WIKIMEDIA UK

The British Museum's first ever "Wikipedian in Residence" building links between the Museum's curators and Wikipedia. We used the Museum's knowledge and expertise to improve 77 Wikipedia articles on objects in the museum's collections.

Making Wikipedia better

About our work

Wikimedia UK is the not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting Wikipedia in the United Kingdom.

We exist to help the community of volunteers who write Wikipedia to collect, develop and distribute freely licensed knowledge.

We provide financial support to the Wikimedia Foundation which runs the servers on which Wikipedia operates, and we build partnerships with organisations in the UK.
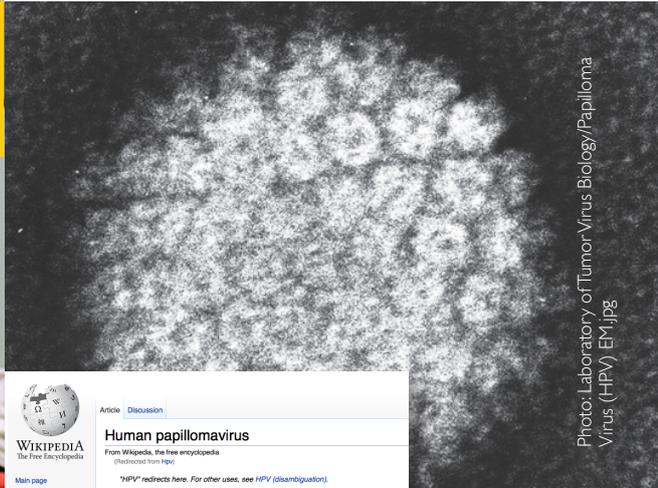
Our Editathon events at the British Library saw Wikipedia editors working together with British Libary experts on literature topics.

We've trained staff at Cancer Research UK on how to edit Wikipedia articles and improve Wikipedia's coverage of cancer.

QRpedia

We're supporting the development of QRpedia - a tool which links Wikipedia articles to two-dimensional barcodes that you can scan with your your smartphone. Once you scan in the QR code, QRpedia detects the language your phone is using and automatically takes you to the right mobile friendly Wikipedia page. This system can be used to find information on the Domesday Book at the National Archives in thirty languages.

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Keeping Wikipedia Free

About half of our income is spent on keeping Wikipedia running. We send donations on to the Wikimedia Foundation, the U.S. charity which owns the servers that host Wikipedia and its sister projects. Wikipedia alone gets over 10 billion pageviews a month and the technical infrastructure behind them is continually being improved.

Wikipedia and its Sister Projects

Wikipedia

Wikipedia is a project to build free encyclopedias in all languages of the world. Anyone with Internet access is free to contribute, by contributing neutral, accurate information. Wikipedia started in January 2001, and currently offers more than ten million articles in 273 languages. Over twenty-five other language editions contain 100,000 or more articles, and Wikipedia is consistently in the top 5 internet sites.

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Wikisource

As of October 2010, Wikisource offers 880,000 source texts in total. The largest is the English Wikisource, with over 150,000 works. Then Russian and Chinese with each containing over 100,000 source texts. Wikisource is a multilingual project, started in November 2003, to archive a collection of free and open content texts. It is not only a superior format for storing classics, laws, and other free works as hypertext, but it also serves as a base for translating these texts.

Wiktionary

Wiktionary is creating a multilingual free content dictionary in every language. The project aims to define all words in all languages. It is also more extensive than a typical dictionary as it includes thesauri, rhymes, translations, audio pronunciations, etymologies, and quotations. The project started in December 2002, and as of October 2010 is available in over 150 languages with over 3,000,000 entries in all.

Wikispecies

Wikispecies is a project that provides an extensive species database of living things.
Launched 14 September 2004, Wikispecies is aimed specifically at the needs of scientific users, and as of October 2010, had over 240,000 entries.

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