

# KB Special Collections & Wikidata



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bibliotheek

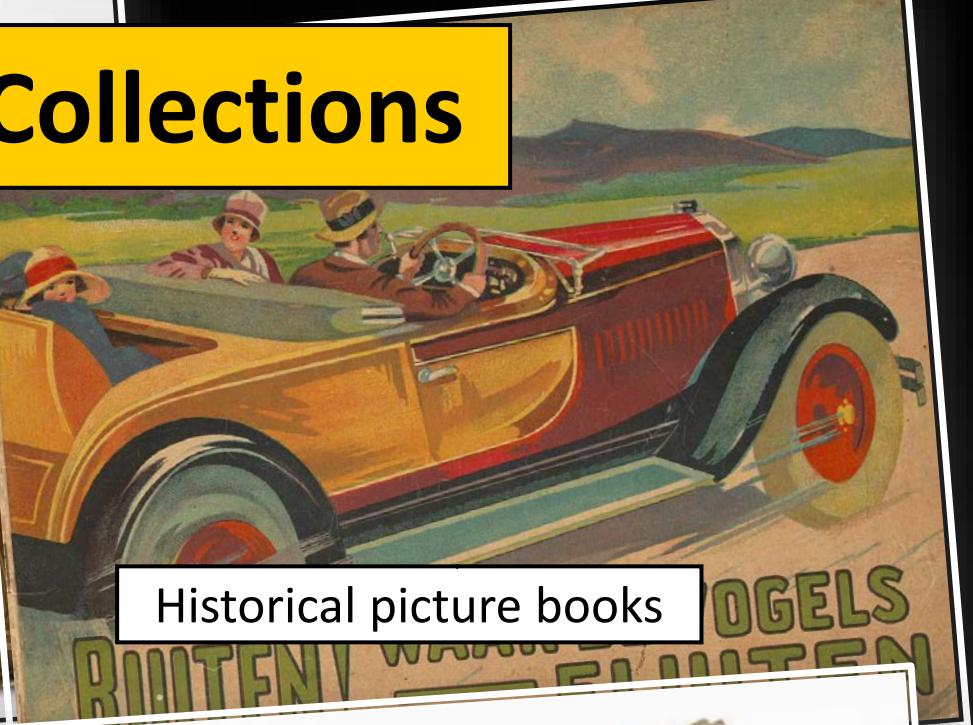
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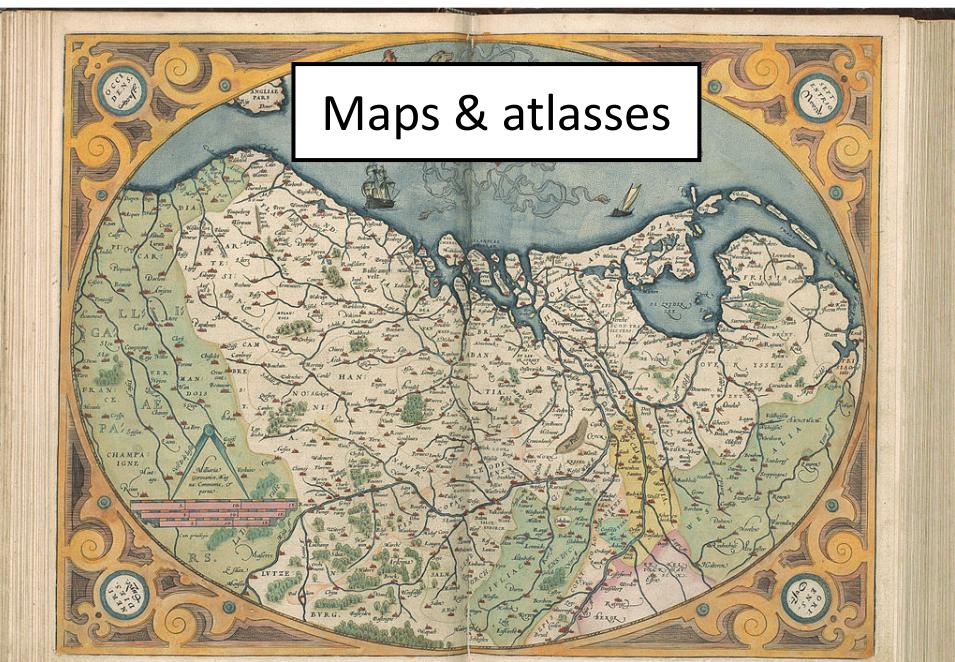
# KB Special (historical) Collections



Medieval manuscripts



Historical picture books



Maps & atlases



Alba amicorum

# Typical presentation on KB website

search [and] request number sort by year of publication  
KW 1046 B 17  
 approximate search

shortlist title data search history Info on keywords 1

results

Title: Theatre, oft Toonneel des aerdt-bodems ; waer inne te siene sijn de landt-tafelen van de geheele werelt: met een corte verclaringe der seluer  
Author: Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598)  
Cartographer: Abraham Ortelius (1527-1598)  
Translator: Peeter Heyns (1537-1598)  
Year: [1571-1584]  
Publisher: [S.I.] : [s.n.]  
Printer: Coppens van Diest, Gillis (I) Antwerpen, 1533-1573  
Note: Compositiet atlas; bevat 53 kaarten met Nederlandse aanvulling uit 1573, 23 kaarten van de tweede aanvulling uit 1579 en 1 kaart van de derde aanvulling uit 1584; de tweede en derde aanvulling bevatten geen tekst  
Vert. (door P. Heyns) van: Theatrum orbis terrarum  
Extent: krt  
Size: in-2  
Request number: KW 1046 B 17  
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Lending information: for inspection only  
Availability: Request

**Metadata**

**1) Catalog record**



**Images**

**2) Image viewer**

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Leeszaal weer beperkt open per 25-5. Update 19-5

Home Thema's Atlassen Atlas Ortelius

Atlas Ortelius

Permalink: <https://www.kb.nl/ortelius>  
Downloads: [Wikimedia Commons](#)

De Atlas Ortelius is de eerste 'modern' wereldatlas. Abraham Ortelius maakt zijn Thuislanden tot een standaardformaat en geeft ze uit als boek.

