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REDEFINING RESEARCH

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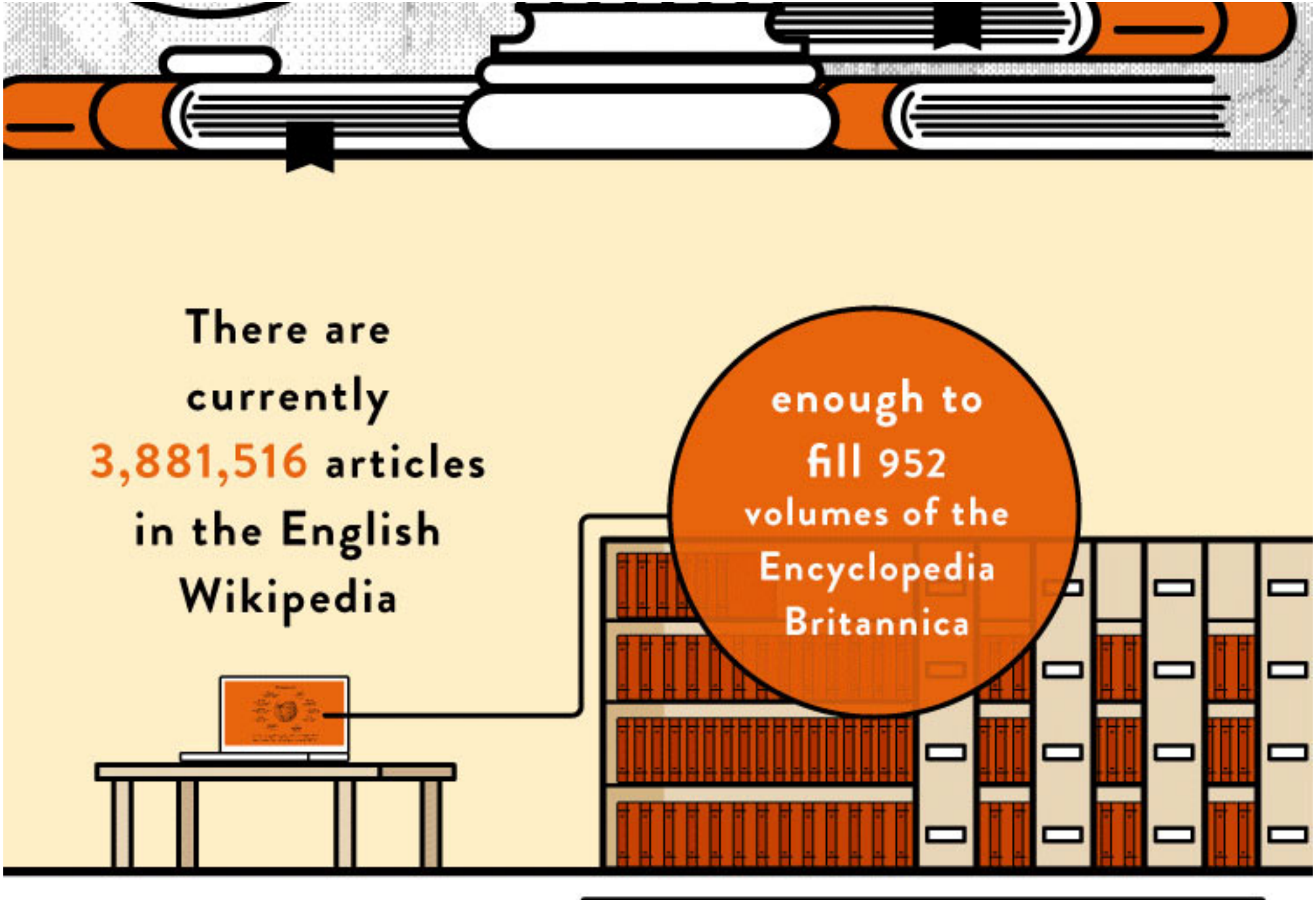
There are currently 3,881,516 articles in the English Wikipedia
enough to fill 952 volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica

