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List of accomplishments for 2016

The following accomplishments include work that my students have done, so this report includes work I've done and work I've coordinated.

Within the library and university

- Hosted an edit-a-thon in October, trainings for 1 club and 2 classes, and 3 trainings for library employees (one was for Writing and Research student employees). About 70 people were trained.
- Met with most curators about what Wikipedia work they're interested in.
- Presented to the library donors and for the library Christmas conference about my work.
- Encouraged Carissa and Alexis to make a list of works Special Collections has transcribed, which [they did](#). Liaisoned with the Mormon Texts Project and the library to get one of the HBLL's books that was in MTP's queue into the Transcribe queue.

Within Wikipedia

- Improved 66 pages about people in special collections (50), Mormon women (8), or pages of general LDS interest (8). All these pages combined have a daily average page views of 2,067 (or 754,455/year). Daily page views vary greatly and 27 of these pages have an average of 5 views a day or fewer.
- Successfully nominated 62 pages for the Did You Know (DYK) main page feature, totaling 138,329 views for those pages on the days they were featured on the main page. These pages were mostly about people and things in special collections (56), but we also did a few for Mormon women not in our collections (4) and general LDS history (3). Merian C. Cooper and Mere Mete Whaanga both had exceptionally interesting hooks and each had over 10,000 views the day of their DYK. On average, all the DYK-nominated pages combined have 478 views/day, or 174,470/year. Howard Hawks has 490 views/day and was not included in this figure. One of these new pages was a history of the L. Tom Perry Special collections library.
  - A full list of DYK-nominated and improved pages is available on the spreadsheet [here](#). There are separate sheets for each category.
- Created our [GLAM page](#), complete with a to-do list and a chart of pages related to the HBLL.
- Fixed several hundred dead library links on Wikipedia (mostly to old journals or theses).
- Thanks to a bot, the 721 findingaid links we added were changed from HTTP to HTTPS, allowing more refined referrers reports. About .1%-.01% of viewers of a given Wikipedia page click through to library sites.

Wikimedia Commons (images)

- Started mass upload project for the Charles Savage collection—about 300 images have been uploaded and categorized.
- We uploaded images from hata- and uma-jirushi book that was scanned for the samurai exhibit and categorized them. Some 50 other photos have been uploaded from existing digital collections or specially scanned for Wikipedia projects; see them at the [Images from the Harold B. Lee library category](#).
- Found an image of an actually polygamous man and his wives for the polygamy template, and helped correct metadata for the two other photos that were not polygamous families.