Op deze pagina vindt u een algemene inleiding bij de Atlas Ortelius. Wilt u direct naar het gedigitaliseerde boek? Klik dan op de link in dit plaatje:



Bekijk dit digitale topstuk →

**Stories**

**3) Contextual article**

**Antwerpen: dé kaartenstad van de zestiende eeuw**

In de zestiende eeuw zijn Frankrijk, Spanje en Engeland de machtigste landen van Europa. Vergelijken bij hen stellen Vlaanderen en Holland niet veel. Maar de kleine Nederlanden ontwikkelen een andere kracht: de internationale handel en scheepvaart, eerst binnen Europa, later over de hele wereld.

De Opstand van de Nederlanden tegen Spanje is een extra stimulans voor verre zeeritten. Vanoudher voerden de Portugezen specerijen aan uit Indië, maar die handel komt door de oorlog stil te liggen. De bewoners van de Lage Landen moeten nu zelf op zoek naar leveranciers van de specerijen die Nederlanders zo zijn gaan waarderen.

**Old paradigm:**

KB special collections are *read/view-only*



Taxidermied Monarch Butterfly in a bell jar -- Jeremy Johnson, CC BY-SA 4.0, via Wikimedia Commons



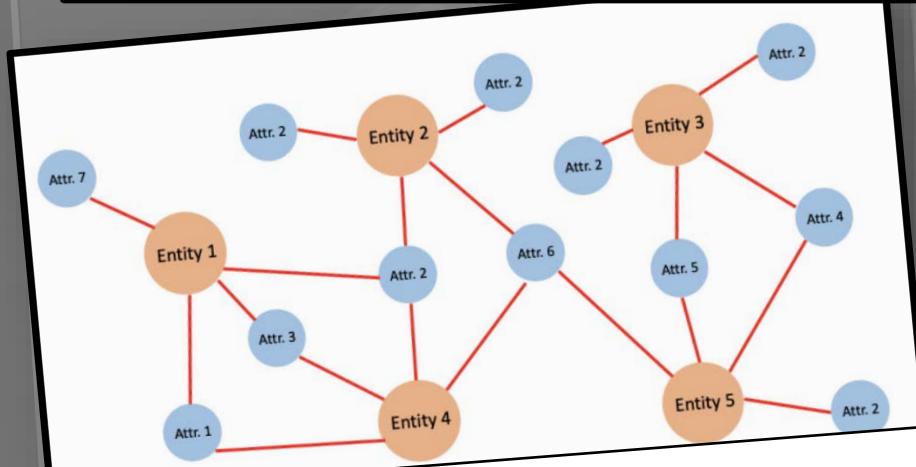
