

## “NSFW: Fanworks and the Library”

Fans = Readers, Writers, Creators... Information Organisers?

**MAIN DISCUSSION POINT:** How do we harness the passion of fans in the library?

Fans are information managers par excellence. Many of the functions we are currently trying to institute in the library were pioneered and/or are heavily used by online fan communities. For example....

### Community tagging/folksonomies



[One & Only Christmas](#) by [Ludi\\_Ling](#) 26 Dec 2014

[X-Men \(Comiverse\)](#)

**No Archive Warnings Apply,** [Remy LeBeau/Rogue](#), [Rogue \(X-Men\)](#), [Remy LeBeau](#), [Charles Xavier](#), [Christmas Fluff](#), [Romance](#), [OTP Feels](#), [Cross-Posted on FanFiction.Net](#), [No Sex](#)

Rogue and Remy's one and only Christmas spent together. HoC universe, one-shot. Merry Christmas! x

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[The Monster Within](#) by [SpencerRemyLvr](#) 31 May 2015

[Criminal Minds](#), [X-Men - All Media Types](#)

**Graphic Depictions Of Violence, Rape/Non-Con,** [Remy LeBeau/Rogue](#), [Remy LeBeau/Spencer Reid](#), [Jean Grey/Scott Summers](#), [X-Men \(Team\)](#), [The BAU Team](#), [Spencer Reid](#), [Remy LeBeau](#), [Logan \(X-Men\)](#), [Original Characters](#), [Hurt/Comfort](#), [Emotional Hurt/Comfort](#), [Angst and Feels](#), [Past Rape/Non-con](#), [Abuse](#), [Child Abuse](#), [Slavery](#), [Emotional/Psychological Abuse](#), [Eventual Happy Ending](#), [Slow To Update](#), [Slow Build Remy/Spencer](#), [Torture](#), [Friendship](#), [Wolf Pack](#), [Animal Transformation](#), [Spencer is a mutant](#)

A wolf and a young girl show up at the mansion. Their stories will break the hearts of everyone there. Will the X-men be able to help these two heal? Will they be able to keep them safe when the past comes banging on the door once more?

Part 17 of [A Collection of Ideas](#)

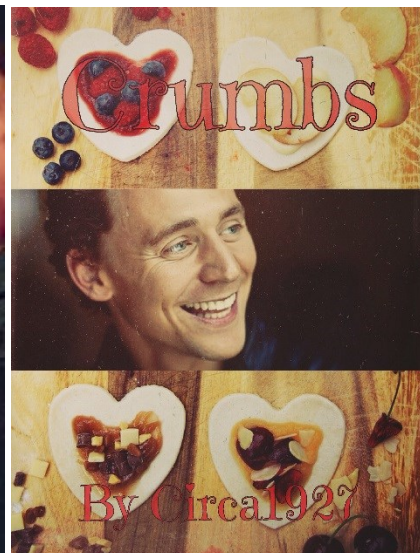
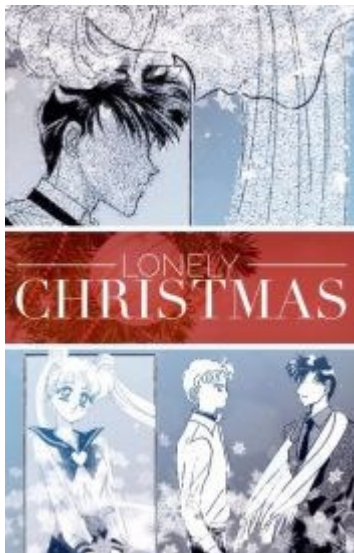
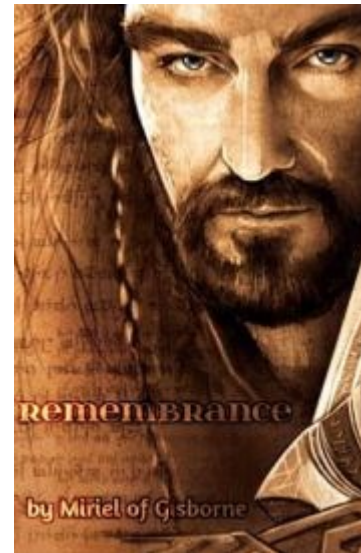
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**DISCUSSION POINT:** How popular are the community tags on your public library catalogue? Are they used often? How to you think users can be encouraged to use them? Do you think they are even useful when compared to subject headings, for example?

