What is #1lib1ref?

#1lib1ref is an annual event with a simple goal: to get every librarian to add one citation to Wikipedia. We're interpreting *librarian* loosely to mean everyone who works in the library.

This year's event begins January 16 and ends February 3. If you're curious you can read more about it in this OCLC research blog post and on the Wikimedia Foundation's website.

Why should I participate?

Two reasons:

- Contributing to Wikipedia is a way for libraries to distribute knowledge to the widest possible audience. It's a global extension of the work we do every day. Adding citations during #1lib1ref lets us see the power of many libraries working together while we improve the quality of the world's most popular reference source.
- The **libraries at UNC and Duke will compete** to see which can contribute more references during #1lib1ref.

How do I participate?

1. **Create a Wikipedia username -- or not.** Creating an account is quick -- and optional. This article explains why you might want to create an account. Foremost among them: having an account lets you track edits to articles that interest you, and lets you edit without revealing your IP address.

2. **Find an article that needs a citation.** There are many ways to do this. You can Fulfill a "Citation Needed" using Citation Hunt; find an article with sourcing problems; or browse topics that interest you until you find a "citation needed" template.

3. **Find a source for the article.** Wikipedia has guidelines for identifying reliable sources, but if you work in the library you'll probably find they're common sense.

4. **Add your citation.** Remove the *[citation needed]* note if there is one and enter your citation. The #1lib1ref help page has basic information about editing Wikipedia and adding citations.

5. **Add #1lib1ref to the edit summary.** Before you save your edit, enter "#1lib1ref" in the edit summary field at the bottom of the page. This is critical for helping Wikipedia track the impact of the event.

6. **RECORD YOUR CITATION.** Add a link to your citation on the Duke vs UNC Google spreadsheet. This is critical for helping your library win. To create a link to your citation, click on the superscript number that represents your reference. Then copy and paste the URL from your browser onto the spreadsheet.

7. **Brag about your good deed (optional, but encouraged).** Use social media to spread the word, and tag with #1lib1ref and #UNCvsDuke.

Who can help me with editing questions?

The following staff members have edited Wikipedia and are willing to answer quick editing questions.

DUKE	UNC
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Official rules

- The competition between Duke and UNC will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17 and will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3.
- Any employee of the Duke and UNC Libraries may participate, including student employees.
- Respect the integrity of the Google spreadsheet -- deleting other people's entries is unsporting and is grounds for disqualifying the offending institution.
- The library with the most citations at 5pm on February 3 will be declared the winner. The losing library must enthusiastically praise the other institution via its main Facebook and Twitter accounts.