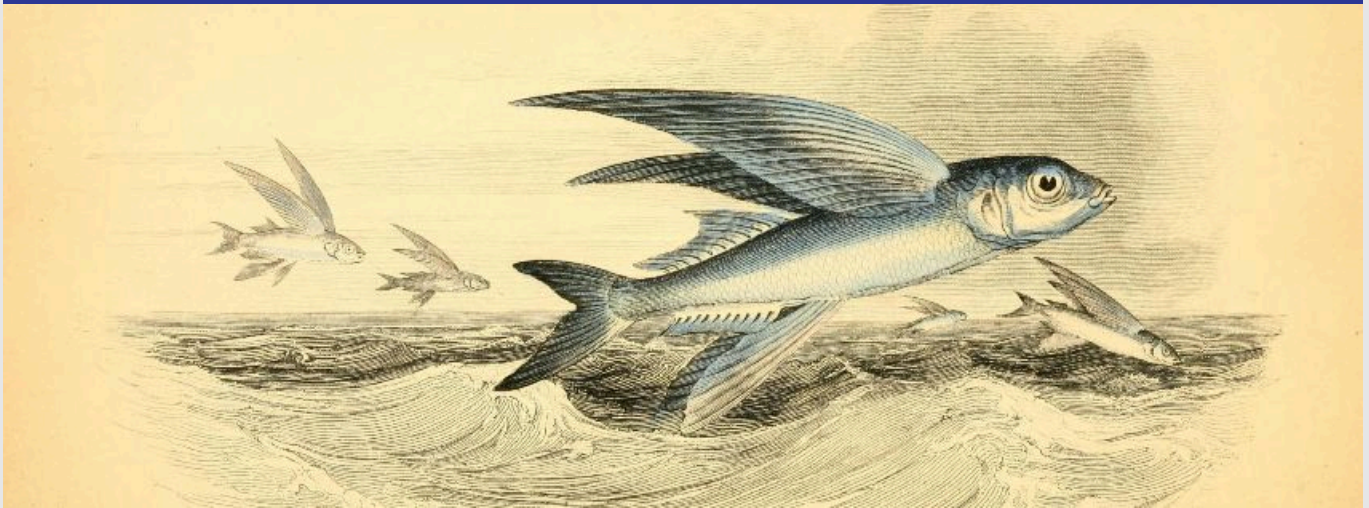




Help Give BHL Wings This Giving Tuesday

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On **1 January 2026**, the **Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL)** will take flight, becoming fully independent after nearly two decades hosted by the Smithsonian Institution.

This transition marks an historic milestone – and an urgent challenge. BHL’s future depends on securing the systems, staff, and partnerships that keep **500 years of biodiversity knowledge** freely accessible to the world.

When the Smithsonian announced in early 2025 that it would cease hosting and administering BHL, our global community rallied. Through our **Call for Support**, we received [commitments from institutions and outpourings of love](#) – a testament to the strength of the BHL community and the value placed on open biodiversity knowledge.

Those pledges give us the stability to complete our transition and start building a foundation for the future. Yet they will only sustain us through **2026**, perhaps into **2027**.

This **Giving Tuesday (2 December)**, help us [#GiveBHLWings](#) and support BHL’s transition to independence.

 **Donate today: [#GiveBHLWings](#)**



Updates on the BHL Transition

BHL's global transition is well underway, supported by extraordinary community commitment and key partnerships. Following our [Call for Support](#), BHL received pledges that will sustain us through **2026**, providing essential stability as we establish a new, community-governed model.

In **August**, BHL welcomed the [Council on Library and Information Resources](#) (CLIR) as our **fiscal sponsor**, providing the legal and financial framework that enables BHL to operate and receive donations during the transition.

Follow our [#BHLTransition](#) series for the latest updates on this journey.

■ Read more:

- [Transition Update #4: Welcoming CLIR as BHL's New Fiscal Sponsor](#)
 - [Transition Update #5: From Call for Support to Next Steps](#)
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BHL at Living Data 2025 and GBIF GB32

In **October 2025**, BHL featured prominently at the **Living Data 2025** conference and the **32nd GBIF Governing Board Meeting** in Bogotá, Colombia.

These events showcased BHL as an **essential component of global biodiversity infrastructure**, linking historic literature to the modern data ecosystem. BHL partners highlighted how open access to 500 years of biodiversity literature supports taxonomy, research, and conservation worldwide, and BHL staff shared updates on our transition to independence.

■ **Read more:** [BHL at Living Data 2025 & GBIF Governing Board Meeting](#)

Seeds for the Future: BHL Wikimedian-in-Residence Wraps Up

In 2025, Tiago Lubiana **BHL Wikimedian-in-Residence**, completed his residency connecting BHL with the world's largest open-knowledge platforms. This collaboration linked thousands of pages of biodiversity literature with **Wikipedia, Wikidata, and Wikimedia Commons**, expanding BHL's global reach and strengthening our ties with the Wikimedia community.



■ **Read more:** [Seeds for the Future: Closing Thoughts from BHL's Wikimedian-in-Residence](#)



How You Can Help

BHL was built by a global community, and we need that community now more than ever. There are many ways you can support the future of BHL.

🌿 **Donate today:** help [#GiveBHLWings](#)

📣 **Spread the word:** share the [#GiveBHLWings](#) campaign far and wide

💚 **Share the love:** use [#ILoveBHL](#) on social media

💡 **Share your ideas:** respond to our [Call for Support](#)

📖 **Stay up to date:** follow [#BHLTransition](#) news on the BHL Blog

Thank you for being part of the BHL community. Together, we can ensure biodiversity knowledge remains open, connected, and discoverable.

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