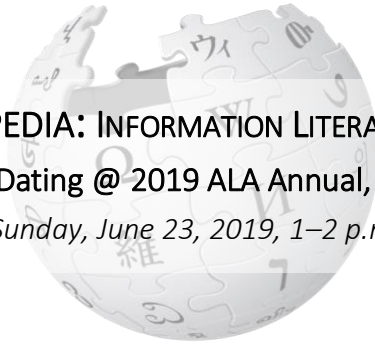# WAGER ON WIKIPEDIA: INFORMATION LITERACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
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GETTING STARTED ON WIKIPEDIA

- **Create an account** (rather than editing anonymously).
- **Edit your user page** to become more comfortable with visual and/or source editing.
- **Use Sandbox** as a space to brainstorm article ideas and begin writing new articles.
- **Begin small**. Add wikilinks, copyedit articles, or add references to existing articles.
- **Consider Wikipedia's standards**, such as core content policies (neutral point of view, verifiability, no original research) and content guidelines (particularly notability and reliable sources).

SUGGESTED WIKIPEDIA ACTIVITIES

- Create new material (article, section, etc.)
- Edit/improve existing articles
- Add citations
- Analyze references for a given article
- Make a case for a change/addition/deletion
- Proofread for readability and grammar
- Rewrite complex articles for general comprehension
- Explore the context of controversial edits
- Summarize without plagiarizing
- Write in a neutral point of view
- Translate pages into another language
- Use Wikipedia for research
- Describe items in a collection

13 THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR YOUR WIKI EVENT

1. Theme
2. Suggested articles to edit
3. Good Wi-Fi
4. Promotion
5. Snacks
6. Giveaways
7. Space and access to electrical outlets
8. Experienced Wikipedia editors
9. Account creation*
10. Community engagement
11. Number of participants
12. Contact info and follow-up
13. Have fun!

*Only 6 accounts can be created from a single IP address.

WIKIPROJECTS, CAMPAIGNS, & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS ON WIKIPEDIA

- **#1Lib1Ref** — encourages all librarians to add citations
- **AfroCrowd** — create and improve information about black culture and history
- **Art+Feminism** — annual worldwide edit-a-thon focusing on female artists
- **Black Lunch Table** — task list of black visual artists who are under-represented on Wikipedia
- **GLAM-Wiki** — Wikimedia Foundation initiative that helps cultural institutions (**g**alleries, **l**ibraries, **a**rchives, and **m**useums) share information about their resources with the world
- **Wikipedia + Libraries** — OCLC project to strengthen ties between (public) libraries and Wikipedia with shared goal of providing free public access to knowledge and resources
- **Women in Red** — make red links blue with focus on women's biographies, works by women, and women's issue

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Useful Wikipedia Links

INTRODUCTION TO EDITING & CONTRIBUTING TO WIKIPEDIA

- **The Wikipedia Adventure** — *step-by-step interactive introduction to editing Wikipedia*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:The_Wikipedia_Adventure
- **Help:Menu/Editing Wikipedia** — *basic editing, saving your edits, how to write an article, style and formatting, article standards, article maintenance*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Menu/Editing_Wikipedia
- **Wikipedia:Manual of style** — *generally accepted standard that editors should attempt to follow, though occasional exceptions may apply*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Manual_of_Style
- **Help:Cheatsheet** — *list of Wikitext codes for source editing*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Cheatsheet
- **Help:Introduction to referencing with VisualEditor/1** — *how to create references for Wikipedia entries using Visual Editor*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:Introduction_to_referencing_with_VisualEditor/1
- **Wikipedia:Your first article** — *learning how to create an article, using Article Wizard*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Your_first_article

WIKIPEDIA EVENTS

- **Wikipedia:How to run an edit-a-thon** — *about planning and hosting an edit-a-thon*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_run_an_edit-a-thon
- **Grants:Start** — *information on WMF grants for individuals, groups, and organizations*
  meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Grants:Start
- **Wikipedia:Meetup** — *about Meetups (Wikipedia events where contributors gather to socialize or collaborate)*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup

FINDING ARTICLES TO EDIT OR PROJECTS TO JOIN

- **Random Article** (link on Wikipedia left sidebar) — *takes user to random Wikipedia page*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:Random
- **Citation Hunt** — *finds articles that need citations*
  tools.wmflabs.org/citationhunt/
- **Wikipedia:WikiProject** — *all about WikiProjects, find a project to join or contribute to*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject

WIKIPEDIA COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES

- **Wikipedia:Community portal** — *a place that lists current collaborations, tasks, and news about English Wikipedia*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Community_portal
- **Wikipedia:Teahouse** — *a place to learn about Wikipedia and to ask questions*
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Teahouse