**New paradigm:**

KB special collections are *building blocks*

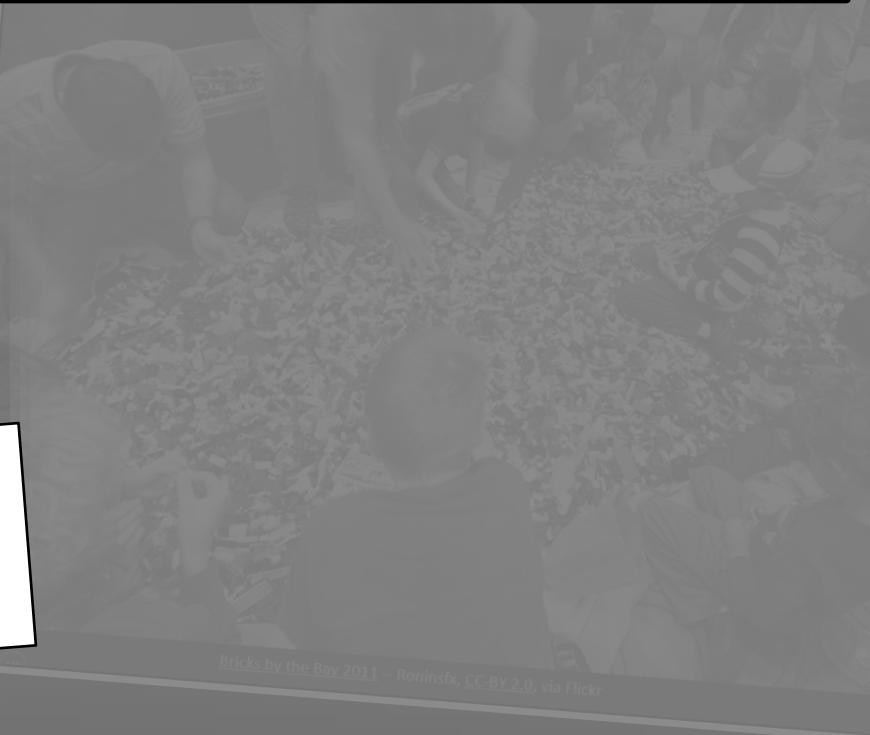


Bricks by the Bay 2011 -- Roninsfx, CC-BY 2.0, via Flickr

# Opening our (unlinked, closed, institutional) collections

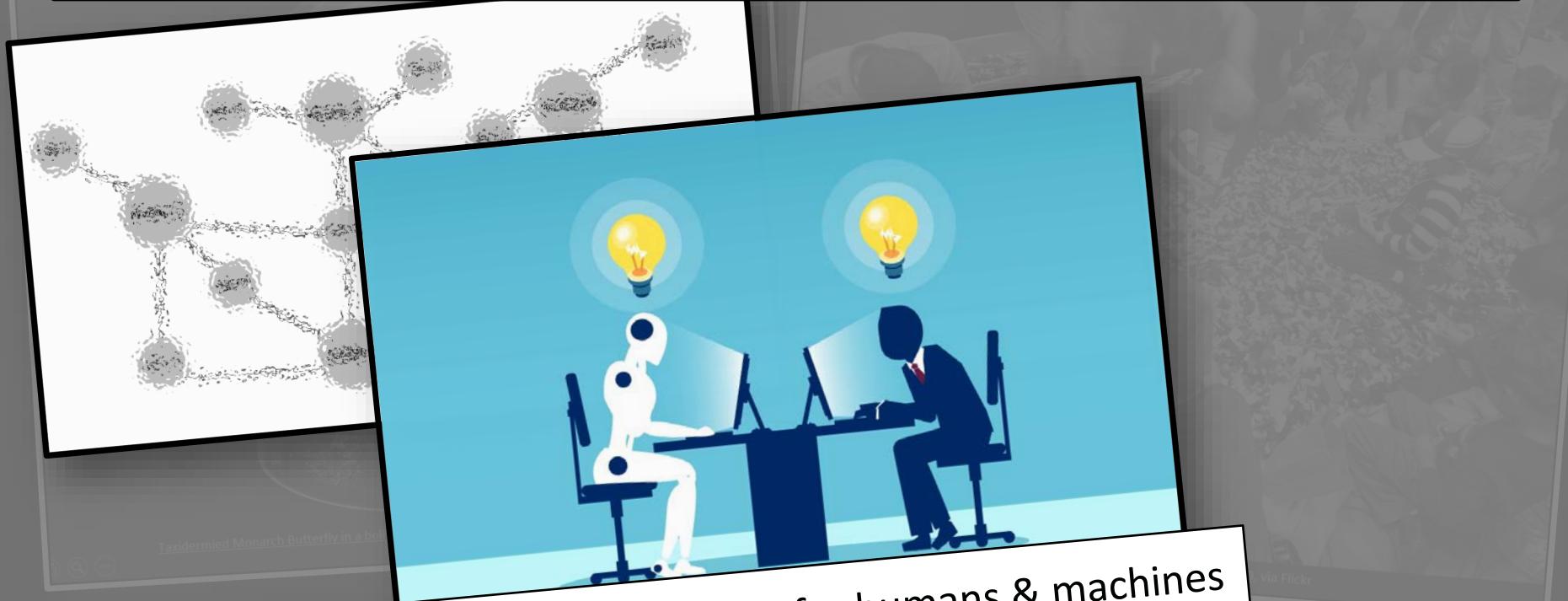


1. Linking KB 'collection things'  
with each other & with outside world  
(LOD cloud)



Bricks by the Bay 2011 — Roninsfx, CC-BY 2.0, via Flickr

# Opening our (unlinked, closed, institutional) **collections**



2. Improve **open reuse** for humans & machines  
(structured data, CSV/JSON/XML, APIs, SPARQL, AIs etc.)

# Opening our (unlinked, closed, institutional) **collections**



3. Involve (new, techy) **communities**  
with our collections

**Old paradigm:**

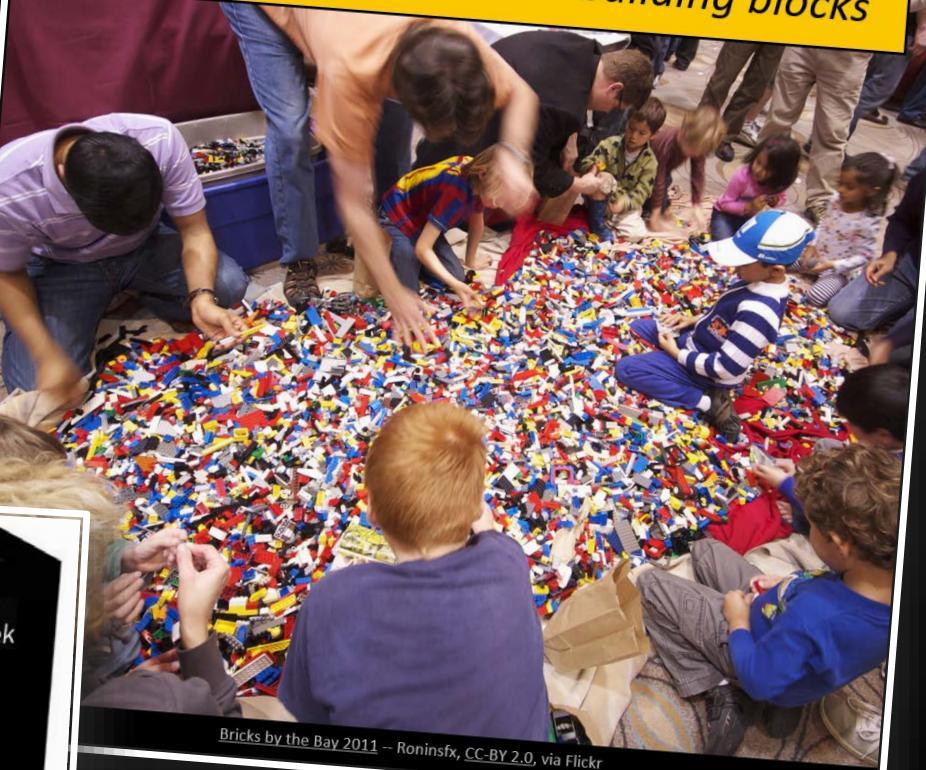
KB special collections are *read/view-only*



A collage of historical and cultural artifacts from the KB Special Collections, including a portrait of Jacobus Hechto, a peacock illustration, and a Gothic cathedral print. The collage is framed by a white border and includes logos for LEGO TECHNIC, WIKIDATA, WMF COMMONS, and WIKIMEDIA COMMONS.