### Fans as creators

Book covers! We like to see book covers in our online library catalogue. Fans can get together to create the most amazing and professional looking book covers for their fanfiction! Check out these examples from Wattpad:

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**DISCUSSION POINT:** How can we harness user creativity in the library?

### Categorisation

Fans are really passionate about their fandom or their interests. Some fan repositories are very refined and pay great attention to the categorisation of their collections.

Fanfic authors are scrupulous when it comes to categorising their works. Categories are defined for a) fandom; b) pairing; c) genre. Genre is extremely important when it comes to fanfiction. Here are some of the genres created and used by fanfic authors:

- Gen
- Het
- Hurt/Comfort
- Darkfic
- Fluff
- Angst

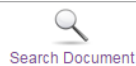
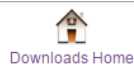
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Readers always want to make sure they can easily find the *exact* genre they are interested in, featuring their favourite characters and fandoms. Therefore, genres can be very granular.

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### NEWEST FILES

- ▶ [GaGaQueen1-chair \(Living Room\)](#)
- ▶ [simbeule - Everywhere Vases Pt 2 \(Prize Stash\)](#)
- ▶ [simbeule - Everywhere Vases Pt 1 \(Prize Stash\)](#)
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- ▶ [Jessillas CTOville House NBHD 2 Lot 60 \(CTOville\)](#)
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- ▶ [s4s tiki plant lamp \(Tiki\)](#)
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### Categories



#### General Files ( 386 Files )

Files from sites where we have only one or two items and do not expect to get more. You will also find a large collection of Sims 1 programs here. There are also files whose origin is unknown.



#### CTO Member Creations ( 2375 Files )

This category is for items created by our own members. Whether it is original objects, houses, and skins, or recolors of other things, you will find it here.



#### 001 Sims ( 141 Files )

A site with both donations and free files that died about early 2011.



#### 2 For U ( 688 Files )

This site offered many original skins and meshes, and some themed skins, by the creators Chriko and Valerius. It went offline in about 2009.



#### 2 Sims ( 4 Files )

Brazilian site with items by Ricardo. He also made items which were hosted on [77 Simlane](#). Some of the items in this section are matches for sets on 77 Simlane.



#### 2Sims.com ( 10 Files )

Sims site that ran between about 2004-2010.

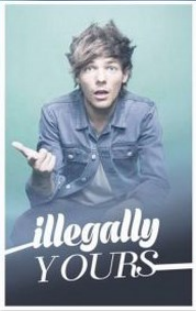
## Stats and circulation

Fans highly prize this kind of information. Most fan sites will display this information to the user. This helps to gauge the popularity and usefulness of the item.

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### Illegally Yours >> l.t.

81 Part Story 9.3M Reads 365K Votes

By **whammystyles**  
Completed


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She was this artsy and eccentric girl who was pathetically obsessed with him, but he had no idea. When she saves him from an accident and he loses his memory, she ends up doing the craziest thing she could ever do.

[Fanfiction](#) [louis](#) [louistomlinson](#) [onedirection](#) [tomlinson](#)



#### 001 Sims - Grim Reaper Dining Podium

hot!	
Date added:	09/08/2012
Date modified:	06/22/2014
Filesize:	789.17 kB
Downloads:	155

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**DISCUSSION POINT:** Do you think it's useful to show your circ stats to the public?

### Community

Reviewing, voting and commenting are a big deal for many online repositories and stores. Buyers on Amazon can rate and comment on their purchases, helping other customers to find the best deals. Fandom is no different. Fans can put their work up for review by their peers, and even enter competitions.

Type your review for this chapter here...

