



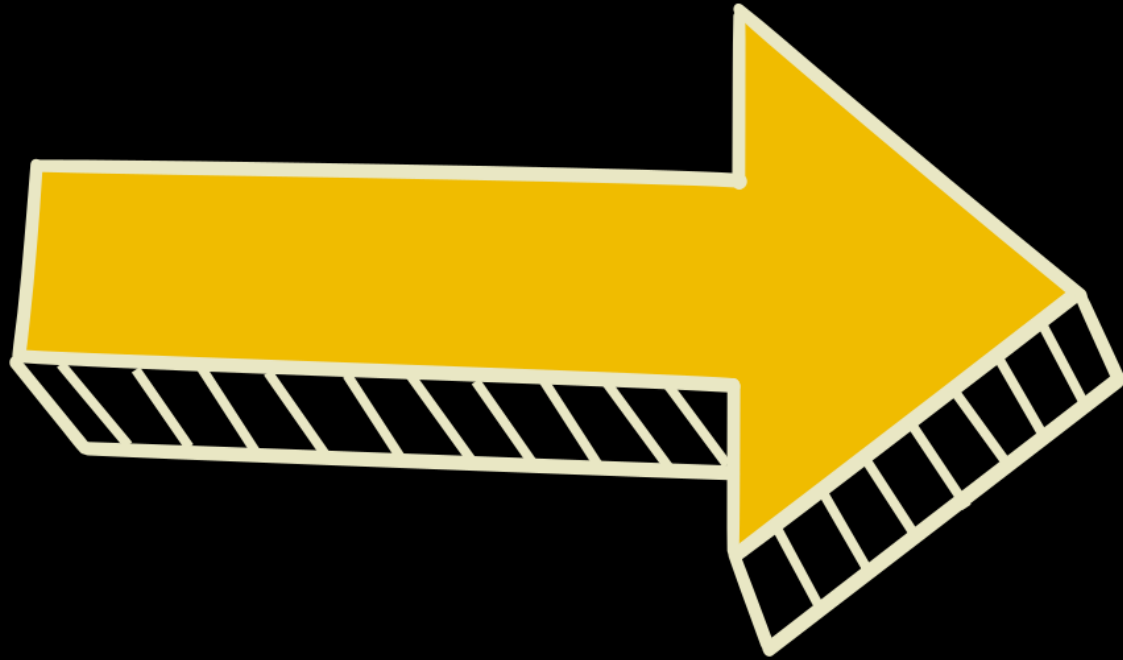
Public Libraries & Wikipedia

Creative Collaborations
Kansas City Public Library




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- 21 years public library experience
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Agenda

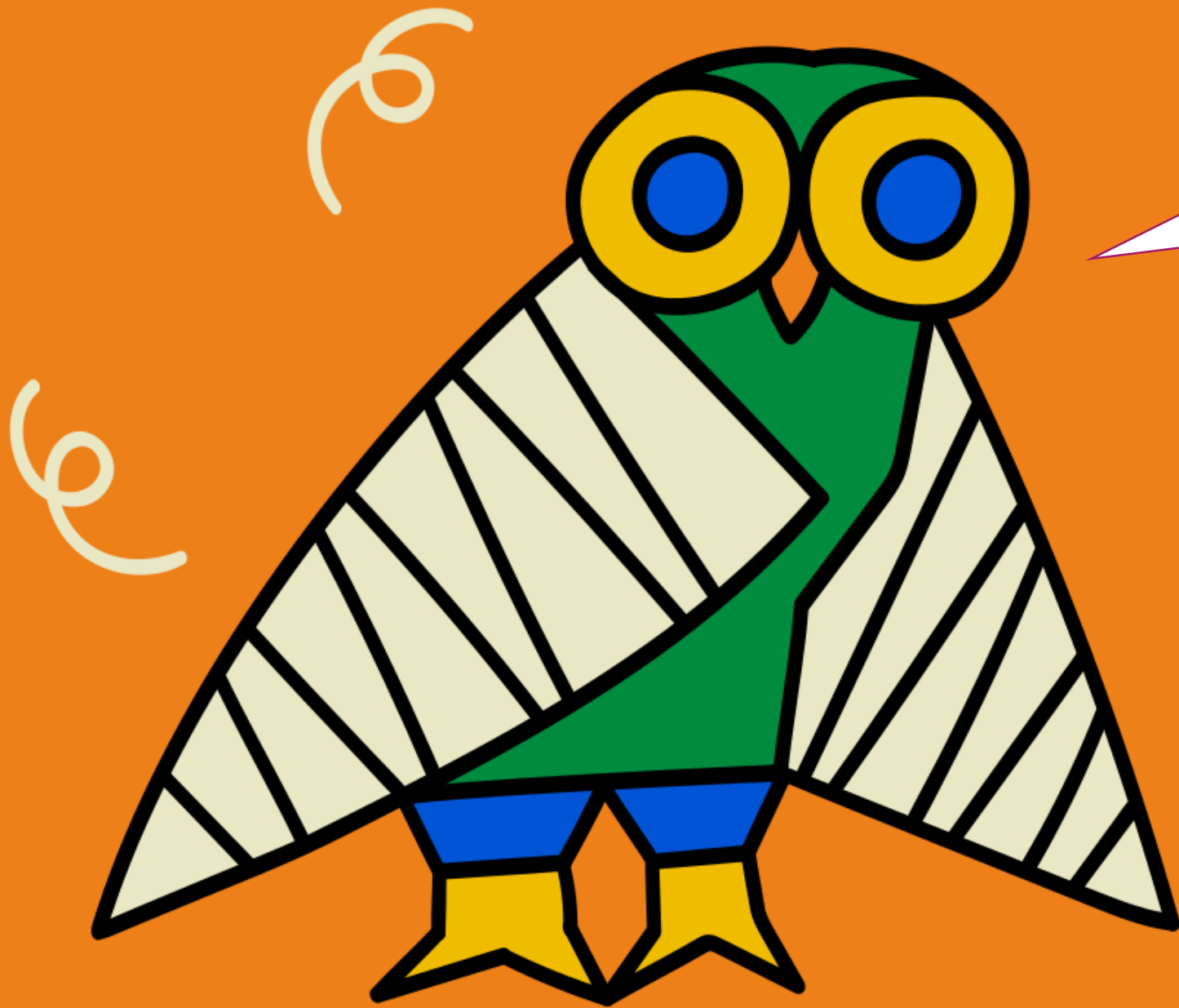
The Kansas City Wiki Journey
Lessons Learned
What's Next for KC



