Making History Matter
Wikipedia edit-a-thons at UNC and Duke

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1. HISTORY/BACKGROUND

- African American history in NC, North Carolina Collection, UNC Library

Spring 2013
Spring 2014
Spring 2015
Wikipedia:Meetup/UNC Edit-a-thon 2014

This event has already taken place. Check out the Event Outcomes section to see what we accomplished. Or, see the page for the 2013 edit-a-thon at UNC-Chapel Hill.

The North Carolina Collection of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill hosted its second African American history in North Carolina Edit-a-thon, co-sponsored by the Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists at UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

At the edit-a-thon, which was open to the public, we created and improved Wikipedia articles about African Americans and African American history in North Carolina. All were invited, with no specialized knowledge of the subject needed. We had library resources on hand and a list of suggested topics.

In addition to editing, we gave a tour of our host location, UNC's Wilson Library, one of the University's most picturesque buildings. We also offered refreshments.

Our previous edit-a-thon, in April of 2013, was also a success. (Check out the photos!) But it left us with many topics that still needed work.

Details [edit]
People

- The "5" Royales (rhythm & blues band from Winston-Salem, 1950s)
- Louis E. Austin (editor and publisher of The Carolina Times from 1927 to 1971)
- Charlotte Hawkins Brown (educator and academic, 1883-1961)
- Dorothy Lavinia Brown
- Eva Clayton (U.S. Representative, b. 1934)
- Elizabeth Cotten (blues and folk musician and songwriter, 1893-1987)
- Chuck Davis (dancer)
- Helen Edmonds (first African American woman to become dean of a graduate school, at NC Central)
- Henry Frye (first African American Justice of NC Supreme Court, b. 1932)
- Clarence Gaines (college men's basketball coach, 1923-2005)
- Abraham Galloway (abolitionist born into slavery, 1837-1870)
- Moses Grandy (author of Life of a Slave, 1788-?)
- J. Eugene Grigsby (artist, 1918- ) (There is currently no Wikipedia entry.)
- James E. Hamlin (founder of Raleigh's Hamlin Drug Co., oldest black-owned pharmacy in the country)
- Rencher Harris (first African American member of Durham City Board of Education and first African Amer)
- George Moses Horton (poet born into slavery, 1797-1884)
- Thomas H. Jones (writer and abolitionist born into slavery, 1806-?)
- Available image: Thomas Jones
- Howard Nathaniel Lee (politician, first African American mayor of Chapel Hill, b. 1934)
- Bishop Dready Manning (blues and gospel musician, b. 1934)
- Dr. Lewyn E. McCaulley (founder of the McCaulley Hospital in the first half of the 20th century)
- Millie and Christine McCoy (conjoined twins, stage performers, 1851-1912)
- Available image: Millie and Christine McCoy
- John Merrick (founder of NC Mutual Life Insurance Company, born into slavery, 1859-1919)
- Available images:
  - John Merrick, age 20
  - John Merrick, age 35
  - John Merrick's first home
- Aaron McDuffie Moore (first black physician in Durham, founder of NC Mutual Life Insurance Company,
  Available images:

Places

- Princeville, NC (town established by freed slaves after the Civil War) (needs a history section)
- Soul City (planned community in Warren County, NC, founded early 1970s)
- St. Philip's Moravian Church, Winston-Salem (oldest standing African American church in NC)

Events

- Jonkonnu (Related to Jonkonnu parades) (antebellum holiday with Caribbean roots)
- Journey of Reconciliation (early Freedom Ride, challenge to segregation on interstate buses)
- Royal Ice Cream Sit-in (Briefly mentioned in article on "Sit-ins" Sit-in#The_1957_Durham,2C_NC_Sit-in (1957 sit-in in)
- Southern Conference on Race Relations (1942 meeting of African American leaders in the South)
- Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (Supreme Court case upholdning busing for racial balance in school)

Businesses/Organizations

- 3rd North Carolina regiment (all-African American regiment during the Spanish-American War)
- The Carolina Times (African-American newspaper founded in the 1920s)
- North Carolina Fund (Community anti-poverty initiative from the 1960s)
- North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company (oldest and largest African American financial company in the U.S.)
  - Available images:
    - First advertisement
    - Street view of building
    - Additional view of building
  - North Carolina State Equal Rights League (founded in 1865 to advocate politically for African Americans)
  - WAFR (later WVSP) (first African American public radio station in the U.S.)