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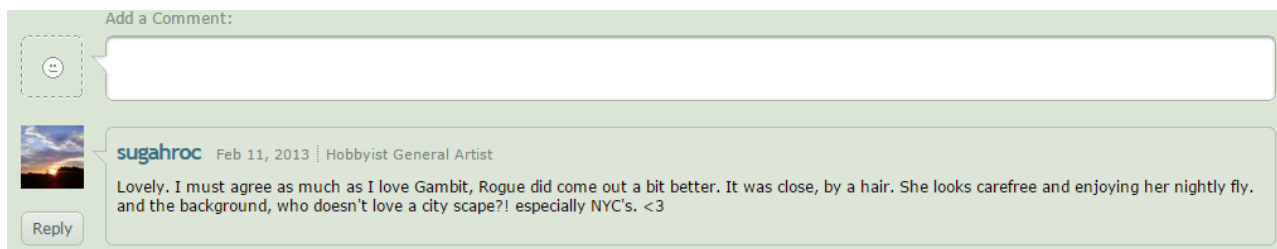
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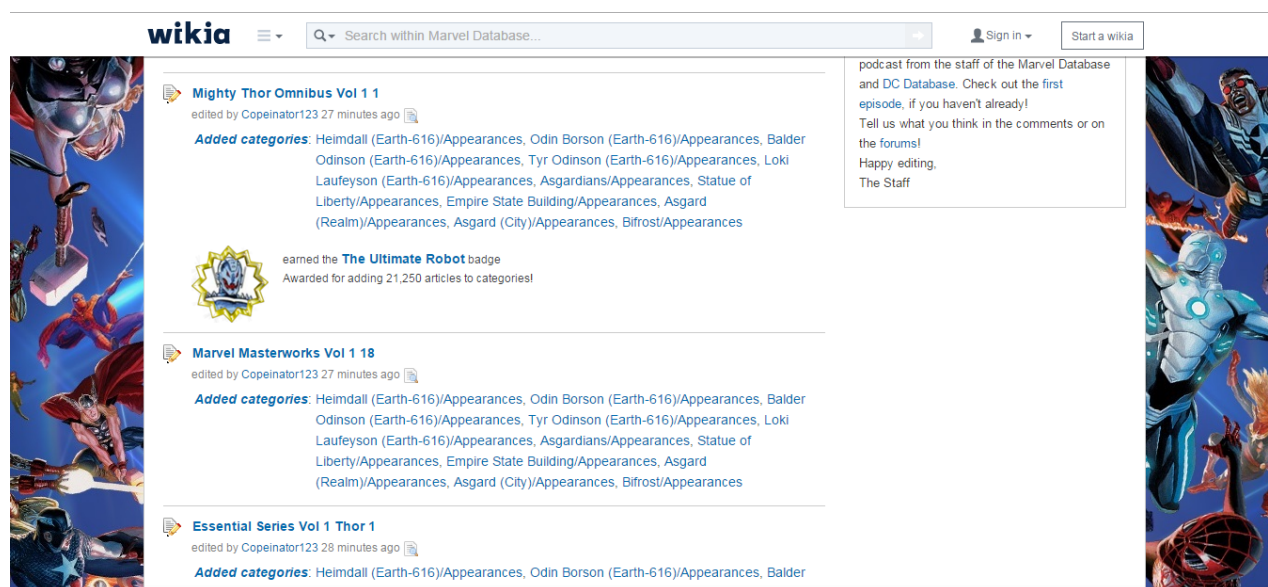


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### Crowdsourcing

Fans are brilliant crowdsourcers. Practically every fandom you can think of now has a Wiki. Fans pool their knowledge to try and make these information resources as complete as they can, and all in real time. Many of these Wikis are better than official sites and books, and involves accessing sometimes rare source material, scanning and uploading images, creating new classifications and categories, and moderating the contributions of others.



**DISCUSSION POINT:** Crowdsourcing is a growing practice in the GLAM sector. Have you used crowdsourcing in your institution? If not, would you and why? Do you have any success stories to share?

**FINAL DISCUSSION POINT:** Are there any similarities between fans and researchers, academics and students? How can we harness these similarities as librarians and information professionals?