2018

Wikipedia + Libraries: Better Together





be bold!

Hosting our first Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon



Topic: Kansas City jazz

Place: American Jazz Museum

Drinks: Restless Spirits

Entertainment: Jazz musicians

Creative Partnerships





Sharing the Story

KC Studio

Computers in Libraries

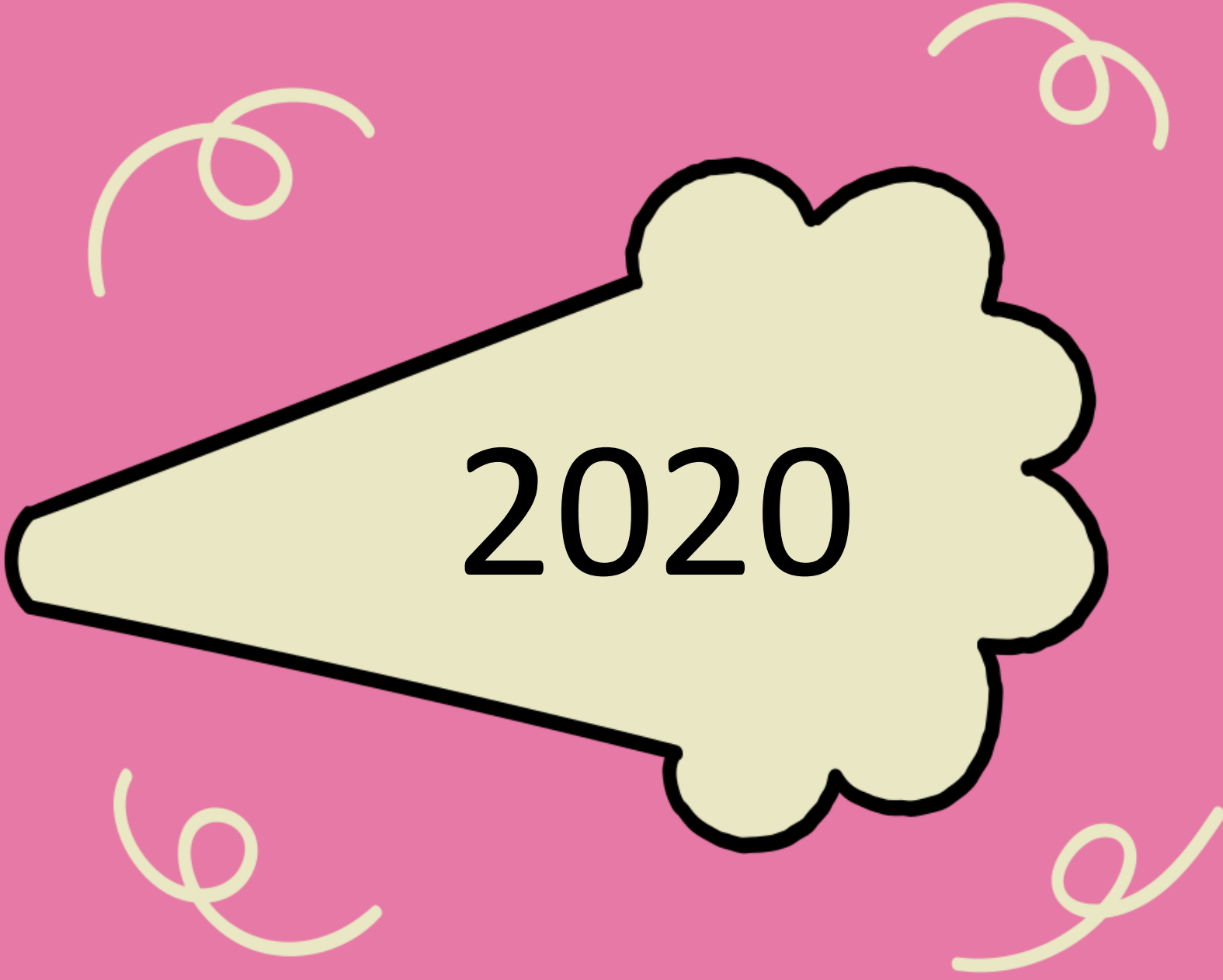
Sharing the Story

KCPL Staff Meetings & Trainings

2018 GLAM Wikimedia Conference

2019 Missouri Library Association





2020

Create a Budget

Full-Time WiR	Salary & Benefits Base salary: \$44,810.00 Benefits est (28%): \$12,546.80	\$57,356.80
Technology	1 laptop	\$1,205
Administrative Costs	5% Including, but not limited to: office space, utilities, HR, training, research assistance, publicity assistance, and purchasing oversight and support	\$2,876.84