**New paradigm:**

KB special collections are *building blocks*



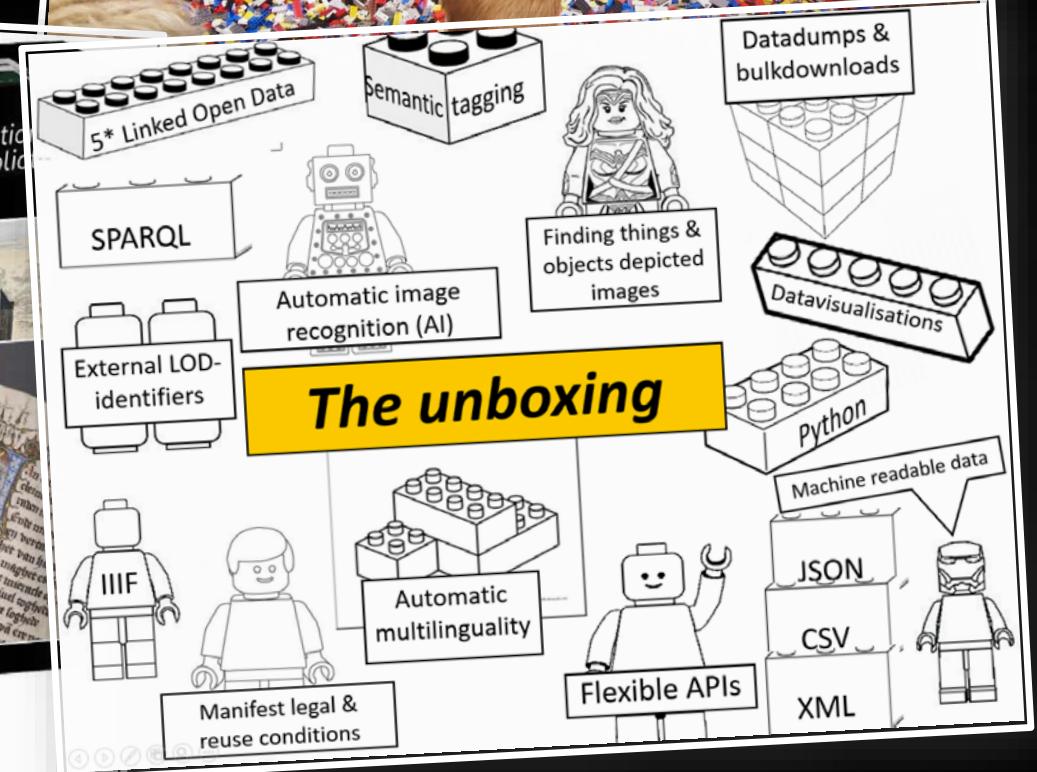
## Old paradigm:

KB special collections are *read/view-only*



## New paradigm:

KB special collections are *building blocks*



# Many LEGO® bricks we need are readily available in



Open metadata



Open images



Open stories

# Why is Wikidata (& Wikimedia) part of our strategy?



WIKIDATA



KB } national library  
of the netherlands

# Free - ‘public utility’ for data

The screenshot shows the Wikidata create account page. At the top left is the Wikidata logo (red, green, blue vertical bars) and the word "WIKIDATA". Below it is a sidebar with links: Main page, Community portal, Project chat, Create a new Item, Recent changes, Random item, Query Service, Donate, Lexicographical data, Create a new Lexeme, Recent changes, Random Lexeme, Tools, Special pages, and Help. The main content area has a "Special page" dropdown menu, a "Create account" button, and language options: Deutsch | English | Esperanto | français | español | italiano | Nederlands. It includes fields for Username (OlafJanssen1), Password (redacted), Confirm password (redacted), and Email address (optional) (olaf.janssen@kb.nl). A red callout box with the text "This is all you need!" points to the "Create account" button. A large yellow box at the bottom right lists benefits: "No burden for our IT dept", "No software licensing / management costs", and "Unlimited (hosting, traffic)".

This is all  
you need!

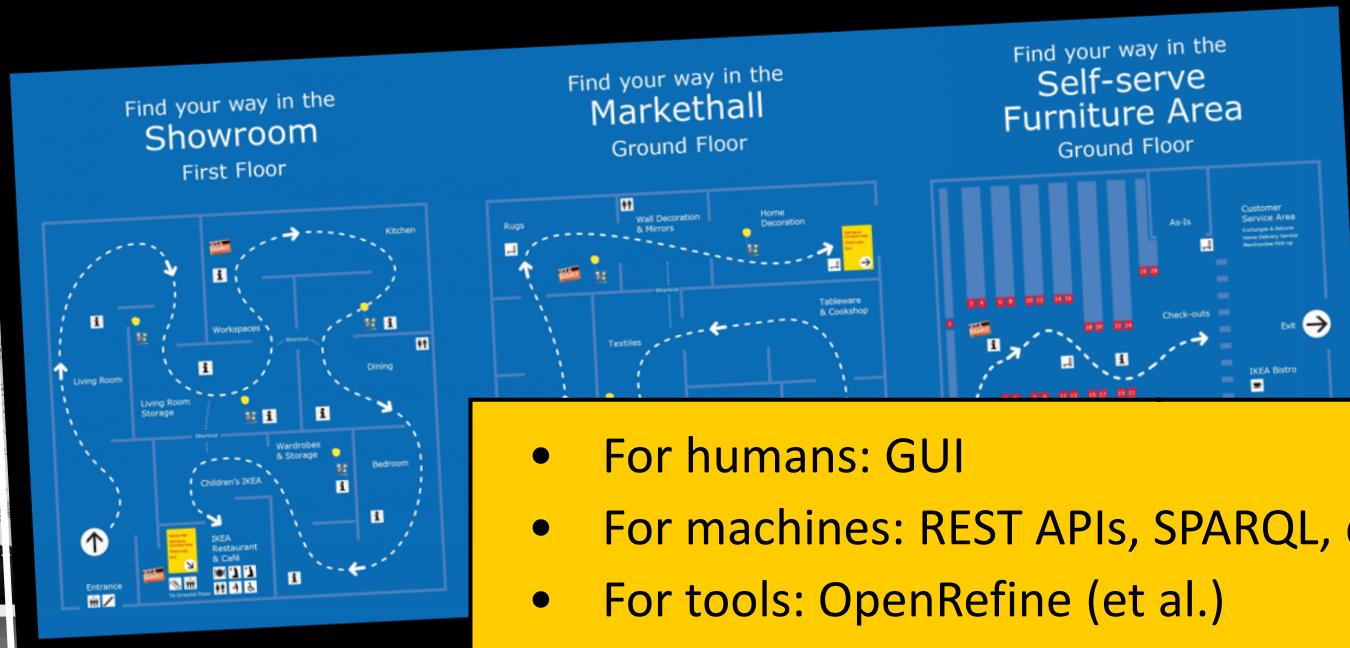
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WIKIPEDIA

