

Collaboration and Innovation: NNLM's Nationwide Online Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon

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National Network of Libraries of Medicine



Eight Health Sciences Libraries function as the Regional Medical Library (RML) for their respective region.

The RMLs coordinate the operation of a Network of Libraries and other organizations to carry out regional and national programs.

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National Network of Libraries of Medicine

- NNLM's goal: to provide equal access to biomedical information and improving individual's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.
- NNLM offers: funding, training, community outreach, partnerships to increase health awareness and access to NLM resources.



NNLM at ALA 2018!
Attending the American Library Association's annual conference in New Orleans? We hope to see you at one of NNLM's activities!

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Project Overview

#citeNLM2018 Edit-a-thon

NLM is actively engaged in reaching a major strategic goal to “reach more people in more ways through enhanced dissemination and engagement pathways.”

- Improve the use of NLM resources
- Engage NNLM members
- Utilize librarian research skills
- Make Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource

Edit-a-thon Overview

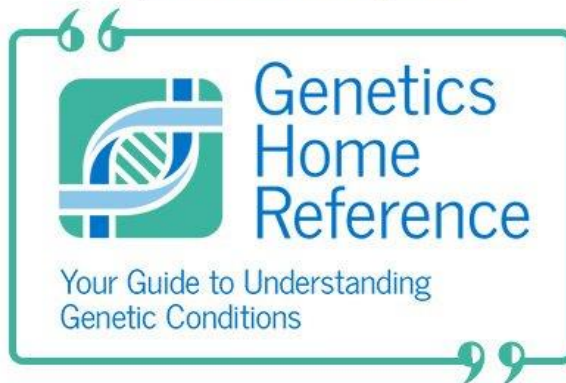
- Formed the project planning group
- Talked to the Wikipedia medical community about their needs
- Why rare disease?
- NLM tools - Genetics Home Reference, MedlinePlus, PubMed, and NIH's Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center (GARD)

Promotional Strategies

For trusted consumer health information,
help NNLM cite Genetics Home Reference

NNLM Edit-a-thon

April 17 from 9am-9pm ET



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For trusted consumer health information,
help NNLM cite PubMed

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Enable the world to find trusted consumer health
information by helping NNLM cite MedlinePlus

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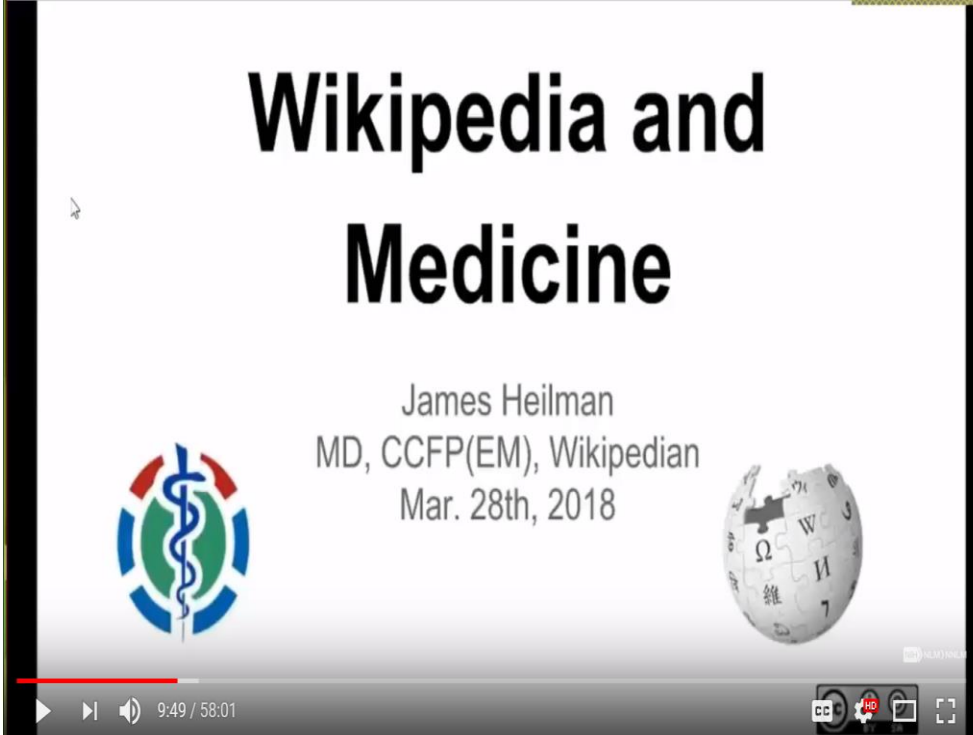


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Training Overview

- 1 hour training for network members with Dr. James Heilman, a physician and active WikiProject editor
- Training organized March 19, held March 29
- 67 attended, recording viewed 127 times