Total project cost		\$61,429.64

Job Description

KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Wikipedian in Residence (1-Year Grant Funded)

CLASSIFICATION: Library Professional

REPORTS TO: Community Reference Manager

JOB SUMMARY

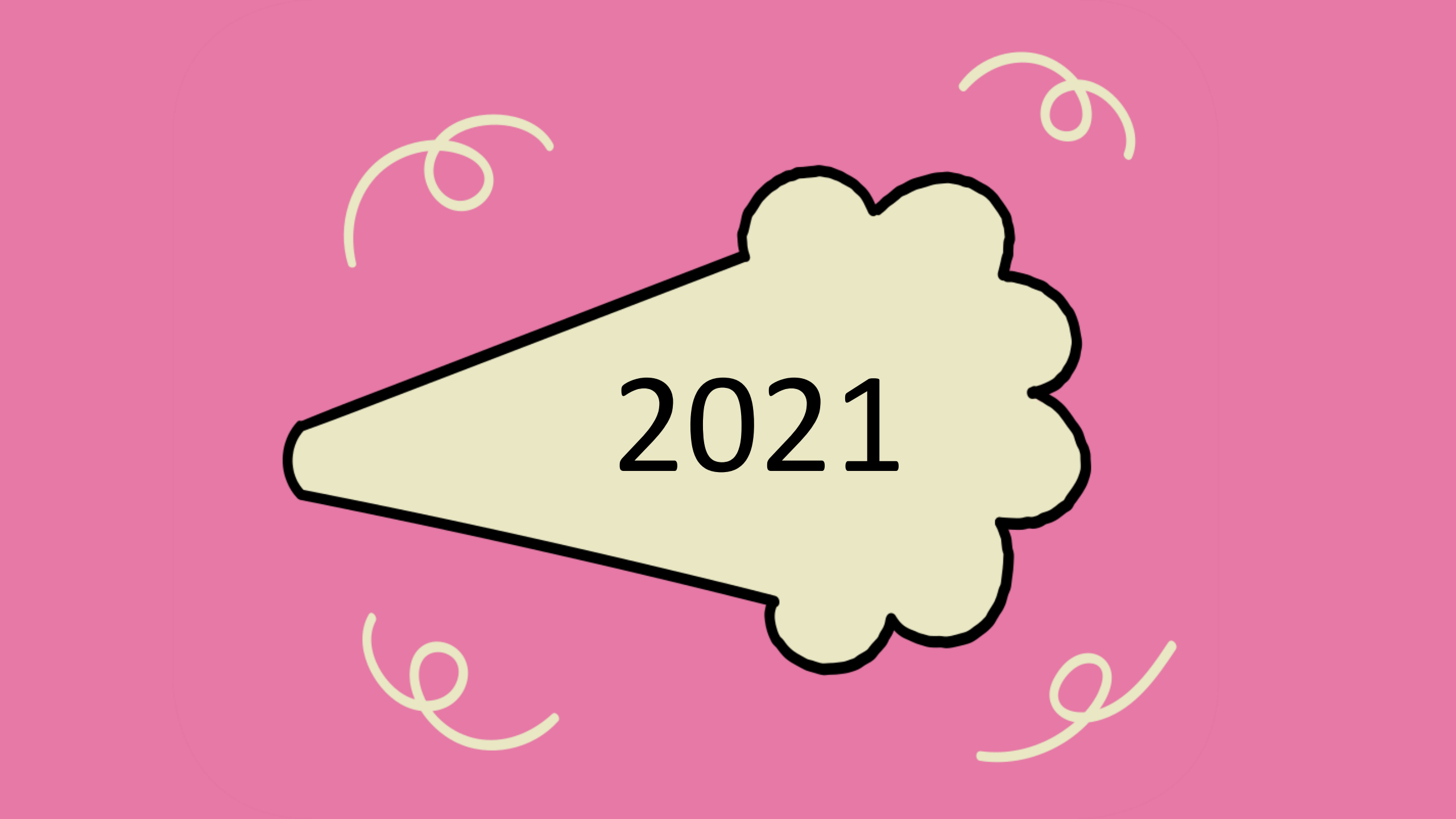
The Kansas City Public Library system consists of a central library, nine physical branches, a digital branch, and an outreach services program serving a constituency of over 250,000 in Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to providing library services to residents, the Library also serves as a resource for the 1.7 million metropolitan residents of greater Kansas City.