# One stop shop

creating, managing, linking, sharing, discovering,  
browsing, querying, improving, merging, reusing,  
visualizing, uploading, downloading, ....  
**multilingual 5\* LOD**



WIKIMEDIA  
COMMONS



WIKIPEDIA

# ‘LOD made easy’

*“Of all the scary  
LOD platforms,*

*Wikidata is the  
least scary.”*

Olaf Janssen, June 2021



- Vivid community → participative, international, supportive, real people can help you
- Online & IRL events (workshops, hackathons, conferences)
- Plenty documentation & code examples (eg. SPARQL)

No hassle with ©



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DOMAIN

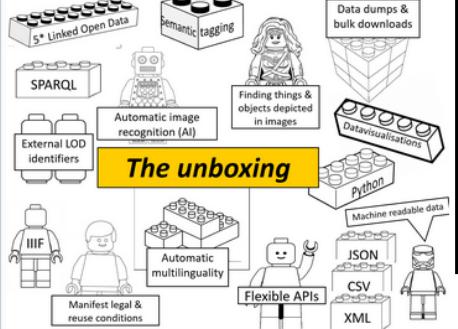
# **The hub for linking to other databases**

Wikidata Propbrowse

[Browse and view all properties on Wikidata.](#)

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P864	ACM Digital Library author ID	P3332 ACM Digital Library citation ID	P4760 LII Korea Library ID
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P1143	BN (Argentine) editions	P508 BNCF Thesaurus ID	P8838 LibraryThing venue ID
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P3997	Bait La Zemer Ha-Ivri artist ID	P3996 Bait La Zemer Ha-Ivri song ID	P5587 Libris-URI
P5748	Basisklassifikation	P9504 Beirut Arab University's Libraries	P3439 Lotsava House Indian author ID
P9522	Biblioteca di Santa Sabina ID	P5315 BioStor work ID	P8522 Manic book ID
P6175	Bírága work ID	P5199 British Library system number	P4752 Manus Online manuscript ID
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P1280	CONOR.SI ID	P2000 CPDL ID	P1048 NCL ID
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P4007	DBS ID	P2185 DLJ ID	P3988 National Library Board Singapore ID
P8123	DLL Catalog work ID	P1292 DNB editions	P4619 National Library of Brazil ID
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<https://hay.toolforge.org/propbrowse>



# 50 cool new things you can now do with KB's collection highlights

## - Part 1, Introduction

### Wikifying KB's collection highlights

If you look closely at our LEGO® box, you'll notice that its 'powered by' Wikidata, Wikimedia Commons and Wikipedia. This is no coincidence, as many of the building blocks we were looking for were readily available in the Wikimedia infrastructure. Think for instance:

- an open platform for uploading, describing, curating and sharing 1000s of public domain images of KB's highlights (*Wikimedia Commons*)
- an open platform for creating, managing, linking and sharing multilingual 5\* Linked Open Data under CC0-licensing (*Wikidata*)
- an open and extremely well-visited platform for providing context for our highlights (*Wikipedia*)
- with SPARQL endpoints (*Wikidata and Wikimedia Commons*)
- and REST APIs delivering machine readable outputs in CSV, JSON or
- and data visualisation tools (*Wikidata and Wikimedia Commons*)
- with good integrations for Python, PHP and many other popular lan



Furthermore, the contents of this box are

- **Free** - the Wikimedia infrastructure is a **public utility** that is just out there for anyone to use and benefit from, for free, without any membership, license and/or management fees. This meant the KB could budget and run the project with personnel costs *only*, as no material costs for IT hosting, licensing, tooling etc. were needed.
- **No burden** for KB's internal IT operations. Running all infrastructure outside the KB is putting no extra burden on our already overstressed IT department.
- **Unlimited** - we never noticed any limits to the amount of images or data we could upload to or download from Wikimedia Commons or Wikidata. OK, we noticed some throttling when making too many simultaneous Wikidata API calls, but that was never a major issue.
- **Sustainable** - Wikipedia has been alive and kicking for over 20 years, Wikidata for nearly 10 and their futures look bright. In the meantime, quite a few websites of the KB (and other GLAMs) have disappeared from the public web, at best these are now only accessible in non-public web archives.
- **Publicly accessible** - anyone can use the Wikimedia platforms, contents and tools, without geographic or economic boundaries. All you need is a (free) account and some commitment to get familiar with the Wikimedia ecosystem and community.
- **Participative** - anyone can contribute to improving KB's collection highlights using the platforms and tools available in the Wikimedia infrastructure.

All considerations combined, Wikimedia offers a pretty complete and reliable infrastructure that enables us to greatly improve the reusability of our collection highlights at very limited costs & resources. This improved reusability will eventually lead to improved uptake into apps, sites, services and channels of 3rd parties, which will result into improved visibility & findability for general audiences (consumers).



# Criteria

Which of our Special Collections are most suitable for Wikidata?

# Collection highlights, canonical objects

Atlas Ortelius 1571, collection KB (Q67465742)

collection highlight from the National Library of the Netherlands

Atlas Ortelius | Theatre, oft Toonneel des aerdt-boemde; waer inne te sienen sijn de landt-tafelen van de geheele weerelt: met een corste verclaringe der seluer | Theatrum Orbis Terrarum

► Recoin: Most relevant properties which are absent

In more languages

Language	Label	Description	Also known as
English	Atlas Ortelius 1571, collection KB	collection highlight from the National Library of the Netherlands	Atlas Ortelius Theatre, oft Toonneel des aerdt-boemde; waer inne te sienen sijn de landt-tafelen van de geheele weerelt: met een corste verclaringe der seluer   Theatrum Orbis Terrarum Ortelius Atlas Ortelius-Atlas
German	Theatrum Orbis Terrarum 1571	No description defined	
Spanish	Theatrum Orbis Terrarum 1571	No description defined	
French	Theatrum Orbis Terrarum 1571	trésor de la collection de la Bibliothèque royale	
Italian	Theatrum Orbis Terrarum 1571	No description defined	
Dutch	Atlas Ortelius 1571, collectie KB	Nederlandse editie uit 1571 van Theatrum Orbis Terrarum van Abraham Ortelius, Topstuk collectie KB	Theatre, oft Toonneel des aerdt-boemde; waer inne te sienen sijn de landt-tafelen van de geheele weerelt: met een corste verclaringe der seluer   Theatrum Orbis Terrarum