 Colleges, Universities & Schools

- Bennett College (private HBC for women in Greensboro)
  - Available images: An Era of Progress and Promise, Page 181
- Billingsley Memorial Academy (Statesville, N.C.)
  - Available image: An Era of Progress and Promise, Page 210
- Biddle University (Renamed Johnson C. Smith University)
  - Available images: An Era of Progress and Promise, Pages 198-200
- Elizabeth City State University (public HBCU in Elizabeth City)
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- African American history in NC (part 2), North Carolina Collection, UNC Library
- Women at Duke edit-a-thon, Duke University Libraries

- Spring 2013
- Spring 2014
- Spring 2015
Wikipedia:Meetup/Durham/Women at Duke

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Women at Duke Edit-a-thon  [edit]

Please join us for an opportunity to learn how to edit Wikipedia articles, learn more about the rich history of women at Duke University, and then put that knowledge into action by creating and editing entries that document the lives and contributions of women alumnae, faculty, staff, and community members. This event is part of a worldwide movement to increase the percentage of women editors and woman-focused articles within Wikipedia. Bridget Bodner, author of the recently published book Women at Duke Illustrated, will give remarks about her experiences conducting research on Duke women. Librarians will be giving a short training session then we will be on hand to help with editing. Bring your laptop if you have one, or use one of ours. You can also participate from anywhere in the world! Co-sponsored with the Duke Women's Center and Duke University Archives. Dinner will be provided!
Articles to Create  [edit]

- Katharine F. Banham (professor in the Department of Psychology at Duke University from 1946 to 1967)
- Irene Leach Craven (wife of Union Institute/Trinity College president Braxton Craven, former student and assistant teacher at Union Institute)
- Mary Clinton Duke (first wife of Washington Duke, mother of Sidney and Brodie Duke)
- Sara M. Evans (Duke alumna, historian specializing in American social and women's history of the 20th century; papers held at Bingham Center)
- Mary Duke Lyon (daughter of Washington Duke, involved in tobacco business)
- Mary Reaney Thomas Few (alumna of Trinity College, wife of former Trinity/Duke president W. P. Few)
- Laura Drake Gill (former dean of Barnard College, headed Committee on the Organization of a Co-ordinate College for Women, 1914-1915)
- Lillian Baker Griggs (Librarian of the Duke University Woman's College Library, 1930 to 1949)
- Julia Grout (Chairman of the Women's Department of Health and Physical Education at Duke University from 1924 to 1964)
- The White Duchy (secret women's honorary at Duke University, 1925-1968, alongside the Order of the Red Friars)
- Duke Nereditians (synchronized swim team)
- Who Needs Feminism? (2012 social media campaign originating at Duke)
- Bessie Whitted Spence (Duke instructor of Biblical literature; portrait hangs in Lilly library)
- Irene Price (artist, Trinity College alumna)
- Ann Henshaw Gardiner (assistant professor of nursing education at Duke University School of Nursing)
- Jean Fox O'Barr (foundling director of Women's Studies department at Duke, editor of SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society)
- Erminie Friedl (cultural anthropologist and professor emerita at Duke)
- Thelma Ingles (instrumental in creating clinical master's program at Duke University School of Nursing)
- Jill Ratt (theologian, instrumental in creating Duke Divinity School Women's Center)
- Wilhelmina Reuben-Cooke (alumna, among the first five African-American undergraduate students to enroll at Duke)
- Mary Mitchell Harris (alumna, among the first five African-American undergraduate students to enroll at Duke)
- Cassandra Smith Rush (alumna, among the first five African-American undergraduate students to enroll at Duke)
- Susan Tift (alumna, writer and editor for TIME magazine, married to journalist Alex Jones)
- Rose May Davis (first woman to earn a PhD at Duke University)
- Sally Kornbluth (prominent cell biologist and recently appointed to be Duke's first female provost)
- Clarissa Sligh (artist and photographer whose papers are held at the Rubenstein Library at Duke)
- Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance (organization whose papers are held at the Rubenstein Library at Duke)
- Catherine Nicholson (Lesbian, feminist writer and magazine publisher, and co-founder of Sinister Wisdom, a multicultural lesbian literary and art journal. Her papers are held at the Rubenstein Library)
- Irene Peslikis (feminist artist and founding member of Redstockings whose papers are held at the Rubenstein Library)
- Katharine Bartlett (A. Kenneth Pye Professor of Law, served as Dean of Duke Law School from 2000-2007)
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- **Spring 2015**
  - Women in Science edit-a-thon, Kenan Science Library, UNC
  - African American soldiers in US wars, Stone Center Library, UNC
  - Art + Feminism edit-a-thon, UNC Art Library
  - Women at Duke edit-a-thon (part 2), Duke University Libraries
  - American Indian history in NC, North Carolina Collection, UNC Library
Other Local Edit-a-thons!  [edit]

Some other Edit-a-thons going on soon in our area! Be sure to check them out!