The Library seeks applicants for a Wikipedian in Residence. This position will focus on Kansas City history (broadly defined) on Wikipedia and will engage Library staff and users, members of the public, researchers, and visitors to encourage contributions to make the Library's digitized content more publicly accessible with an emphasis on underrepresented topics and editor demographics.

This position may be renewed for additional time, depending on successful outcomes.

Essential Functions

- Conduct outreach and engage partners in the region around KCPL's Wikipedia efforts
- Convene an initial meeting of a Kansas City Area Wikipedia Editors Group and make connections with existing editors on:
 - [WikiProject: Kansas City](#)
 - [Wikipedia: Meetup/Kansas City](#)
- Provide introductory Wiki trainings for Library staff members
- Present at conferences nationally to share implementation process
- Coordinate and host one edit-a-thon for the public each quarter, and capture metrics with dashboard
- Identify content within KCPL's digital history sites that are appropriate for Wikimedia projects
- Improve the Wikipedia entries for at least six major Kansas City-related topics
- Write a white paper about Wikipedia and Public Libraries, outlining efforts to date, strategies for success and desired outcomes.
- Participate in the [Wikimedians in Residence Exchange Network](#)
- Contribute content regularly to GLAM newsletters
- Teach library patrons and students how to edit Wikipedia and encourage and support the movement's growth.
- Respond to escalations and discussions within Wikipedia related to KC topics