All entered languages

Statements

- instance of
  - version, edition, or translation
    - > 1 reference
  - atlas
    - > 1 reference

image

Atlas Ortelius KB PPN369376781-001av-001br|jp2  
3,000 × 2,194; 4.43 MB



collection

Koninklijke Bibliotheek

subject has role

collection highlight

► 2 references

<https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q67465742>

Craig Oppenheimer, judges score, 2018, www.flickr.com/photos/170430364@N00/CC-BY-ND https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/2.0/

# Limited collection size

## Table of KB collection highlights

This list is periodically updated by a bot. Manual changes to the list will be removed on the next update!

### 72 Collection highlights

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Preview	Topstuk	Ook bekend als	Omschrijving	Top
	Calligraphy album of Guillaume Silvius	nl:Kalligrafiebundel van Willem Silvius	notebook of Willem Silvius	literatuur
	Recueil des histoires de Troyes	fr:Recueil des histoires de Troyes	French courtly romance written by Raoul	literatuur
	Aardige sprookjes	nl:Aardige sprookjes	nl:Een aardig	literatuur

## Lists of alba amicorum in the KB collection

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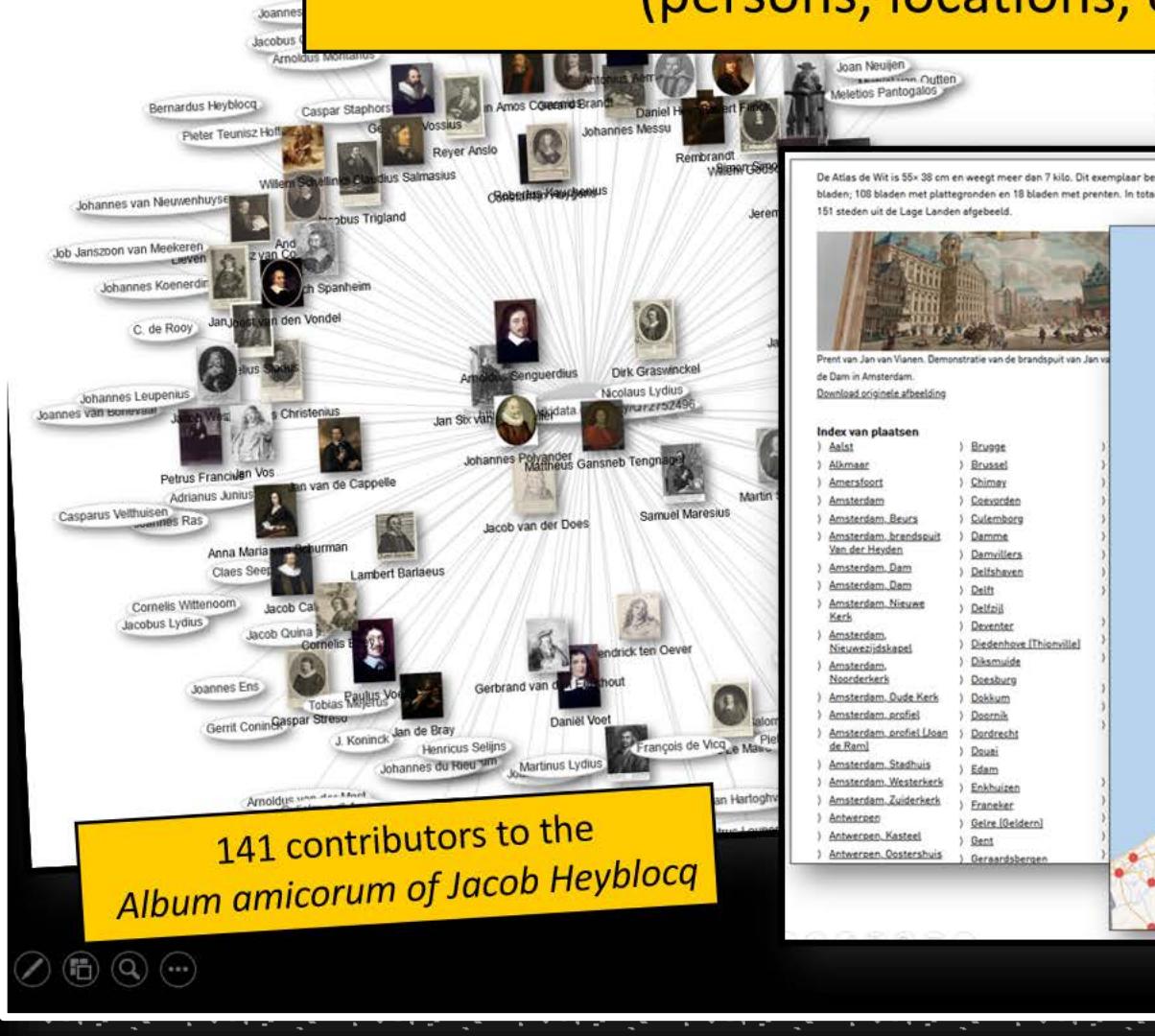
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Q72752451	Album amicorum of Jacoba Cornelia Bolten (1787-1859)	album amicorum			1805	Album amicorum Jacoba Bolten	Album amicorum Jacoba Bolten
Q72752496	Album amicorum of Jacobus Heyblcq (1623-1690),	album amicorum			1645	Album amicorum van Jacobus Heyblcq	Album amicorum van Jacobus Heyblcq
					1786	Album amicorum van Petronella Moens	Album amicorum van Petronella Moens
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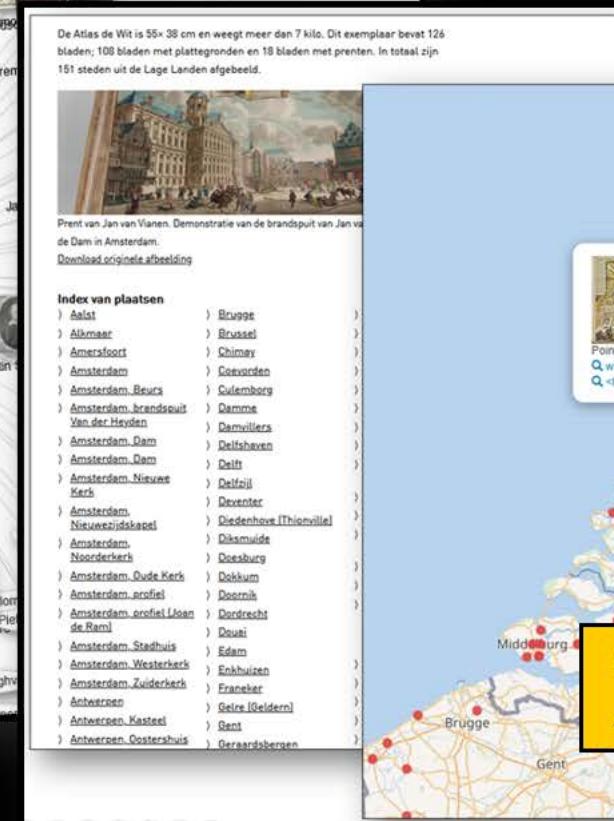
400 Medieval illuminated manuscripts  
100s Maps and atlases  
100s Historical picture books

