

The Wikipedia Library Project—what is it, and how can you be involved?

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from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

If you all have questions for any of us, please feel free to use this chat box

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

Also, administrators are also volunteers -- just volunteers who have taken on more responsibility!

from Karen Smith-Yoshimura to Everyone:

Not democratic? But wasn't there the great Gdansk-Danzig debate that came to a vote in 2005?

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:Gdansk/Vote>

from Amanda French to Everyone:

We are in the process of trying out the Wikipedia Visiting Scholars program at GMU

from Amanda French to Everyone:

We're calling it 'Wikipedia Affiliate': <http://chnm.gmu.edu/news/position-announcement-wikipedia-affiliate-roy-rosenzweig-center-for-history-and-new-media/>

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

Also, UC Riverside will be recruiting for their position soon, based on GMU's position description

from Amanda French to Everyone:

We've chosen an applicant and just have one or two more hurdles to clear before we can confirm the appointment (assuming nothing goes wrong)

from Karen Smith-Yoshimura to Everyone:

The Swiss National Library has TWO Wikipedians-in-Residence, one for the French-Swiss community and one for the German-Swiss

from Matthew Gengler to Everyone:

Was it easy to get people to turn over the keys, so to speak, and give access?

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

Matthew, is your question about turning over the keys to visiting scholars? Or from publishers?

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:

when you say library "digital collections" it sounds like subscription databases. What about freely available digitized collections?

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

Keri, those are fair game too

from Matthew Gengler to Everyone:

It was in regards to visiting scholars, in terms of getting local buy in. It was in response to a comment above of a forthcoming project.

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:

Maybe we can get Amanda to comment.

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Ah, Matthew, sorry, didn't understand.

from Amanda French to Everyone:
We're basically "hiring" someone, so they get access to library collections in exactly the same way a new GMU employee (or faculty member, or student) would

from Amanda French to Everyone:
So really there's no need to get buy-in from the library, though I did have Jake come and talk

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
are the e-collections your subscription databases?

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Yep. Everything any GMU community member could access remotely, or for that matter on site

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:
Important to note, Amanda is based at an academic center and not in the library so maybe a little easier. On other campuses we are hearing about different models.

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Right. The Wikipedia Affiliate (once approved!) will get a GMU ID card and all.

from Amanda French to Everyone:
It's a one-year term limit, I should mention.

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
We'd love for this to connect to our CDM online collections. The Linda Hall Library doesn't have many full-text subscription databases, would we be eligible?

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:
Keri let's talk!

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
Yes, please. :)

from Yu-Hung Lin to Everyone:
how is the student IP verified

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Sure

from Paul Pival to Everyone:
Do WE seek out / identify the Wikipedia editor? If so, how can we ID likely candidates?

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Just a clarification questions. Users will need to download the script and install it on their computer to see the link to fulltext on a Wikipedia page. Right? Thanks!

from Jake Orlowitz to Everyone:
The Digital Shift covered these two pilot programs:
<http://thedigitalshift.com/2014/01/discovery/librarypedia-future-libraries-wikipedia/>

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Everyone's welcome to copy from that position description (link provided above)

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
We have Railroads! And Panama Canal!

from Jake Orlowitz to Everyone:
Stephen, I can speak to that in a moment.

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
Would a wikipedia user see the link if they were not at a site where they had IP access to a full-text resource?

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:PAYWALL#Access_to_sources

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:
Essentially it's the same as citing a print monograph

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Could the host institution specify the topics/articles we'd like the visiting scholar to work on?

from Amanda French to Everyone:
Ye Li, we specified a very broad area (History)

from Amanda French to Everyone:
We also specified a number of articles to improve over the year: 25. I think that number may be a bit large, but I was thinking of just adding citations to existing articles

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Thanks, All!

from Ye Li to Everyone:
I vaguely remember proxy server linking is mentioned somewhere for the API tool. Am I imagining it?
Thanks!

from Amanda French to Everyone:
I'm a big fan of the script but haven't tried to convince library stakeholders here at GMU to adopt it

from Ye Li to Everyone:
So, if it goes to proxy, people outside the usual IP should be able to access via login.

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Right?

from Stephen Hearn to Everyone:
How would access failure (which we've all experienced) be reported?

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Great! Thanks!

from Stephen Hearn to Everyone:
We'd like to hear about the failures, too, in case we need to resolve something locally

from Keri Cascio to Everyone:
link please?

from Merrilee and Cindy to Everyone:
If anyone wants to test this for us, and you are registered in the KB, check out <http://www.bibme.org/>

from Ye Li to Everyone:
The tool on Bibme.org works for me even though we don't have our collections registered...
from Amanda French to Everyone:
Thanks, Jake!

from Anne Flannery to Everyone:
thanks everyone!

from Ye Li to Everyone:
Thank you all!

from Amanda French to Everyone:
And to all of you.

from OCLC Research to Everyone:
Thank you all for joining us today!

from Stephen Hearn to Everyone:
Great idea! We'll talk to people here.

from Jake Orlowitz to Everyone:
Thanks Amanda! Thank you everyone for coming :)

from Matthew Gengler to Everyone:
thanks