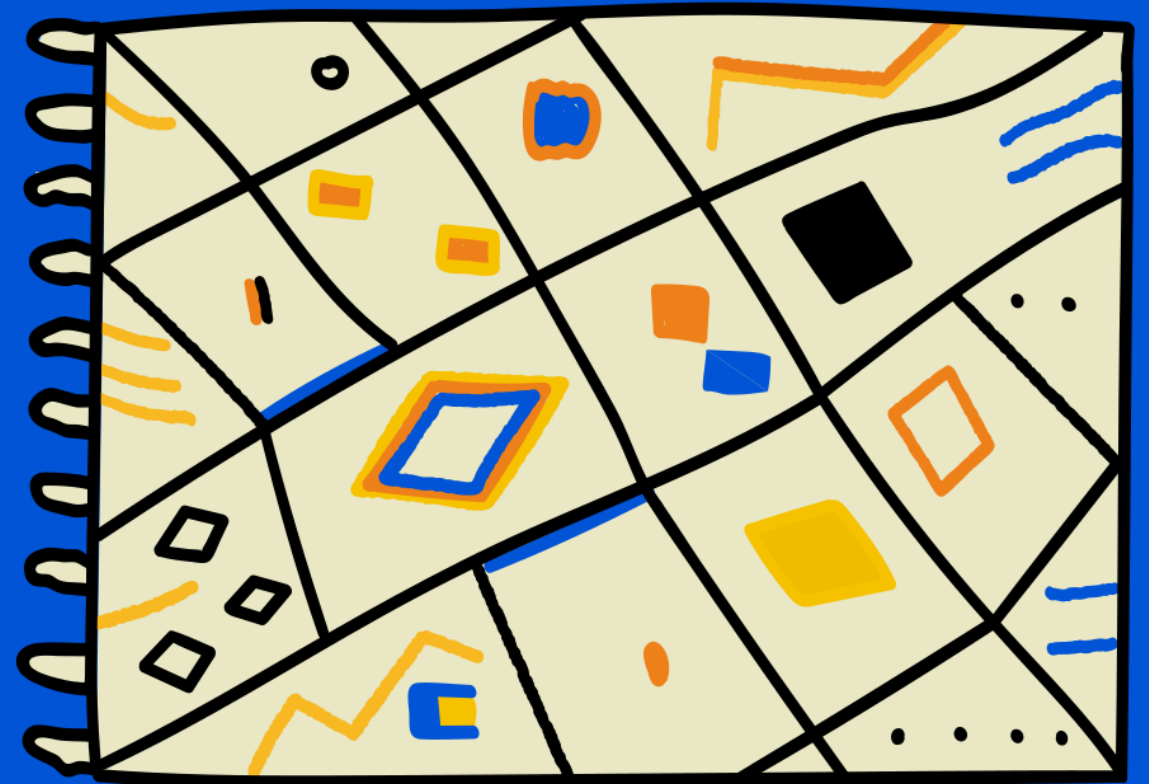
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\$50,000* grant
Awarded from
W. T. Kemper
Foundation

*KCPL covered
remaining costs

Share job posting
Interview candidates
Hire WiR



Tell Everyone!

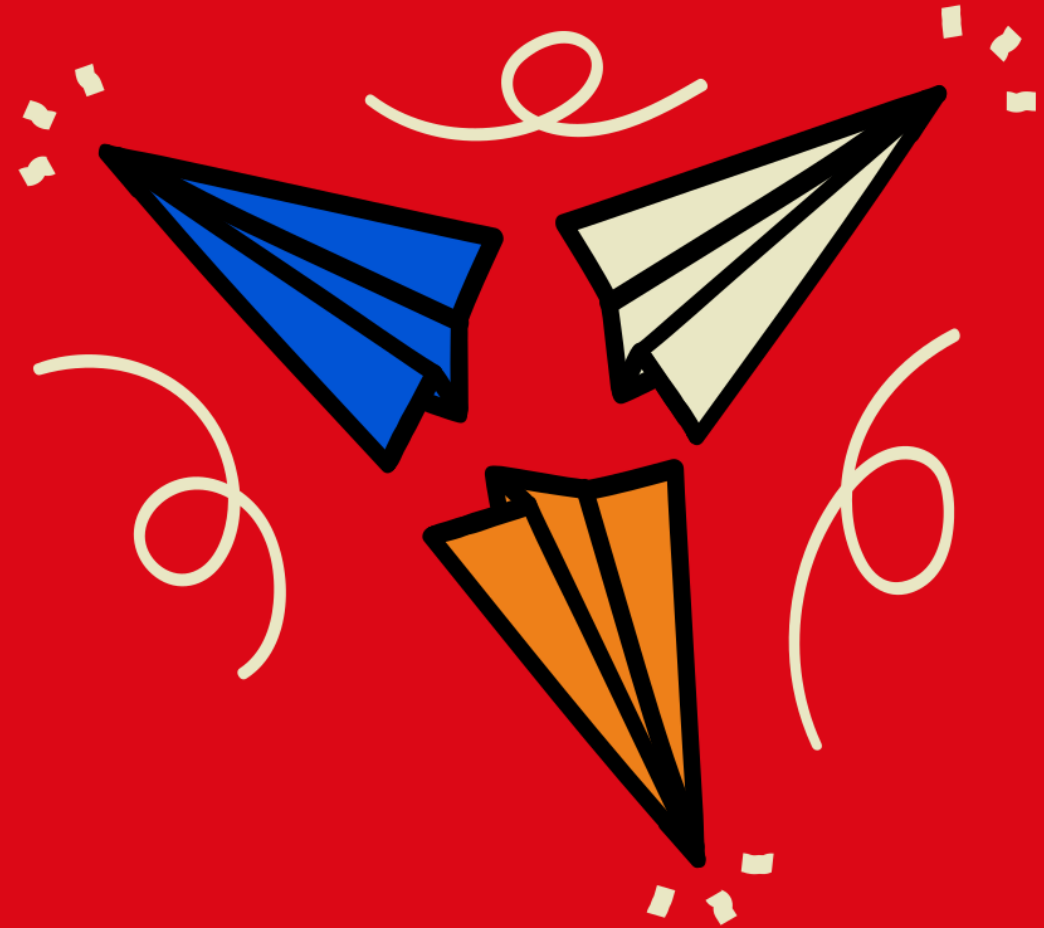
[KCUR Article](#)