# Objects networked to other things

(persons, locations, events..)



141 contributors to the  
Album amicorum of Jacob Heyblcq



De Atlas de Wit is 55x 38 cm en weegt meer dan 7 kilo. Dit exemplaar bevat 126 bladen; 108 bladen met plattegronden en 18 bladen met prenten. In totaal zijn 151 steden uit de Lage Landen afgebeeld.



Cities depicted in  
Atlas de Wit 1698

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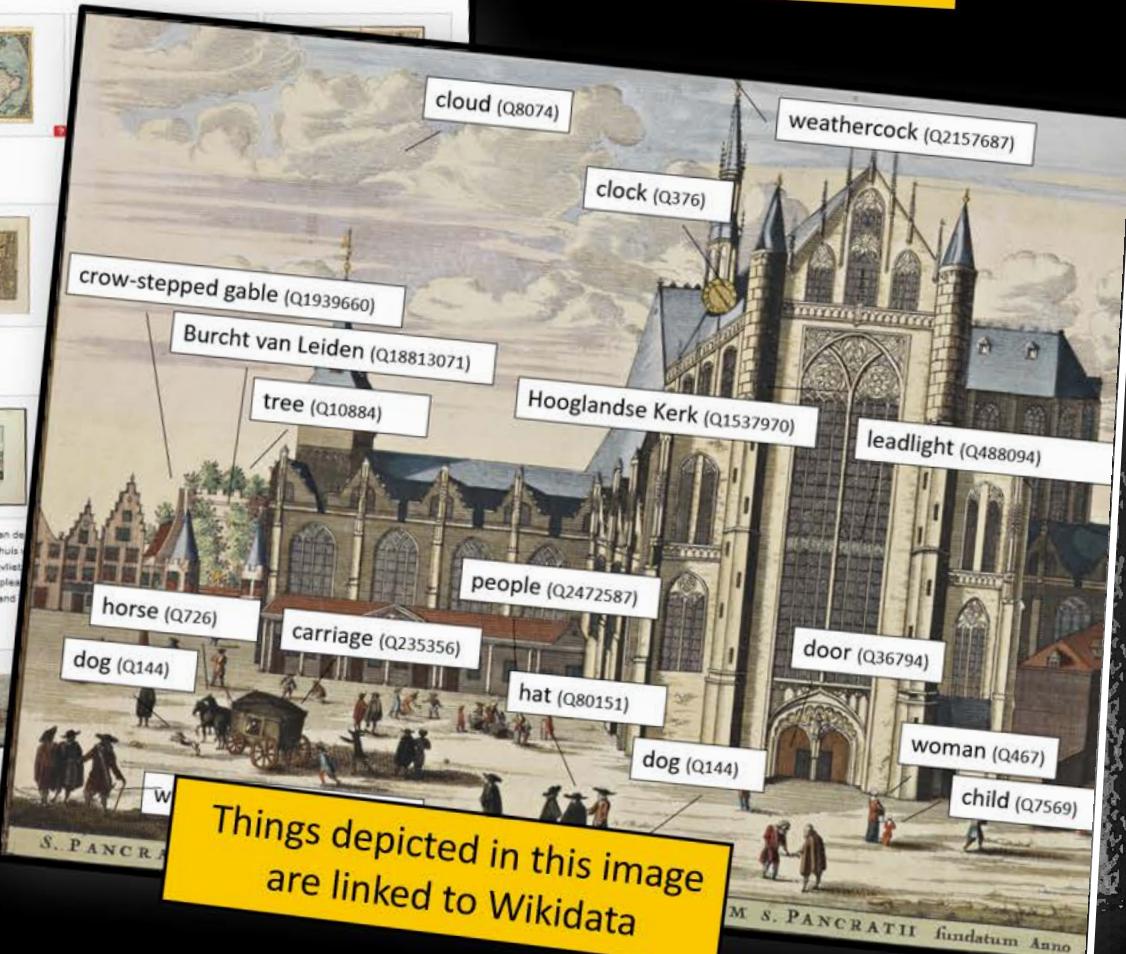
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- » Brussel
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- » Amsterdam
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- » Culemborg
- » Amsterdam, brandspuit
- » Van der Heyden
- » Damme
- » Amsterdam, Dam
- » Delfshaven
- » Amsterdam, Dam
- » Delft
- » Amsterdam, Nieuwe Kerk
- » Delfzijl
- » Deventer
- » Diedenhofe [Thionville]
- » Amsterdam, Nieuwezijdskapel
- » Diksmuide
- » Amsterdam, Noorderkerk
- » Doesburg
- » Amsterdam, Oude Kerk
- » Dokkum
- » Amsterdam, profiel
- » Doornik
- » Amsterdam, profiel (aan de Ram)
- » Dordrecht
- » Douai
- » Edam
- » Enkhuizen
- » Franeker
- » Gele [Geldern]
- » Gent
- » Geraardsbergen

