

ACADEMIC LIBRARY-SUPPORTED ART + FEMINISM WIKIPEDIA EDIT-A-THONS

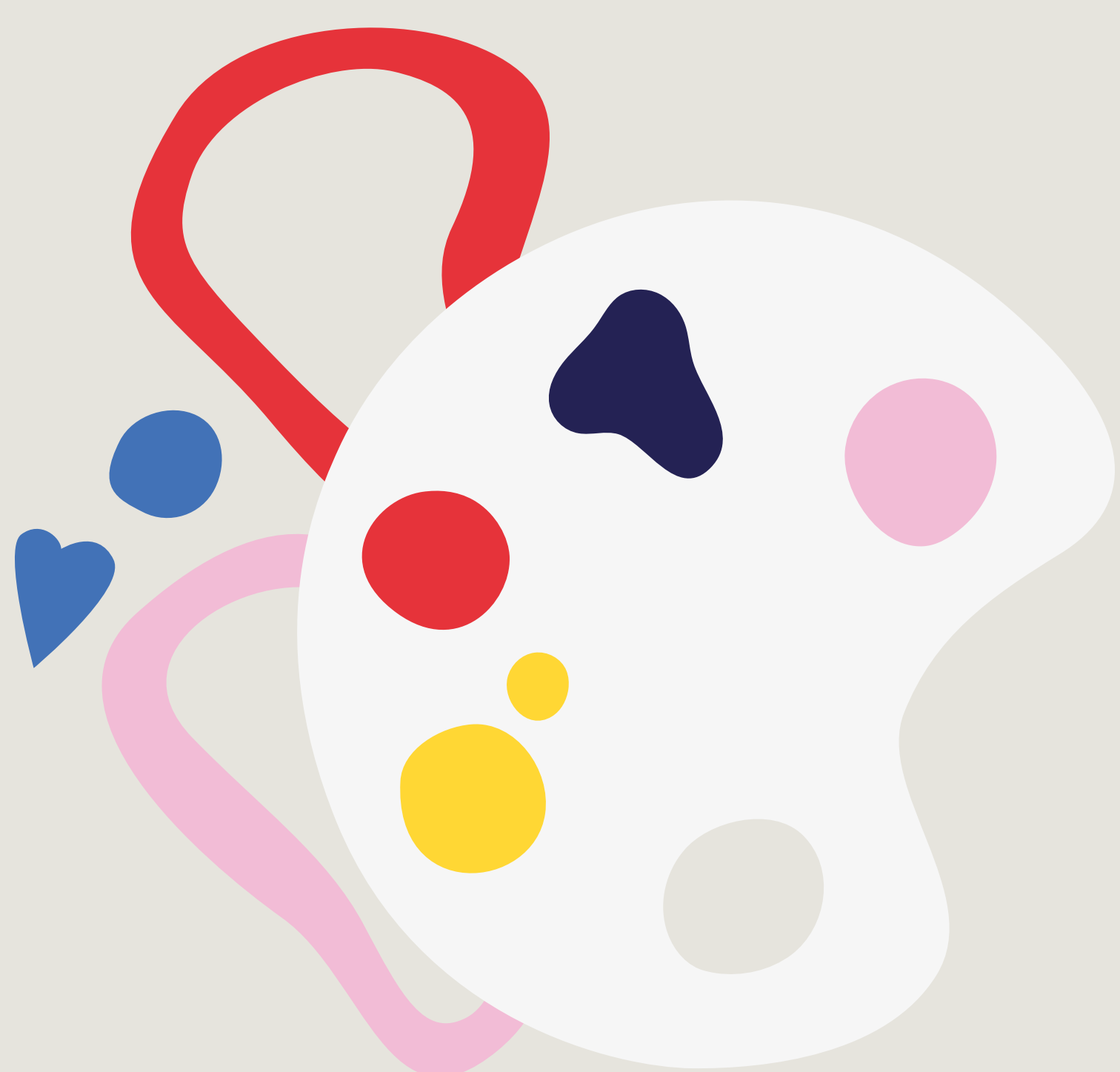
Wikipedia is one of the most visited websites in the world. How have academic libraries helped to make it more inclusive, equitable, and robust?

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WHAT IS A+F?