Meetups at UNC-Chapel Hill  [edit]
- American Indians in North Carolina Edit-a-thon - 1 April 2015
- Art + Feminism UNC Edit-a-thon - 7 April 2015
- African American Soldiers in US Wars Edit-a-thon - 8 April 2015
- Women in Science Edit-a-thon - 16 April 2015

Meetups at Duke University and Durham  [edit]
- Art + Feminism Durham Edit-a-thon - 7 March 2015
Wikipedia Edit-a-thons at UNC libraries

American Indians in North Carolina | Wednesday, April 1
Art + Feminism | Tuesday, April 7
African American Soldiers in U.S. Wars | Wednesday, April 8
Women in Science | Thursday, April 16

http://library.unc.edu | #wikiNC
2. BENEFITS OF EDIT-A-THONS

- Improve quality of entries
- Expand the pool of Wiki editors
- Outreach to specific group or college course
3. PLANNING AN EDIT-A-THON

- Choose your theme and identify topics
- Set date/time/location
- Create “meetup” page
- Identify your audience for targeted outreach
- Set a budget for food and giveaways
- Invest time in training for staff to learn to edit
- Contact local Wikipedia experts
- Design a tutorial presentation for event
- Follow up with articles after the event
Suggested Topics:
you can add/May 2023

Topics in Progress
- Royal Ice Cream Sitting
- Howard Lee
- Howard Lee’s guitar
- Chuck Davis & Carry
- Carry (Carver)
- Anna Mae
- Elizabeth Cotton
- NC Folk Heritage Award
- John Merrick
- Barrett Sisters
4. **TIPS & ADVICE**

- **PEOPLE**
- **THINGS**
- **TECHNOLOGY**
- **EVENT**
4. TIPS & ADVICE

PEOPLE

- wandering experts (content + editing)
- professors, teachers, advocates
4. TIPS & ADVICE

**THINGS**

- showcase what you have: art archives, collection strengths
- supplies: extension cords, power strips, scrap paper, pens
- incentives: free swag, raffles, food
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TECHNOLOGY

- editing system (Meetup page, post-its, in/outbox)
- wireless access
- pre-registering participants (IP address limit)
4. TIPS & ADVICE

EVENT

- collaborative space, organized in stations
- editing team roles: one researcher, one writer...
- funding
- publicity (social media, advertising)
Feminists, artists unite for Wikipedia ‘Edit-a-thon’

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American Indians in North Carolina edit-a-thon

NC Collection, UNC
@NCCollection

It's a hive of activity here at the edit-a-thon! #wikiNC
6:16 PM - 1 Apr 2015

North Carolina Collection, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill
Library · 1,064 Likes · April 1 ·

Danny and Matt discuss the way to incorporate sensitive information about the Coharie people. What if the quote you'd use from a source includes language commonly considered to be offensive? Not the only ethical discussion that has gone on here at the edit-a-thon tonight. #wikiNC

2 Likes
ART + FEMINISM

Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

5:00PM-8:45PM

SLOANE ART LIBRARY

Free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. Please bring a laptop.
http://bit.ly/1an7gQr

The Art and Museum Library and Information Student Society (AMLISS) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will host its first edit-a-thon on April 7, 2015. Join AMLISS, Sloane Art Library staff, and the UNC community at UNC's Sloane Art Library (inside the Hanes Art Center) for an evening of social Wikipedia editing.

Sloane Art Library entrance at Hanes Art Center, UNC - Chapel Hill.

At the edit-a-thon, which is open to the public, we will create and improve articles on Wikipedia about the art, artists, and people related to the Sloane Art Library, the Hanes Art Center, and the UNC campus.
4. TIPS & ADVICE

EVENT (cont.)

- collaboration (partner libraries, int’l satellite, student groups)
- emphasize wikipedia standards (noteworthiness, image rights, primary sources, etc.)
5. FUTURE
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- Edit-a-thon events
- Inspired events
- Trends/Projections
5. PRESENT/IMMEDIATE FUTURE

OPEN ACCESS WEEK

- #OAWeek #edit-a-thon
- Global edit-a-thon
Creative Commons @creativecommons  Oct 19
This global @Wikipedia editathon on improving content related to open access is an awesome #OAWeek project. Join in! meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/The_Wikip... 53 20

Open.Michigan @open_michigan  1h
You don't need prior experience for the #Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon. Training available. Bring ur laptop or device. Today, 4p, Shapiro Lib #oaweek

Right to Research @R2RC  10h
Happy #oaweek! Why not take an hour out of your week to help improve openaccess content on @Wikipedia openaccessweek.org/profiles/blogs...

