

Native American Resources Pathfinder

This pathfinder is intended to help you through the basic library research process for locating materials about or written by Native Americans.

References to book titles are specific to items owned by Peabody Public Library. There are many more books in the library than are mentioned; this guide is meant to be a starting point for your research. The websites mentioned in this document have been researched and are meant to be a starting point for research on the Internet and are not meant to be inclusive.

Keywords and subject headings for catalog search

Try searching on these subject headings:

- Indians of North America
- Native Americans
- Indians
- Specific tribal names (e.g. Sioux, Cherokee, Lakota)

Keywords include all of the above.

Dewey classification for Native American Materials

The Dewey system allows the classification of 970 to 979 (and all extensions following those numbers) to North American History.

- 970 General history of North America
- 971 General history of North America Canada
- 972 General history of North America Middle America Mexico
- 973 General history of North America United States
- 974 General history of North America Northeastern United States
- 975 General history of North America Southeastern United States
- 976 General history of North America South central United States
- 977 General history of North America North central United States
- 978 General history of North America Western United States
- 979 General history of North America Great Basin & Pacific Slope

Print Materials

Reference Books

Native American Tribes REFERENCE 973.0497 Malinowski (4 vols.)

- v. 1. Northeast, Southeast, Caribbean—
- v. 2. Great Basin, Southwest, Middle America—
- v. 3. Arctic, Subarctic, Great Plains, Plateau—
- v. 4. California, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Islands.

The Encyclopedia of Native America JR 970 Griffin-Pierce

This book tells of a history both ancient and ongoing, a saga of the rise and fall of nations and of remarkable leaders.

The Native Tribes of North America JR 970 Johnson
Lists tribes indigenous to North America

Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes JR 970.004 Waldman

U-X-L Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes JR 970 Malinowski

- v. 1. Northeast, Southeast –
- v. 2. The Great Basin, Southwest –
- v. 3. Arctic & Subarctic, Great Plains, Plateau –
- v. 4. California, Pacific Northwest.

Provides a cultural chronicle of the Native Americans of the Great Basin and the Southwest, with descriptions of each tribe and entries on history, religion, government, and daily life.

World Book Encyclopedia REFERENCE 031 World

Encyclopedia Britannica REFERENCE 031 Encyclopaedia

Please see a librarian to visit our history files for reference materials from newspapers and pamphlets.

Circulating books

There are many books about Native Americans in the Peabody Public Library. The Dewey numbers assigned to many of them is 970 (and all corresponding decimal points following that number; i.e. 970.4).

Juvenile Department (This does not particularly mean that the literature is strictly for children.)

Totem Poles and Tribes J 970 Lyon

Scholastic encyclopedia of the North American Indian
J 970.004 Ciment

The tipi : a center of Native American Life J 970.004 Yue

Sitting Bull and other legendary Native American Chiefs
J 970.1 Burns

True Indian stories, with glossary of Indiana Indian names
J 970.1 Dunn

Adult Department (Again, this does not mean that children will not benefit from this material.)

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse NON-FICTION 970.004 Matthiessen

Through Indian Eyes NON-FICTION 970.004 Readers

The memoirs of Chief Red Fox NON-FICTION 970.1 Asher

The Broken Hoop; the history of Native Americans from 1600 to
1890, from the Atlantic coast to the Plains

NON-FICTION 970.1 Georgakas

Black Elk Speaks; being the life story of a holy man of the Oglala
Sioux NON-FICTION 970.2 Black Elk

There are many, many more titles to choose from. Please ask a Librarian to assist you in finding more titles.

Non-Print Materials (Videos)

We have a wonderful series of videos entitled "Indians of North America". These discuss 10 separate tribes, each with its own video tape. The set is located in the Documentary section of the video department, beginning with the number 1289 and continuing to number 1298. Tribes include Cheyenne, Apache, Cherokee, Aztec, Yankton Sioux, Seminole, Navajo, Maya Iroquois and Comanche.

Other Native American videos:

AV 3101 FAMILY Tales of wonder : traditional Native American fireside
Stories

AV 1746 DOCUMENTARY On the Pow Wow trail

AV 1713 DOCUMENTARY 500 Nations

AV 4309 INSTRUCTIONAL How to trace your native American heritage

Internet sites

If you are using documentation from the internet in your research, please be aware that not all sites contain factual information. The sites listed here *have* been researched and are recommended for your use.

<http://www.nmai.si.edu> This site is for the National Museum of the American Indian from the Smithsonian Institute

<http://www.nativeculturelinks.com> This site will link you to lots of individual tribes.

http://www.digitalhistoy.uh.edu/nativ_voices/native_voices.cfm This site is from the University of Houston and contains a wealth of information; not just on Native Americans, but many aspects of American history.

<http://codetalkers.info> Information about WWII Navajo code talkers and the service they performed for our country's freedoms.

<http://www.americanfolklore.net> This folklore site contains retellings of American folktales, Native American myths and legends, tall tales, weather folklore and ghost stories from each and every one of the 50 United States.

<http://inspire.net> INSPIRE is Indiana's Virtual Library on the Internet. INSPIRE is a collection of commercial databases and other information resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents using any computer equipped with an Indiana Internet connection and a Web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer. One can explore newspaper and magazine articles, encyclopedias and much more on Inspire.