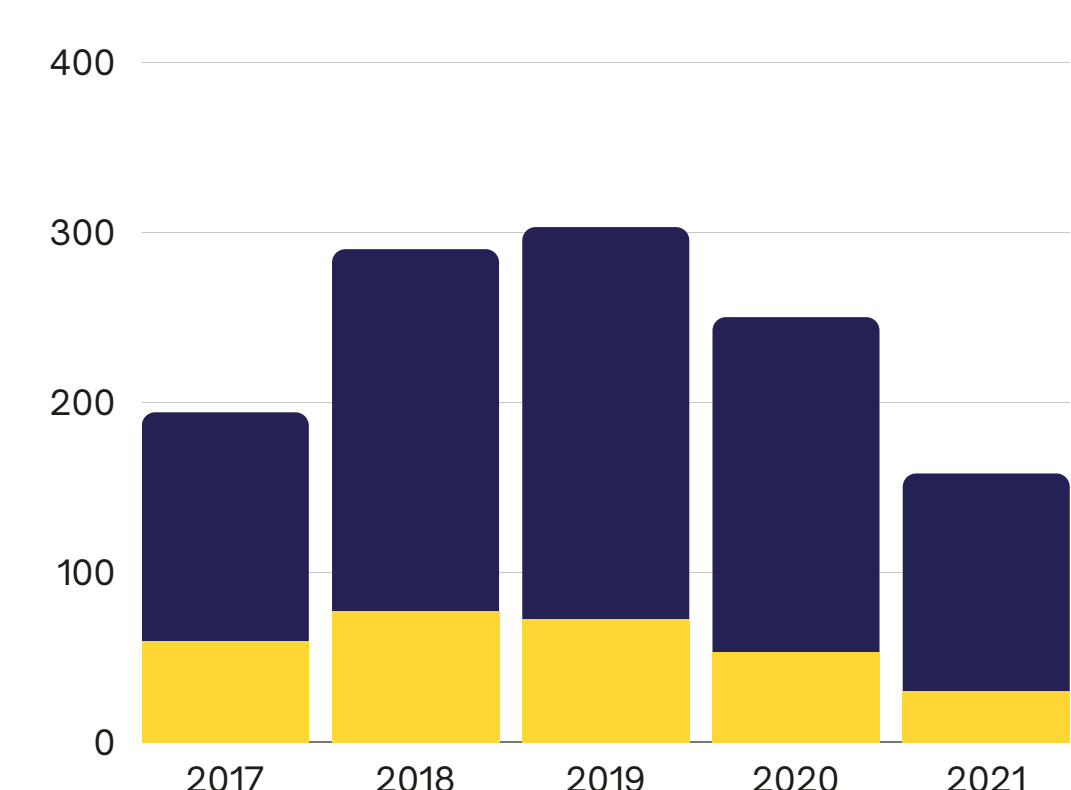
Art+Feminism (A+F) began in 2014 in response to research that documented a widespread gender gap in Wikipedia articles and spoke to a need for increased representation from cis and trans women and people of color.

EDIT-A-THONS

By supporting Wikipedia Edit-a-thons, A+F builds a community of activists committed to closing information gaps related to gender, feminism, and the arts.



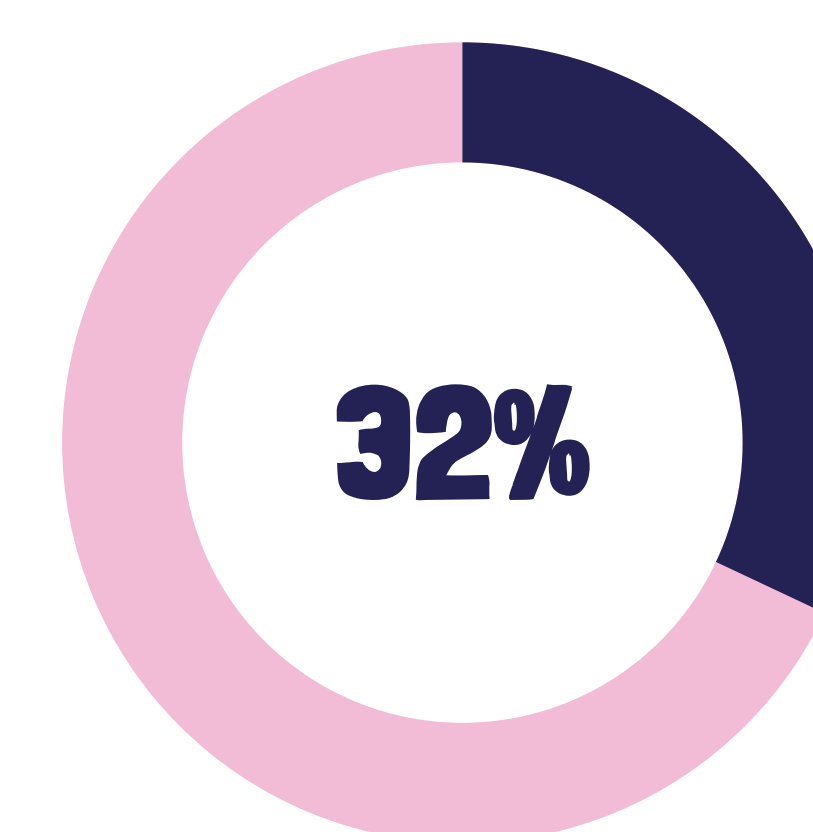
INITIAL ANALYSIS



Yellow shows number of edit-a-thons hosted by academic libraries each year (out of total number of events).



Edit-a-thons hosted by academic libraries represented 24 languages.



Academic libraries hosted approximately 32% of all Wikipedia edit-a-thons.

ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Academic libraries have partnered with A+F to organize and host edit-a-thons, bringing together librarians, students, instructors, community members, artists, and activists. To quantify the impact these events have had, we worked with A+F staff to download data to analyze:

- Number of academic library hosts
- Number of articles created and edited
- Number of references added
- Number of new editors
- Languages used

RESULTS/FINDINGS

From 2016-2021, academic libraries hosted an estimated **291** A+F Wikipedia edit-a-thons. Language and geographic diversity increased each year, doubling from 2016 to 2021. Edit-a-thon instructors usually returned to host events across multiple years.

PANDEMIC?

COVID closures didn't stop edit-a-thons. In 2020 and 2021, events moved online.

NEXT STEPS

We want to dive deeper into the raw data to uncover the impact that academic library-hosted edit-a-thons have had on the diversity of representation in Wikipedia. How many new editors resulted from these events? How many edits were made, and how many new articles were created?

What else should we investigate?

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