

Collaborative archival practice: Rethinking outreach, access, and reconciliation using Wikipedia

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- Our assumptions and editing ethic(s) as Wikipedia Editors
- Outreach and access through integration of archival holdings and use of archivist skill sets
- Editing as an act of reconciliation



[Qu'Appelle Indian Industrial School](#) in [Lebret](#),
District of Assiniboia, ca. 1885
(Public Domain via Library and Archives Canada PA-182246)

Motivating assumptions as editors

1. “Anyone” being able to can edit Wikipedia isn’t a compelling reason for dismissal.
2. There is value in disrupting the Western, cis, white male, gaze of Wikipedia content.
3. Archivists (and librarians) are subject experts well positioned to improve, correct and contribute available information.

Contributing to Wikipedia



1. There isn't one right way to contribute - use your strengths.
2. Having an edit reverted doesn't mean you should stop editing.
3. Workplace contributions

Moving beyond self-promotion

- Information about:
 - Namesake and founding
 - Collection development
 - Areas of expertise
- Reliance on secondary sources rather than website

William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections



Country	Canada
Type	Academic
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Branch of	McMaster University Library
Website	http://library.mcmaster.ca/archives/

Template: Cite archive

Usage [\[edit\]](#)

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She wrote two children's books, *Yarker* (1977).^{[1]:19[4]}

Engel's most famous work is *and a bear*.^[8] Her editing was coupled with its extreme

circumstances." It was eventually published by [McClelland & Stewart](#) after being championed by [Robertson Davies](#).^{[5][9][10]}

McClelland, Jack. "Letter from Jack McClelland (McClelland & Stewart) to Marian Engel, 12 January 1976, re Bear" (12 January 1976) [textual record]. *Marian Engel fonds*, Fonds: Marian Engel fonds, Box: 2, File: 51. Hamilton, ON: William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections, McMaster University Library. First accrual.



(1974) and *My name is not Odessa*

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It won the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction in 1976.^[11]

More than a mistress

October 2015 lead:

The **Lady Constance Malleson** (24 October 1895 – 5 October 1975) was a British writer and [actress](#) (appearing as **Colette O'Niel**), the wife of actor [Miles Malleson](#) and lover of [Bertrand Russell](#).

Lady Constance Malleson



Lady Constance Malleson in 1922

Born	Constance Mary Annesley 24 October 1895 Castlewellan Castle
Died	5 October 1975 (aged 79) Bury St Edmunds
Nationality	English
Other names	Colette O'Niel
Occupation	writer and actress

Today's lead:

Lady Constance Malleon (24 October 1895 – 5 October 1975) was a British writer and [actress](#) (appearing as **Colette O'Niel**). The daughter of [Hugh Annesley, 5th Earl Annesley](#), Malleon studied at the Royal Academy of Drama Art and was a popular theater performer.

During her twenty year acting career she appeared in numerous productions across the United Kingdom including several productions at prominent theaters in London's [West End](#) and in [Maurice Elvey's](#) 1918 silent film [Hindle Wakes](#). Before retiring from acting Malleon wrote and produced *The Way* a three act starring [Una O'Connor](#), [Charles Carson](#), and [Moyna Macgill](#).

Active in pacifist and social reform efforts, Malleon spent the remainder of her career traveling and writing. She released several novels and autobiographical accounts, including *In the north : autobiographical fragments in Norway, Sweden, Finland, 1936-1946* about her experiences in Scandinavia administering relief efforts in response to the Russo-Finnish War. Among her most notable releases is the 1933 novel *The Coming Back*. Though she denied the suggestion, it is understood as a [roman à clef](#) regarding Malleon's relationship with philosopher and political activist [Bertrand Russell](#), with whom she shared an interest in pacifism. Friends until Russell's death, the pair were romantically involved from 1916 to 1920, during Malleon's mutually open marriage to actor [Miles Malleon](#).

Doing the Work

- Marginalized communities should not be expected to teach the basics of colonialism, racism, and settler relations to the general population.
- Reconciliation is about accountability, action and awareness - as archivists, Canadians and/or settlers we have a role to play in reconciliation

Archives and Indigenous History

- TRC Calls to Action
- Many archives contain records that were created about or by Indigenous communities.
- Providing information in an accessible format and helping breakdown structural colonial barriers.




Shingwauk Residential School, 1969.

Community Outreach

- Engaging with local activists
- Raising awareness about community based initiatives, Indigenous community leaders, and grassroots organizations
- Information literacy skills

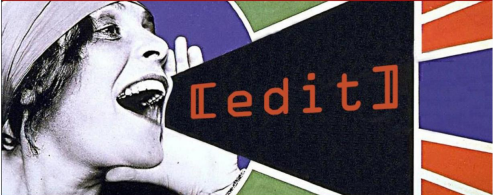
Let's Re-Write Wikipedia



Documenting Our Nation's Strong Indigenous Women's Narratives
Hosted by the Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre


Calling all community members, students, researchers, and activists!

