_kuo

@voxpopulare As a librarian and painfully honest person, I definitely suss out whether the photo licensing/licensee looks plausible before using :) #critlib



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum
@voxpopulare

In the one minute we have left--what is the one #Wikipedia action you will take during #1lib1ref? #critlib



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

@leslie_kuo Oh I know you and all of our library family will! I am just saying that some folx put stuff up there and don't always have permission. I do not tattle on anyone--I just shake my head :)



A MONTH AGO



Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

Also, you have a little #Wikipedian #librarian community here now in this chat...take note and reach out to us when editing or doing #Wikipedia stuff! #critlib



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Leslie Kuo

@leslie_kuo

@voxpathulare I know what you mean. Someone at my FPOW once uploaded a pro photographer's copyrighted photo of our building to the Wikipedia page about us and said it was "public domain." #critlib



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Violet Fox 

@violetbfox

@voxpathulare I'll (slowly) continue working to flesh out the African American librarians category. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:... #critlib



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Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

I'm focusing on Canadian Indigenous folks for #1Lib1Ref #critlib



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TheWikipediaLibrary

@WikiLibrary

What missing/marginalized topic are you going to add a #citation to for #1lib1ref? #Critlib #radlibchat #libchat #auslibchat #libweb #interlibnet #scholcomm #infolit 1lib1ref.org twitter.com/Emefie/status/...



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Rachel Wexelbaum

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Help me improve "folx"! :) twitter.com/WikiLibrary/st...



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Can you make a Wikipedia page about a hashtag? [#critlib](#)



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[@stacymallison](#) Excellent work!



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Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

[@stacymallison](#) [@violetbfox](#) Absolutely. Fun historical trivia: WP broke into public consciousness for many after we wrote about the 2004 Indian earthquake in real time, much faster than traditional press. But the 1st global disaster covered by Wikipedia was 9/11. [#critlib](#)



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Gamaliel

@wikigamaliel

[@violetbfox](#) [@voxpathulare](#) I keep forgetting to write an article on Thomas Fountain Blue. :([#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum

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I do mostly [#LGBTQ](#), [#Jewish](#), [#humanrights](#) and [#foodie](#) editing...see what I have done so far-- I will just keep on keeping on: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:Rach... [#critlib](#)



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If someone makes a German Wikipedia page about the current tag [#reichenhetze](#) (discussion of racist behavior and microaggressions) I can make an English version. [#critlib](#)



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[@leslie_kuo](#) Yes! If there is not one already, go for it! :)



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[@WikiLibrary](#) We do it all. :)



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Leslie Kuo

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Ok, dear [#critlib](#) folks. It's bedtime in Berlin so goodbye and thank you from me! Thanks [@voxpathulare](#) for the great moderation and information.



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Rachel Wexelbaum

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[@leslie_kuo](#) Leslie you can reach out to Wikimedia Deutschland and see who can help...may I recommend User:LaKritzolina?



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

[@leslie_kuo](#) Thank you Leslie, and guten nacht! Please stay in touch re: Wikipedia work. I am User:RachelWex on Wikipedia. :)



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpatholare

[@estregger](#) If you know better, make the change! If the original editor is watching the page, they may contact you on your Talk Page to discuss. Stand firm and defend your edit/citation. :)



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Phoebe Ayers

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[@jessamyn](#) [@referencebird](#) [@violetbfox](#) [@tararobertson](#) This is an ongoing debate/ issue in WP for sure. Good work coming out of [@WikimediaCA](#) & Australia w indigenous languages & communities. Also small lang WP communities. [#critlib](#)



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Stacy Allison-Cassin

@stacymallison

[@jessamyn](#) [@referencebird](#) [@violetbfox](#) [@tararobertson](#) Having direct conversations with communities is really important. [#critlib](#)



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[@pibrarian](#) Could support in lots of ways that aren't direct cash: * Editing as part of ppl's job descriptions * Making things in collections open & free * Advocating for OA * Hosting editathons, classes etc Wikipedia needs good editors more than money. [#critlib](#)



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Phoebe Ayers

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[@pibrarian](#) Which is not to say money isn't needed too! But the really scarce resource is time & knowledge. [#critlib](#)



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[@phoebe_ayers](#) [@pibrarian](#) [@klmccook](#) teaches library sci students how to edit Wiki. Forget convincing resistant colleagues, instead train our replacements [#critlib](#)



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Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

@pibrarian Right now there's roughly 200 articles/active editor on English Wikipedia. WE NEED YOU. No joke. #critlib



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Phoebe Ayers

@phoebe_ayers

@wikigamaliel @pibrarian @klmccook Yeah, I've done this too. I'm all for it! Also, wikidata :) #critlib



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@voxpathulare

If folx want to see #Wikipedia global engagement in action, follow @wikilgbt--gets really hot especially during #WikiLovesPride season. Lots of help for @WikiWomenInRed , @artandfeminism, @afroCROWDit and #WikiLovesPride #critlib



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Thank you all for a great chat, thank @violetbfox for inviting me to facilitate, and edit loud and edit proud! #critlib



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@allanaaaaaaa

🚀 in late to #critlib, but I see a lotta potential for wikipedia editing as part of regular research habits, e.g. adding factoids as you read a book/article, as a form of public note-keeping [twitter.com/voxpathulare/st...](https://twitter.com/voxpathulare/status/1111111111)



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wikipedia allows you to supply relevant quotes from print or closed-access materials, so it's a good stopgap measure to get passages online & open #critlib



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

@allanaaaaaaa Yes! You are my hero! Also, I have been telling library folx that they can add "recommended reading" sections to Wikipedia articles in areas of expertise, like I have done with "Foodie": en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foodie



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I'd also really like to see scholars encouraged to edit wikipedia articles as the "open" corollary to their research output if they're publishing in closed-access journals - "just summarize your own work, if nothing else" [#critlib](#)



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jim hayes

@e_j_hayes

@phoebe_ayers @pibrarian yes please host some meetups [@wikimediadc](#) will buy lunch wikimediadc.org/wiki/Grants [#critlib](#)



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Rachel Wexelbaum

@voxpathulare

@allanaaaaaaa Also hyperlink the books to Worldcat so folx can see if their library owns a title :)



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Phoebe Ayers

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@pibrarian Mandatory caveat to the above: don't edit for pay in the PR sense - to burnish image of something on WP. Editing as part of job description eg as a topic expert or educator or cataloger who checks refs or... [#critlib](#)



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it would be a great student project too: "add 5 facts with citations to one or more wikipedia articles, along with your term paper" [#critlib](#) twitter.com/lisahubbell/st...



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it's valuable when reading/exploring fiction that has a historical, religious, or etc. referential tie-in (I found wikipedia editing wonderfully enriching when I read Midnight Robber, e.g.) [#critlib](#) en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midnight_...



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Rachel Wexelbaum

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[@allanaaaaaaa](#) Or in substitution for a term paper.



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which is, bonus, a great way to enhance the representation of marginalized ethnic groups or religions - read some fiction, research the references, & wikipedia-edit to report what you've learned [#critlib](#)



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[@leslie_kuo](#) [@estregger](#) [#critlib](#) you might be thinking of the Women In Red Project, or the art+feminism initiative: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia... artandfeminism.org



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.... and of course I have archivist Feelings about encouraging research with digitized primary sources by adding wikipedia citations to heritage holdings [#critlib](#)



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