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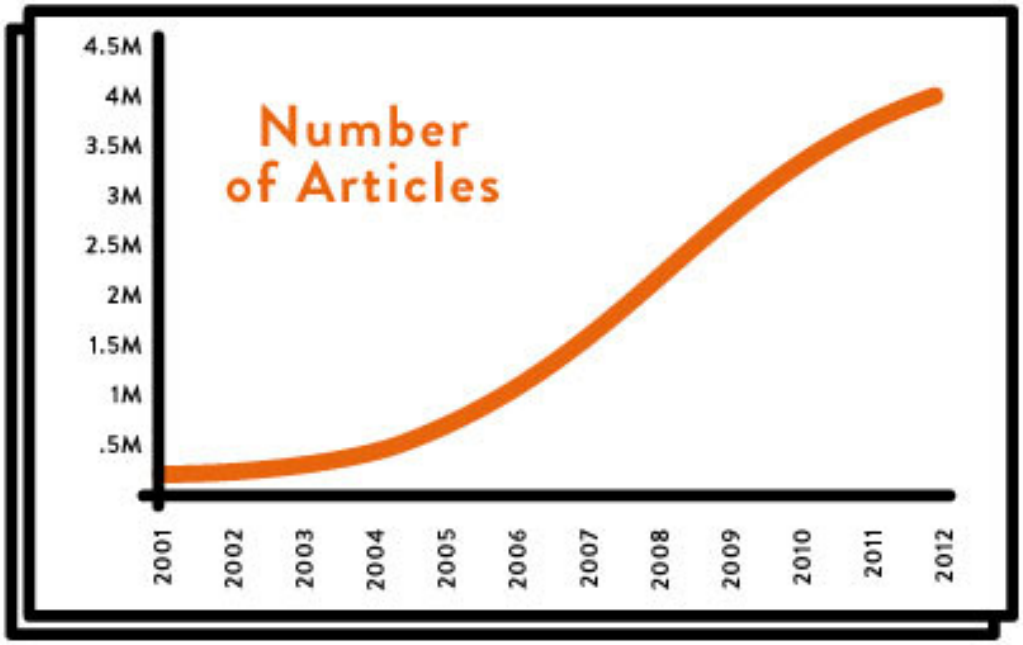
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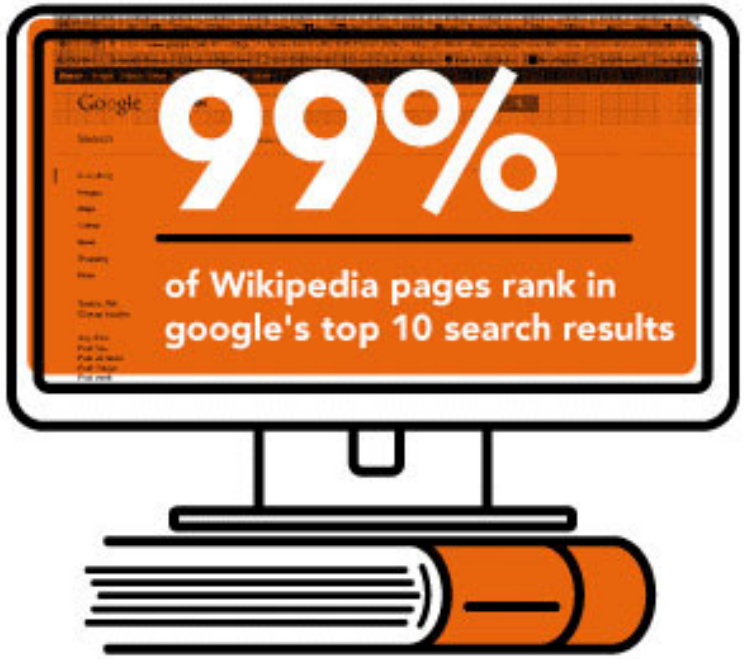
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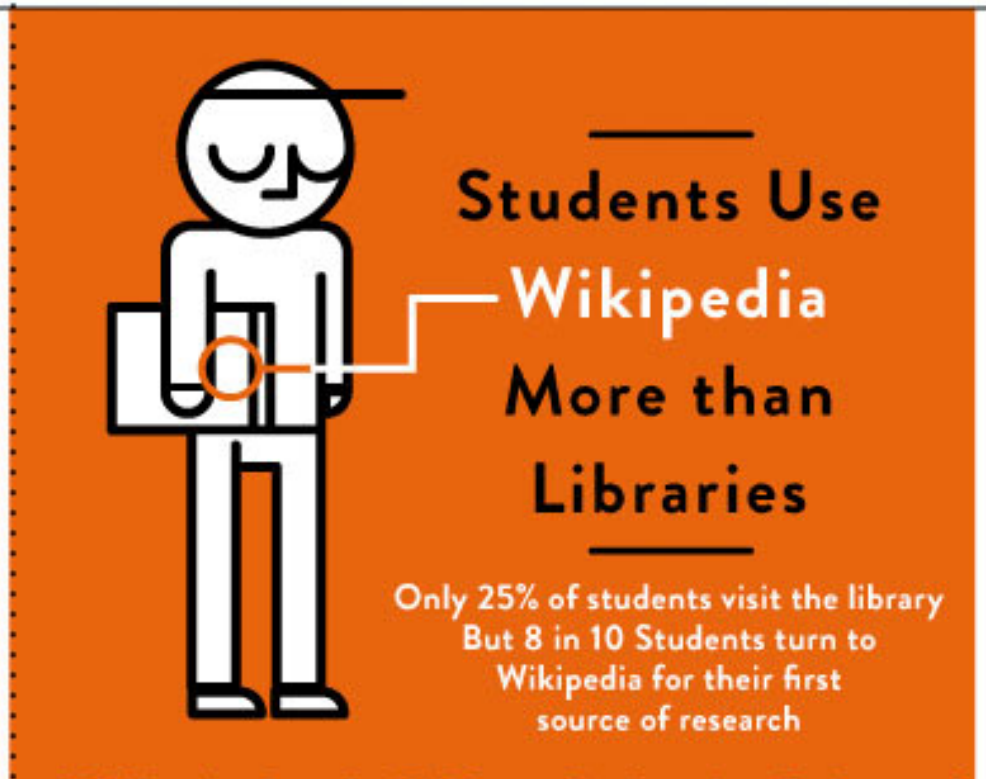
99%
of Wikipedia pages rank in
google's top 10 search results


