

“GLAM: National Library” project

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For the last three years, the National Library of Israel has been building its ties with the Israeli Wikipedian Community, as a part of its strategy to reposition itself and open access of its myriad collections to the public in Israel. The talk will describe the National Library of Israel's initiative for providing access to a historic collection of portraits, by making it accessible on Wikipedia, the benefits of the process to the general public, what the National Library gains and possible implications on the digitization and licensing processes. Also, it will touch the difference in worldview between librarians and wikipedians, and the challenges of opening up library collections by uploading them to Wiki Commons.

“GLAM: Yunes & Suraya Nazarian Library, Haifa University” project

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The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library is entrusted with providing and maintaining the information needs of the University of Haifa community. Along with its academic activities, the Library cultivates its connections with the general public and attempts to make its collections available for the benefit of the public. In addition to dealing with "traditional" library materials, the Library has been involved with digital preservation and the development of special digital collections in recent years.

The joint GLAM project with Wikimedia Israel in the Library will release materials on Wikimedia project and will increase the dialog between the library, wikipedians and the public. We also hope to release materials from copyright restrictions so that they will be available for researches and the public (Open Access). The key to the project's success is the collaboration between our Wikipedian in Residence and our expert librarians.

“GLAM: Wiki Loves Monuments” project

Deror Lin, “Wiki Loves Monuments” Project Coordinator

"Wiki Loves Monuments" is the biggest photography competition in the world. This year, Israel was one of the 35 countries participating. During September and October, 6,067 images of heritage sites in Israel were uploaded to the Wikimedia Commons website as free images, which can now be used in Wikipedia articles. This lecture will focus on the challenges faced by the Israeli WLM team on the information, technology, collaborative and PR levels, as well as the unique achievements of the Israeli team, their implications and the continuation of the project after the competition.