

LD4-Wikidata Affinity Group

Rationale

Community discussion of Wikidata related topics with the goal of understanding how the library can contribute to and leverage Wikidata as a platform for publishing, linking, and enriching library linked data.

The group will meet biweekly to discuss various aspects of Wikidata in support of the partner and cohort institution projects involving Wikidata. At each meeting, Hilary (Wikimedian in Residence) or a guest will present some relevant material related to the topic and we'll discuss any issues members have encountered as well as helpful resources.

Anyone, including those not participating in LD4P2, is welcome to join the group.

Approach

Chair: [Hilary Thorsen](#)

Biweekly calls

Dedicated, open Slack channel in LD4 – #wikidata <http://bit.ly/ld4slack>

Dedicated, open Google group – [ld4-wikidata](#)

Public meeting notes in Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JwTulCABs0TkGQDVSnYbIYEb7bC-j4-n>

Meetings are recorded and links to the recordings can be found in the meeting notes

Calls

Calls biweekly, Tuesdays, 9am PST / 12pm EST / 17:00 UTC / 6pm CET ([Time zone converter](#)); see below for dates

Join: <https://stanford.zoom.us/j/204437188>

- 2019-04-23 [Agenda: Intro and Wikidata Projects](#)
- 2019-05-07 [Agenda: More Wikidata Projects](#)
- 2019-05-21 [Agenda: Goals/Outcomes and WikiProjects](#)
- 2019-06-04 [Agenda: Wikidata at the LD4 Conference](#)
- 2019-06-18 [Agenda: Wikibase and the German National Library](#)
- 2019-07-02 [Agenda: Cohort Wikidata Project and Wikidata Policies](#)
- 2019-07-16 [Agenda: Demo of Getting Data Into and Out of Wikidata](#)
- 2019-07-30 [Agenda: Wikidata/Wikimedia Communication Channels](#)
- 2019-08-12 [Agenda: Wikidata Notability Policy](#)
- 2019-08-27 [Agenda: Wikimania Recap](#)
- 2019-09-10 [Agenda: References in Wikidata](#)
- 2019-09-24 [Agenda: Wikidata/Wikibase Strategy and Vision](#)
- 2019-10-08 [Agenda: Finding GLAMs](#)
- 2019-10-22 [Agenda: Finding GLAMs: Reconciling and Adding Institutions to Wikidata using OpenRefine](#)
- 2019-11-05 [Agenda: Martin Poulter on the Using Wikidata to Describe the Structure of a Book](#)
- 2019-11-19 [Agenda: WikidataCon and WikiConference North America recaps](#)
- 2019-12-03 [Agenda: Gadgets](#)
- 2019-12-17 [Agenda: Survey results and revisiting goals of the group](#)
- 2020-01-14 [Agenda: Getting started in Wikidata, labels, aliases, description](#)
- 2020-01-28 [Agenda: Labels and aliases for organizations name changes, pseudonyms, conferences](#)
- 2020-02-11 [Agenda: Labels and aliases for organizations name changes, pseudonyms, conferences and Wikidata and Google Sheets](#)

Wikidata Working Hours

- Friday, January 24, 2020 at 12:00-2:00pm PST / 3:00-5:00pm EST / 20:00-22:00 UTC / 9:00-11:00pm CET in conjunction with American Library Association's Midwinter Conference
 - In person: Loews Hotel Philadelphia, Room PSFS, 1200 Market St, Philadelphia, PA
 - Virtual: <https://stanford.zoom.us/j/204437188>
 - Topic: Adding references for #1Lib1Ref Campaign
 - Event page: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:WikiProject_Linked_Data_for_Production/Wikidata_Working_Hours_at_ALA_Midwinter
- Monday, February 3, 2020 at 8am PST / 11am EST / 16:00 UTC / 5pm CET
 - Virtual: <https://stanford.zoom.us/j/204437188>
 - Topic: Adding references for #1Lib1Ref Campaign
 - Event page: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:WikiProject_Linked_Data_for_Production/2020-02-03_Wikidata_Working_Hour
- Friday, February 21, 2020 at 11:30am PST / 2:30pm EST / 19:30 UTC / 8:30pm CET

Goals and Outcomes

- Provide a welcoming, collaborative, and supportive space to discuss Wikidata related topics
- Gain a basic understanding of Wikidata in the context of the Wiki community and its norms
- Help other institutions begin to work in Wikidata by developing a Wiki* inventory of competencies and technologies necessary for those working with library and archival metadata to build a skill set that can be used in Wikidata and other linked data work
- Discuss and document what types of communication channels are available and what community support and open source tools are needed to implement integration of library and archival metadata with Wikidata at scale across a broad spectrum of libraries and archives

- Invite and encourage a variety of institutions and projects, including, public libraries, archives, and community projects, to participate in the group to ensure different perspectives are shared and needs identified
- Document and share work with the Wikidata community where it will be open to reuse and feedback
- Gain an understanding of processes to get data out of Wikidata via data dumps and APIs to reuse in library applications as well as the processes to donate data to contribute library and archival data back to Wikidata

Outreach

Advertised monthly on the following mailing lists. If you have ideas for additional lists to send an invitation to, email Hilary (thorsenh@stanford.edu).

- LD4 Partners and Cohort
- Wikimedia lists
 - Wikidata
 - Wikicite
 - Libraries
 - GLAM
- Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC)
- Metadata librarians
- Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS) Central
- PubLib
- Code4Lib
- Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)
- IFLA

Potential Call Topics

- Modes of communication, i.e. discussion lists, discussion pages, IRC chats, and best places to look for answers to questions
- WikiProject Shape Expressions
- Demo of Sinopia (cloud based linked data editor) and Questioning Authority (used in Sinopia for look-up of entities in external sources like Wikidata)
- Processes to get data out of Wikidata, ie. APIs, data dumps
- Wikidata/Wikibase for Digital Humanities
- Project documentation
- Notability
- Conflict of interest
- Best practices for references
- Best practices for sources
- Tools
- Property proposals
- Accuracy of Wikidata
- Scope of Wikidata—which areas have the best coverage
- How to take advantage of Wikidata tools
- Provenance of data
- Data donation
- Batch loading