

SLA – SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION CHAPTER PROGRAMMING EVENT
Thursday, September 6 – UC Berkeley Faculty Club: 5:30-8:30 p.m.
5:30-6:30 p.m. Social Hour/No-host bar; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Program

"WIKIPEDIA, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE" PRESENTATION BY PHOEBE AYERS

There are some two million articles in the English-language version of Wikipedia, and six million in all languages combined, making Wikipedia the single largest reference work of all time. Online, open-source, free, and created by volunteers, Wikipedia is an instance of international collaboration unlike anything seen before, and it's been produced from scratch in under a decade. Wikipedia has changed the landscape of online information, become a powerful tool for researchers, and has challenged notions of authority, the role of experts, and what an encyclopedia means.

Are Wikipedia articles trustworthy? Who actually writes them? Why does Wikipedia come up so often in web searches? How can you evaluate articles? Who is responsible for the site? And why should librarians care about it? I'll address these questions and more in this overview of the Wikipedia phenomenon.

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Menu Choices:

- ▶ Vegetarian - phyllo pastry with mushrooms and goat cheese
- ▶ Chicken with rosemary and mushrooms

For Directions and Parking: <http://www.berkeleyfacultyclub.com/directions/>

Cost: Members \$30; Guests/non-members \$35; Students, retirees, unemployed \$15; program only \$5

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Phone: _____ or E-mail _____
Menu Choice: Chicken ____ or Phyllo Pastry ____

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