Profiles of campaigns

More detailed descriptions of the campaigns are available on https://www.zb.uzh.ch/en/ueber-uns/citizen-science

All campaigns were addressed to scholars and citizen scientists interested in the specific topic of a campaign, in Zurich and Swiss history and in the ZB collections. Additionally specified targets groups are given below.

Explanatory notes

ST: Short title

FT: Full title

T: Task

STG: Specific target groups

*Transcribing campaigns were interrupted from 10/12/2024 to 09/02/2025 due to the relaunch of the transcription tool on the platform e-manuscripta.ch.

ID	Description	Type	Public launch	End of public campaign
1	ST: Digital adventures in time for schools	Participatory creation of open educational resources	18 March 2021	31 December 2024
	FT: Adventures in time for schools using documents from the holdings of the Zentralbibliothek Zürich: an offering for secondary school teachers			
	T: Participatory creation of history lessons for Zurich schools based on sources from the ZB collection provided online			
	STG: Zurich school teachers and educational scientists at the University of Zurich			
2	ST: Transcribing Zschokke	Transcribing	12 May 2021	7 March 2022
	FT: “My letter has grown long” – transcribing Zschokke			
	T: Transcribing 260 letters by and to the Swiss writer and statesman Heinrich Zschokke (1771–1848)			
	STG: Heinrich Zschokke Society, scholars and citizen scientists co-organizing the celebrations of Zschokke's 250th birthday			

3	ST: Georeferencing: Through space and time	Georeferencing	10 June 2021	29 July 2021
	FT: Through space and time			
	T: Georeferencing 2,509 Zurich and Swiss maps of the 16th to 19th centuries			
	STG: Swiss Society of Cartography, Working Group for Map History			
4	ST: Teaching in the digital age	Participatory creation of open educational resources	30 August 2021	11 November 2021
	FT: Swiss Digital Day 2021: Teaching in the digital age			
	T: Participatory creation of teaching units for Zurich schools based on sources from the ZB collection provided online (in connection with workshops on teaching methods in the digital age)			
	STG: Zurich school teachers and educational scientists at the University of Zurich			
5	ST: Zurich Film goes Wikipedia	Collaborative writing	15 October 2021	30 November 2021
	FT: Zurich Film goes Wikipedia			
	T: Writing and improving Wikipedia articles on Swiss and Zurich filmmaking			
	STG: Wikipedians and Wikipedians to be, filmlovers			
6	ST: Transcribing Nägeli	Transcribing	30 March 2022	1 February 2023
	FT: ‘Rejoice in Life’ – Transcribing Nägeli			
	T: Transcribing 100 letters from the correspondence of the Zurich music publisher, composer and music educator Hans Georg Nägeli (1773–1836) and his son Hermann (1811–1872) serving as a ground truth for machine learning (training hand-written text recognition [HTR] models) to the forthcoming digital edition of the Nägeli correspondence			
	STG: Staff and alumni of the Institute of Musicology of the University of Zurich, musicologists, historians and citizen scientists interested in the forthcoming digital edition of the Nägeli correspondence, citizen scientists interested in HTR and machine learning			
7	ST: Transcribing Rahn	Transcribing	19 April 2022	*ongoing
	FT: ‘I write to you today with a number of requests’ – transcribing Johann Rudolf Rahn			
	T: Transcribing the correspondence of the founder of Swiss art history and cultural heritage preservation, Johann Rudolf Rahn (1841–1921), 19 vols.			
	STG: Researchers and lecturers of art history at universities, staff of cultural heritage authorities and cultural heritage civil society organizations			
8	ST: Transcribing Keller-Escher	Transcribing	15 June 2022	22 March 2024
	FT: Zurich family history – Transcribing the ‘Keller-Escher’			
	T: Transcribing the *Promptuarium Genealogicum*, an important hand-written genealogical reference work for Zurich history by Carl Keller-Escher (1851–1916), 7 vols.			
	STG: Genealogists			

9	ST: Georeferencing: Magnificent atlases I	Georeferencing	16 February 2023	16 March 2023
	FT: Magnificent atlases – georeferencing old maps			
	T: Georeferencing 2,256 maps from “Magnificent Atlases” of the 16th to 18th centuries			
	STG: Swiss Society of Cartography, Working Group for Map History			
10	ST: Transcribing a cookery book	Transcribing	22 March 2024	*4 April 2025
	FT: At the table! – Transcribing the *Koch Buch und sonst allerhand Recept*			
	T: Transcribing the Koch Buch und sonst allerhand Recept, hand-written cookery book from 1750 (in connection with exhibition and offering meals based on historical recipes)			
	STG: Participants of the Biblioweekend 2024			
11	ST: Georeferencing: Magnificent atlases II	Georeferencing	24 September 2024	21 October 2024
	FT: Magnificent atlases 2 – Leap into the 18th century			
	T: Georeferencing 2,256 maps from “Magnificent Atlases” of the 16th to 18th centuries			
	STG: Swiss Society of Cartography, Working Group for Map History			
12	ST: Transcribing Betsy Meyer	Transcribing	5 May 2025	22 August 2025
	FT: ‘I could provide you with endless material consisting of memories and letters’ – correcting AI transcriptions of Betsy Meyer's correspondence			
	T: Transcribing 104 letters of Betsy Meyer (1831–1912) to Adolf Frey (1855–1920) and his wife Lina Frey Beger (1853–1942) that is from the sister of the Swiss writer Conrad Ferdinand Meyer (1825–1898) to his biographer			
	STG: Scholars and citizen scientists co-organizing the celebrations of Conrad Ferdinand Meyer's 200th birthday			
13	ST: Transcribing Wille	Transcribing	12 September 2025	9 February 2026
	FT: ‘When the time comes, I want to take the reins’ – correcting AI transcriptions of Ulrich Wille's letters to his wife Clara			
	T: Transcribing 120 letters of Ulrich Wille, the Swiss General in the First World War, to his wife Clara from the period 1914- 1915			
	STG: Scholars and citizen scientists participating in the debate on one of the most controversial figures in Swiss history after the end of the embargo period of his personal papers			
14	ST: Georeferencing: Hand-drawn maps	Georeferencing	6 October 2025	19 November 2025
	FT: Unique maps from the ZB: Magnificent and secret			
	T: Georeferencing 1,180 hand-drawn maps and plans of cities from the 10th to the 19th centuries			
	STG: Swiss Society of Cartography, Working Group for Map History			
15	ST: Must read!	Collaborative writing	Suspended before launch	Suspended before launch
	FT: Must read! ZB readers comment on books [working title]			
	T: Writing comments on recent ZB acquisitions and discussing these comments with others online			
	STG: ZB users interested in literary debates			