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from Koninklijke Bibliotheek  
on Wikimedia Commons

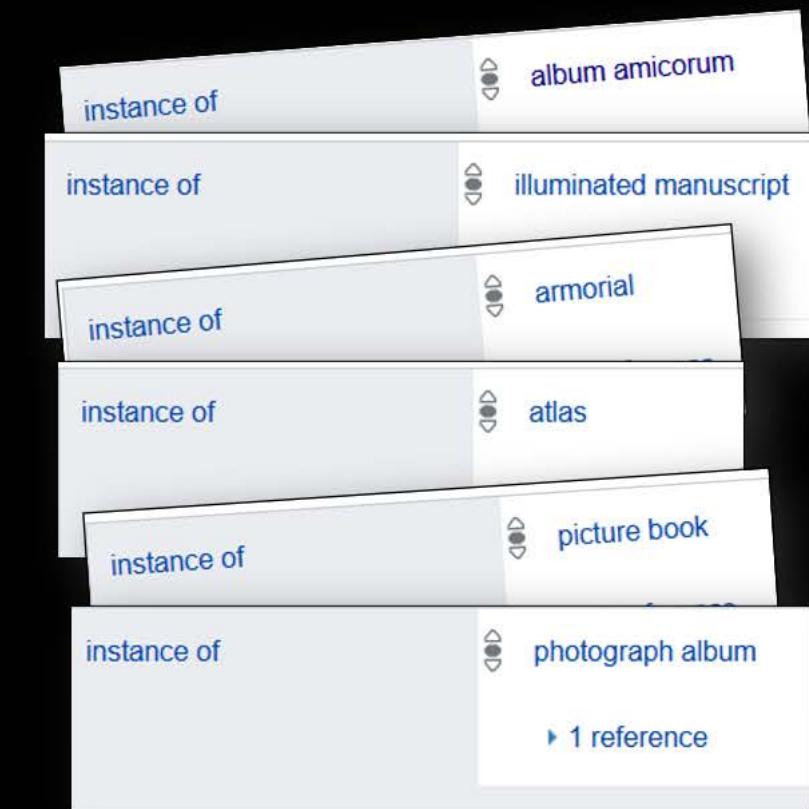


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- [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Atlas\\_de\\_Wit\\_1698-pl017-Leiden-St\\_Pancraskerk.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Atlas_de_Wit_1698-pl017-Leiden-St_Pancraskerk.jpg)
- [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Structured\\_data](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Structured_data) + <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Depicts>

# Collection of similar, unique objects

Narrow, flat, well-defined class/datamodel



NOT: Heterogeneous ephemera



# Wikidata:GLAM/Koninklijke Bibliotheek Nederland

< Wikidata:GLAM

This page gives an overview of current, upcoming and possible future **Wikidata and Wikibase activities**, projects, ideas, experiments and opportunities **for the KB, the Netherlands**.

*This is \*very much\* a working environment, with lots of ideas & drafts, unsorted notes, project administration stuff, unfinished SPARQL-queries or semi-functional Python scripts. So please don't expect date or finished pages or 100% logical information & site navigations.*

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## Current projects [ edit | edit source ]

### Wikidata:WikiProject Collection highlights National Library of the Netherlands [ edit | edit source ]



This project aims to improve the findability, visibility and reusability of KB's collection highlights by

1. creating and improving the [Wikidata descriptions](#) for all digitised KB collection highlights,
2. uploading their public domain images to Wikimedia Commons, reusing fields from Wikidata as much as possible to create image metadata
3. creating and improving the [Wikipedia articles about them](#) on Dutch and English Wikipedia

following best practices and lessons learned during the Alba amicorum Jacob Heyblodq project

For this project a dedicated [job posting](#) was created in early April 2020.

### Wikidata:WikiProject Alba amicorum National Library of the Netherlands [ edit | edit source ]



This project is the follow-up / scaling-up of the Alba amicorum Jacob Heyblodq pilot project. Drawing from its best practices and lessons learned, this project aims to

1. create Wikidata items for all alba amicorum and album contributions in the KB collection
2. create links between all these alba and contributions, as well as visualize these links and connections across space and time.

Project code name: "Linked<sup>2</sup> alba")

### Wikidata:WikiProject Children's picture books National Library of the Netherlands [ edit | edit source ]



This project aims to

# Wikidata @ KB

Projects, activities,  
ideas, experiments & opportunities  
*(working environment!)*



KB } nationale  
bibliotheek



[https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:GLAM/Koninklijke\\_Bibliotheek\\_Nederland](https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:GLAM/Koninklijke_Bibliotheek_Nederland)



Collection highlights

# 50 cool new things you can now do with KB's collection highlights

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Latest update 16-06-2021

In this series of 5 articles we show the added value of putting images and metadata of [digitised collection highlights](#) of the KB, national library of the Netherlands, into the Wikimedia infrastructure. By putting our collection highlights into Wikidata, Wikimedia Commons and Wikipedia, dozens of new functionalities have been added. As a result of Wikifying this collection in 2020, you can now do things with these highlights that were not possible before.



- [Part 1, Introduction](#) - things you could already do with KB's collection highlights before we started Wikifying them in 2020.
- [Part 2, Overviews of all highlights](#) - new, handy & useful overviews for all highlights together resulting from the Wikification of our highlights.
- [Part 3, Overviews per highlight](#) - new functionalities for individual highlights that are available from now on.
- [Part 4, Images](#) - new things you can do with our individual highlight images now that they are part of the Wikimedia infrastructure.
- [Part 5, Reuse](#) - some examples of programmatically reusing KB's collection highlights, for instance for/in your own websites, services, apps, hackathons and projects. SPARQL, APIs, Python scripts, JSON, XML, image bulk downloading, machine interactions, that kind of stuff.
- [Part 6, Summary](#) - all 50 new cool things in one super handy single list.

[Link to articles on Github](#)

# Questions...



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