[Blog post](#)

[KCUR Interview](#)

[KKFI Interview](#)

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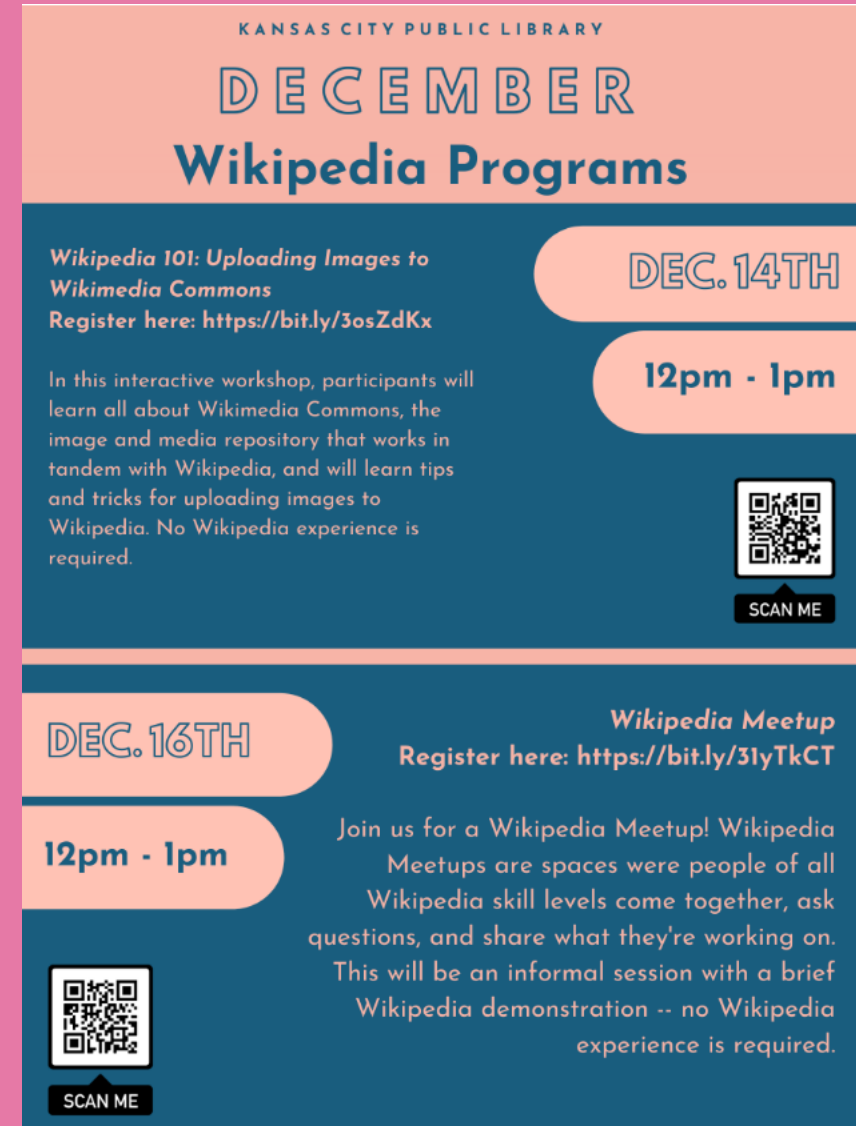
Programming Examples



**WIKIPEDIA
MEETUP**

Virtual Event
Tuesday, November 23rd // 12PM - 1PM
Register at <https://bit.ly/3qxROuK>

The poster features a dark teal background with a light orange bottom section. It includes a QR code in the top right, a calendar icon, an open book, and a pencil holder with pencils.



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**DECEMBER
Wikipedia Programs**

Wikipedia 101: Uploading Images to Wikimedia Commons
Register here: <https://bit.ly/3osZdKx>

DEC. 14TH

12pm - 1pm

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn all about Wikimedia Commons, the image and media repository that works in tandem with Wikipedia, and will learn tips and tricks for uploading images to Wikipedia. No Wikipedia experience is required.

SCAN ME

Wikipedia Meetup
Register here: <https://bit.ly/31yTkCT>

DEC. 16TH

12pm - 1pm

Join us for a Wikipedia Meetup! Wikipedia Meetups are spaces where people of all Wikipedia skill levels come together, ask questions, and share what they're working on. This will be an informal session with a brief Wikipedia demonstration -- no Wikipedia experience is required.