Wikipedia and Medicine

James Heilman
MD, CCFP(EM), Wikipedian
Mar. 28th, 2018

NNLM Wikipedia Edit-a-thon Training, March 29, 2018

127 views

5 likes, 0 dislikes

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Project Page and Dashboard

URL for project page

- Content includes:
- Link to WikiProject Medicine's Doc James training
 - Event information
 - WebEx details and schedule
 - Citation editing basics
 - Resources (including a section for teachers)
- Information about the dashboard
- Links to previous NNLM/health-related Wikipedia events

URL for dashboard

- Content includes:
- Edit-a-thon statistics (automatically updated)
- General information
- In the weeks before the event, a timeline with tasks
- Event details
- Much more information in tabs, showing edit histories

Project Page

Wikipedia:WikiProject Medicine/National Network of Libraries of Medicine

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
< Wikipedia:WikiProject Medicine

NEW TO WIKIPEDIA? - In preparation for the edit-a-thon, we had a free webinar from 2:00-3:00pm EST with Dr. James Heilman ([Doc James](#)) as he discussed and gave a demonstration on how to edit Wikipedia. You can [find the recording here](#).

#citeNLM2018 Edit-a-thon [\[edit \]](#)

Event Details [\[edit \]](#)

What?

To improve consumer health information on Wikipedia by adding or updating citations using United States National Library of Medicine resources.

When?

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018
9:00am – 9:00pm EST

Who?

NNLM Network Members and Wikipedians
No advanced technical skills required. Log in to Webex using the information below. In addition to periodic announcements and presentations, someone will be available to answer questions in the chat. Check out the schedule below to see the volunteer shifts.

How to Participate/Webex Login [\[edit \]](#)

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On the day

- WebEx room staffed from 9 AM until 9PM EDT (6 PM PDT, 5 PM AKDT, 4 PM HDT)
- Support and information available from NNLM coordinators
- 2 hour shifts, handled by different NNLM regions
- Each started with pre-recorded welcome video from NNCO, and overview
- Live editing with narration, and online chat with participants
- Final slot featured OCLC Wikipedian-in-Residence Monika Sengul-Jones
- Hashtag helped with collecting information about edits, and social media activity

Dashboard Results

The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface for the NNLM Edit-a-thon - Spring 2018 dashboard. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL `outreachdashboard.wmflabs.org`. Below the address bar, there are navigation links: "Find Programs", "Training", "Documentation", and "Report a problem". The main navigation bar includes "Home", "Timeline", "Editors", "Articles", "Uploads", and "Activity".

The "Course Activity" section displays the following statistics:

Metric	Value
Articles Created	7
Articles Edited	111
Total Edits	736
Editors	32 ⁱ
Words Added	43.5K
Article Views	838K
Commons Uploads	4 ⁱ

The "NNLM Edit-a-thon - Spring 2018" section contains the following text:

Are you interested in improving the consumer health information available on Wikipedia? Do you want to utilize your research skills towards making Wikipedia a better, evidence-based resource? Have you always wanted to participate in an edit-a-thon? Join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine on April 17th as we add citations to existing Wikipedia articles on rare diseases! We'll be working on those diseases listed by the Genetic and Rare Disease Information Center, using trusted National Library of Medicine resources like Genetics Home Reference, MedlinePlus, and PubMed.

NNLM staff from across the nation will be available Tuesday, April 17th from 9 am ET to 9 pm ET to support you as you add your citations. Follow along with the fun on Twitter--check for hashtag #citeNLM2018!

You can view full details regarding the event on the #citeNLM2018 Edit-A-Thon page:

The "Details" section lists the following information:

- Facilitators:** [Alillich](#), [Limitbreakleaf](#), [Librariannx](#)
- Institution:** National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Expected Editors:** 0
- Activity tracking start:** 2018-03-28 23:00 PDT
- Activity tracking end:** 2018-04-29 22:00 PDT
- Event Start:** 2018-03-28 23:00 PDT

Evaluation/Lessons Learned

- Statistics from the dashboard (only registrants—how to capture non-registrants?)
- Asked editors to put #citenlm2018 in edit summary
- Twitter feed showed some user engagement
- Fewer than expected joined WebEx sessions
- Participants mainly from library community, reflecting marketing
- Helpful to have two hosts at a time
- Importance of hands-on experience of editing for ongoing Wikipedia involvement

Future Plans

- 2018 Fall Edit-a-thon in November
- Promotion via Twitter, Facebook
- Wikipedia communities
- NIH Institutes
- Video testimonials of physicians who treat people with rare diseases and impact on patients on having information

Questions?

Contact us!

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