Students Use
Wikipedia
More than
Libraries
Only 25% of students visit the library
But 8 in 10 Students turn to
Wikipedia for their first
source of research

It's the 6th most visited site and is available in more that 250 languages

Library use is declining by 11% annually

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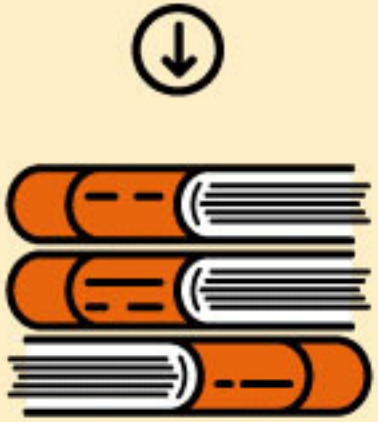

And the amount of books is declining by 12%

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1.59 billion visits to the library annually

5.7 billion visits to Wikipedia annually

Wikipedia use is increasing by 29% annually

The number of articles is increasing by 23%

2005 → 2012

86% of teachers prohibited use of Wikipedia for research

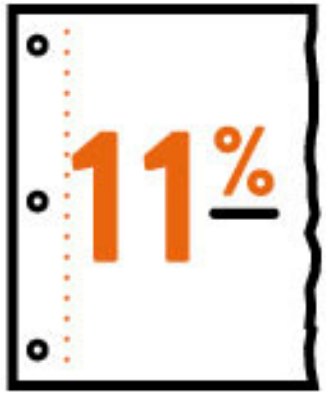
Only 73% of teachers still do

56%

56% of students will halt research if little information is found on Wikipedia

Wikipedia's operating cost is around $20.1 Million a year

Cost to operate libraries $10.9 billion a year in the US



of college papers plagiarize Wikipedia

of highschool papers plagiarize Wikipedia

In comparison to college level text books, Wikipedia is 98% as accurate

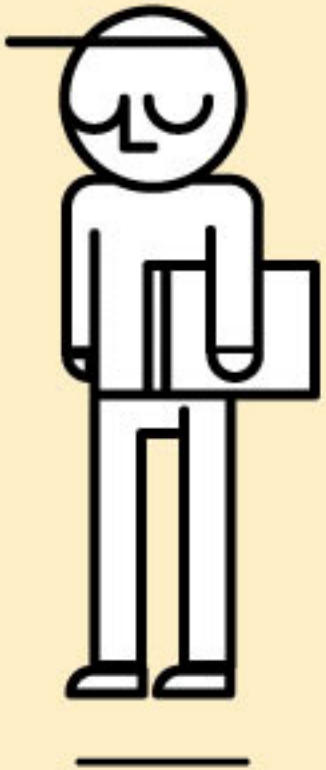
Wikipedia has 3.86 mistakes per article. The encyclopedia Britannica has 2.92

Errors in entries are caught by Wikipedians within hours

More than 20 colleges are now helping Wikipedia with content and editing

Wikipedia has had more than 1 billion edits

Any user can edit any articles, but 74% of edits are made by a group of 1400 people



91%
are Male

14%
hold Masters

4.4%
are PhDs

By 2015, Wikipedia plans to:
Increase it's number of female editors by 25%
Increase the number of regular editors to 200,000
Have all articles be 25% more accurate

Open-Site.Org

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