SCAN ME

The poster has a light orange top section and a dark teal bottom section. It features two QR codes, each with a 'SCAN ME' button below it. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with rounded corners for the date and time information.

Wikipedia Day 1/15

All about fun with inspiration and prizes from @depthsofwikipedia

Trivia & Wiki Game

A vertical poster for Wikipedia Day at the Kansas City Public Library. The background is white with colorful illustrations of cakes and confetti. At the top, the Kansas City Public Library logo is displayed. The main title "Wikipedia Day" is in a large, bold, black serif font. Below the title, the event details are listed: "Saturday, January 15th", "12PM - 1:30PM", and "Virtual Event". A QR code with a "SCAN ME" label is provided for registration. The bottom of the poster features a short description of the event: "Wikipedia is turning 21! Join us for a day of trivia, games, and Wiki-themed prizes."/>

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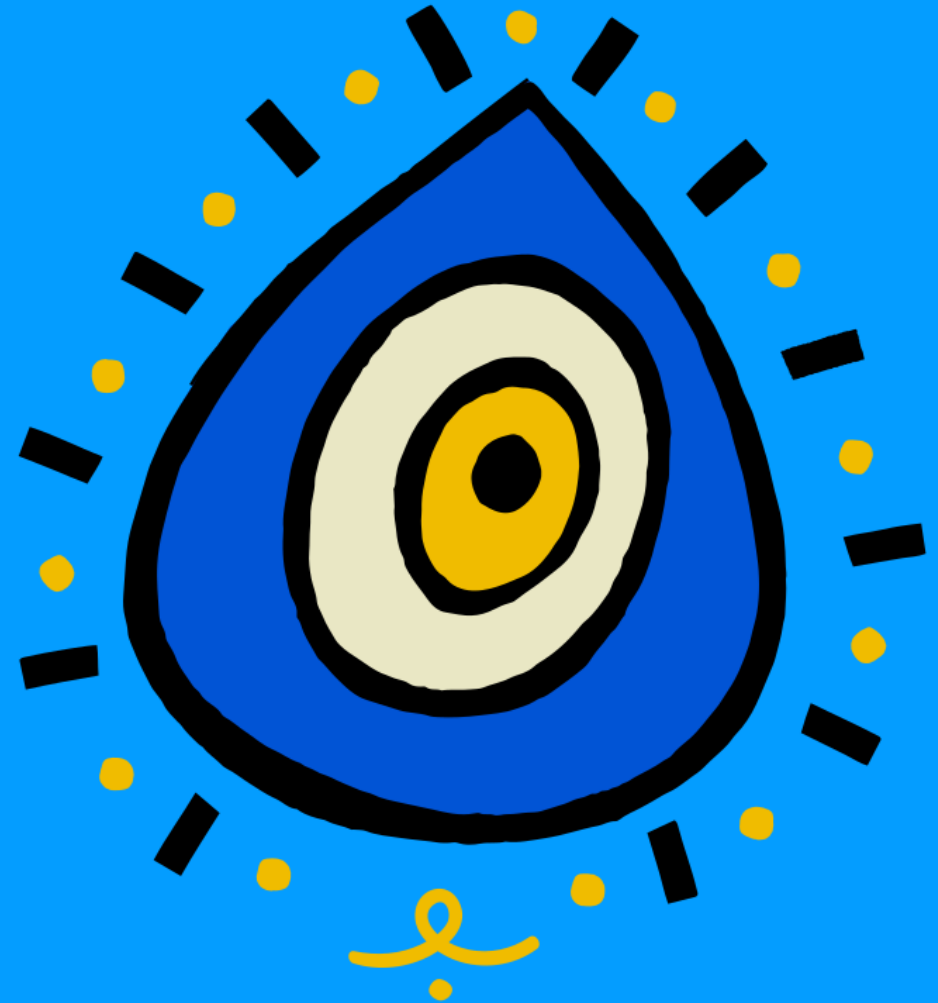
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SCAN ME

Professional Development

- Library Freedom Project Cohort
- Library Conference attendance
- Interdisciplinary Programs
 - National News Literacy Week
 - Intellectual Freedom as a Civil Rights Issue
 - Open-Source for Creatives (Part 1 and Part 2)





