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, the co-facilitators 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 is welcome to join the group!

Approach

Co-Facilitators: Alex Jung, Sarah Kasten, Susan Radovsky, Hilary Thorsen, Eric Willey

Biweekly calls
Dedicated, open Google group – ld4-wikidata
Public meeting notes in Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JwTuLCABs0TkGQDVSnyYbIYEb7bcj4-
Meetings are recorded and links to the recordings can be found in the meeting notes

Calls

Calls biweekly, Tuesdays, 9am PDT / 12pm EDT / 16:00 UTC / 5pm CET (Time zone converter); see below for dates
For Zoom link to join call, see the agenda below:

- 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
- 2019-07-02 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
- 2019-10-08 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
- 2020-02-25 Agenda: Pseudonyms, historical places, organization splits
- 2020-03-10 Agenda: Pseudo-authors, ancient places and Google Sheets
- 2020-04-07 Agenda: Google Sheets Add-On and Workflows, ORES, Author Disambiguator Tool
- 2020-04-21 Agenda: Wikidata Schemas and Cradle with ShEX
- 2020-05-05 Agenda: Alex Jung on Wikidata in Wikipedia Infoboxes
- 2020-05-19 Agenda: João Alexandre Peschanski on Wikidata + Education projects in Brazil "If Wikidata is the solution...what is the need?"
- 2020-06-02 Agenda: Wikidata Needs and Planning for the Future of the Group
- 2020-06-16 Agenda: The Program for Cooperative Cataloging Wikidata Pilot
- 2020-06-30 Agenda: Merrilee Proffitt, Chris Cyr, and Rob Fernandez: Surfacing Library Holdings in WorldCat to indicate possible notability of people
- 2020-07-14 Agenda: Introducing New Co-facilitators and Editathon Tools
- 2020-07-28 Agenda: Liam Wyatt on WikiCite
- 2020-08-11 Agenda: Daniel Mietchen and Lane Raspberry on Scholia
- 2020-08-25 Agenda: Wikidata Gadgets and User Scripts Revisited
- 2020-09-08 Agenda: Rob Fernandez on Listeria

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
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
  • Wikcite
  • 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