Come on out to our re-write of Wikipedia!
We will be re-writing to include Indigenous Women in our histories not only as wives, daughters, aunts, and sisters but as leaders with their own identities and their own stories.
Help us bring representation to Wikipedia!



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1:00pm-3:00pm

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Canadian Indian residential school system



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Heavy request: Does anyone want to work with me to improve the Canadian Indian residential school system wiki page? [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_ ...](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_...)

RETWEETS

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Work progression

- Contributions by multiple archivists and librarians
- Solicitation of input from staff at the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation
- Announcement about improvement work to WikiProject Indigenous peoples of North America
- Anonymous contributions flagging phrasing and grammatical issues.



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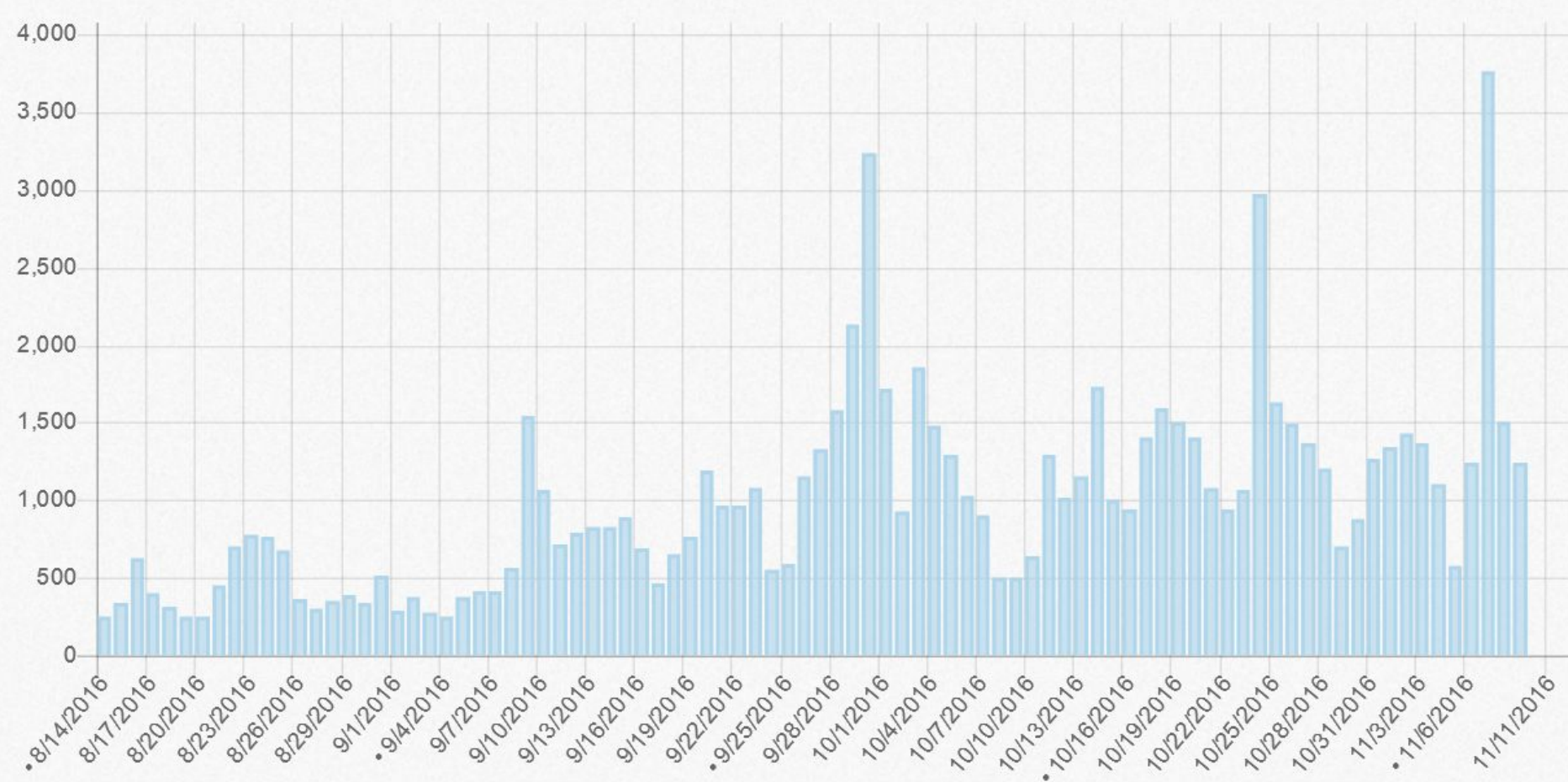
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CIRSS & Secret Path announcements



Resources

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- [AAO: Toward Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Active History: Ten Books to Contextualize Reconciliation in Archives, Museums, and Public History](#)