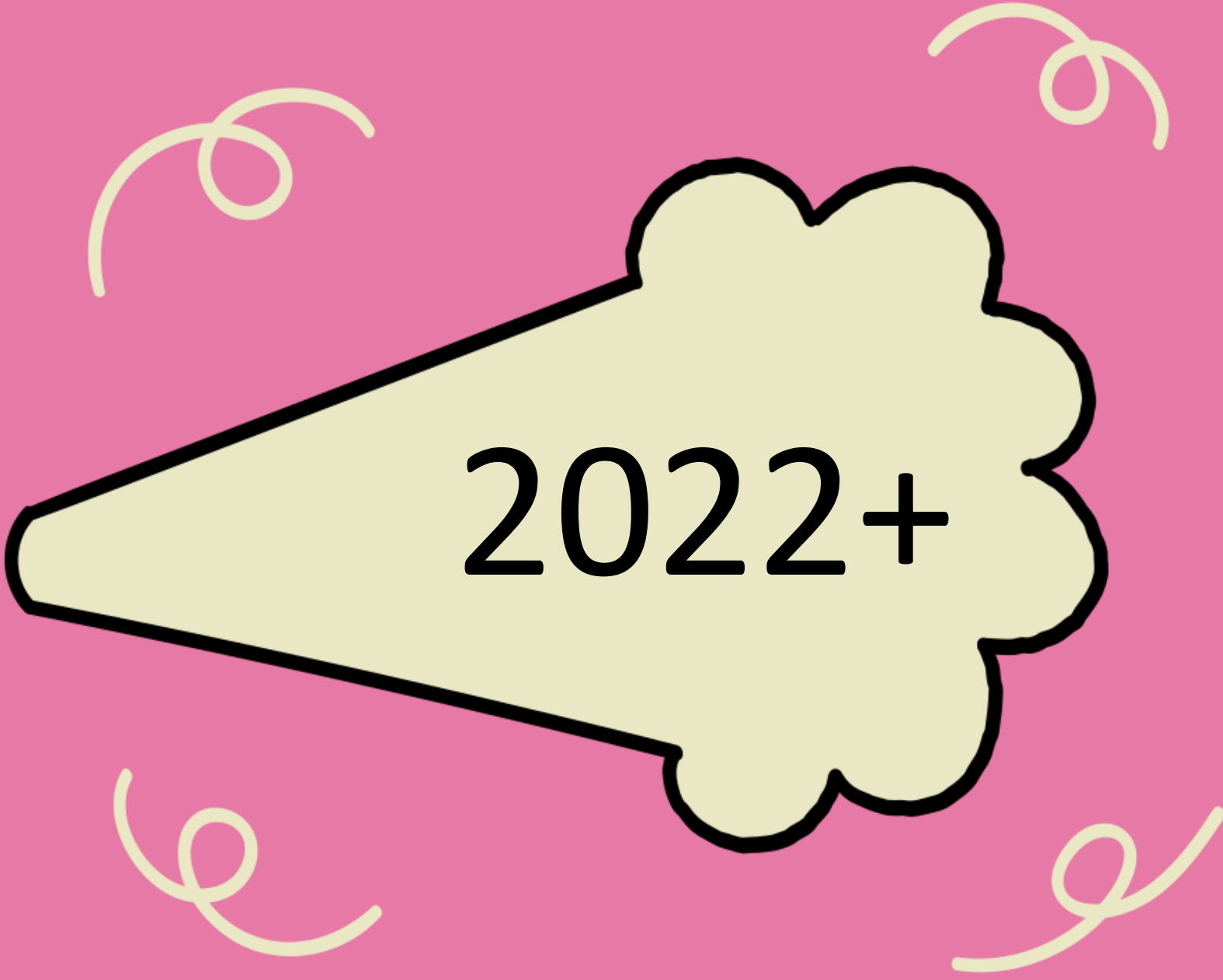
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Things We Learned

- Edit-a-thons aren't the best way to engage people around Wikipedia
 - High barriers to entry
 - Time consuming to plan
- Be aware of potential barriers
 - Children's Online Protection Act (CIPA)
 - Online harassment
 - Partner capacities
- Have a budget to pay honorariums to contributing partners
- Collaboration opportunities are endless!

What Worked Well

- Professional development opportunities for WiRs
 - Can be a nontraditional path to librarianship
 - Increases open knowledge and information accessibility
- Transparency about salary and benefit information in the job posting
- Embed equity into the job expectations and posting
- WiR mentorship and WREN participation
- Art+Feminism framework
- Tell our wiki story



2022+

What's next at KCPL?

WiR Year 2

- Renew for 2nd year
- Focus on media and information literacy
- Continued staff development and training

Sharing Our Story

- Publish and distribute a white paper and corresponding zine
- Continue to present at conferences
- Support collaborative programming around open knowledge at the library

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Thank You!

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