Anali Perry @grumpator  21h
Special thanks to @Kw33nSuzicus & @paloverde for #OAWeek Wikipedia editathon assistance! Introduced students to #OA w/wikipedia & pizza!

Suzy's Easy to Spook @Kw33nSuzicus  22h
My best suggestion for wiki newbies interested in the #OAWeek edit-a-thon: start w/ something pedantic, like grammar or spelling.

DigitalNC and 1 other follow
TheWikipediaLibrary @WikiLibrary  23h
We're already 1/20th of the way to our Friday goal. Join in and share your edits! #oaeditathon
5. UPCOMING EDIT-A-THON EVENTS - TRIANGLE

Fall 2015 @ UNC-CH
10.27.15

ASSESSMENT IN PSYCHOLOGY
5. UPCOMING EDIT-A-THON EVENTS - TRIANGLE

Spring 2016 @ UNC-CH

- Wilson Library
- Stone Center Library
- Kenan Science Library
- Sloane Art Library
5. INSPIRED EVENTS - TRIANGLE

- MAPATHON @ UNC - 10.22.15
- HISTORY HACKATHON @ DUKE - 10.23.15 - 10.25.15
- TRANSCRIBE-A-THON @ UNC - 11.05.15
FINDING UPCOMING EVENTS

● ‘Wikipedia: how to run an edit-a-thon’ page
● Social media searches
Wikipedia: How to run an edit-a-thon

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"WP:Wikibombing" redirects here. For the SEO practice, see WP:Wikibombing (SEO).

This essay is a how-to guide detailing a plan for an edit-a-thon.

This page in a nutshell: An edit-a-thon is a special type of meetup focused on an encyclopedic topic, and is a great way to attract new Wikipedians.

This is a guide for how (and why) to run a Wikipedia "edit-a-thon". An edit-a-thon is...

1. A scheduled time where people edit Wikipedia together, whether offline, online, or a combination of both.
2. Typically focused on a specific topic, such as science or women's history.
3. A way to recruit new Wikipedians and teach them how to contribute.

Edit-a-thons improve the encyclopedia and can be a great way to help new Wikipedians learn about conferences such as Wikimania, which often have multiple speakers or panels about a huge range of topics. They are also a regular meetup, which tends to be without a single goal and/or for socializing. In other words, they are not telethons.
2015.05.01 Wikipedia:Meetup/DC/UMDLabor - part of DC LaborFest 2015
2015.05.12 Wikipedia:Meetup/Portland/Women's Health Information at Oregon Health and Science University Center for Women's Health
2015.05.17 NYC: Black Lunch Table at the Studio Museum in Harlem
2015.05.19 NYC: Guggathon at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
2015.05.30 Women of Jazz Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
2015.06.26 Wikipedia:RBMS edit-a-thon 2015 (Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the American Library Association) at Oakland Public Library
2015.10.15 Wikipedia:Meetup/University of Nevada Reno Edit-a-thon 2015
2015.10.31 Wikipedia:WikiProject South Africa/Wikipedia Primary School/Edit-a-thon 31 Oct 2015 at University of Cape Town

See also

- Edit-a-thon on the Outreach wiki
5. TRENDS & PROJECTIONS

EDIT-A-THONS AS ACTIVISM

- Art + Feminism
- NYPL’s #blacklivesmatter
- LGBTQ events
Wikipedia to hold edit-a-thon on LGBT issues

STAFF REPORTER

To encourage discussion on gender and sexual minorities, Queerala, in association with Wikimedia India chapter, is organizing a ‘Wiki loves Pride – LGBT Edit-a-thon’ in Kochi on November 29.

Participants at the event will be trained to write and edit articles for Wikipedia. They will be encouraged to write, edit, and translate articles about LGBT issues. The edit-a-thon is an attempt to improve the representation of LGBT groups online and to provide information on rights campaigns, and laws.

The event will be held at Startup Village from 10 a.m. onwards. “Wikipedia is the first thing people refer to for information these days. We found that despite all the public discussion about Section 377 and criminalization of homosexuality, there are hardly any Wikipedia entries in Malayalam on some of these topics. We would like to make more articles available in Malayalam,” said Jijo Kurialose, one of the organisers of the event and founder of Queerala, an advocacy group for LGBT rights.

Wikipedia insists that its editors write articles that are fair and refer to multiple sources for accurate information. In the first session, representatives of Wikipedia and technical experts will help participants in learning how to edit articles.
Questions?
REFERENCES

FURTHER READING


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