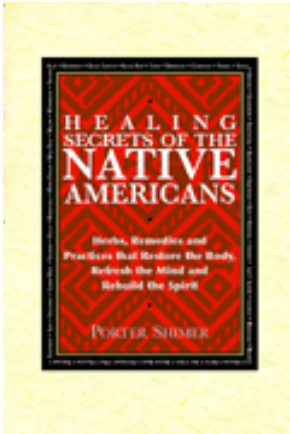
American Indian Heritage Month Bibliography November 2008

"Tradition and Innovation"

National American Indian Heritage Month honors the original peoples of America and their contributions to the past, present, and future. November was officially recognized as American Indian Heritage Month in 1990, when President George H.W. Bush approved the joint resolution declaring its recognition.

The following is a selected list of books, videos, and websites that will help you learn more about American Indian history. All books and videos are available at the Norfolk Public Library, and the websites may be viewed online at any of the public computer stations located in the library or from home.

Nonfiction



American Indian Places: A Historical Guidebook
Edited by Frances H. Kennedy

This historical guide to 366 sites throughout the United States, all of which were utilized by native peoples prior to 1900 and are open to the public.

Healing Secrets of the Native Americans: Herbs, Remedies, and Practices that Restore the Body, Refresh the Mind, and Rebuild the Spirit Healing Secrets of The Native Americans
By Porter Shimer

Discover how the Native-American tradition uses plants and herbs, heat, movement and sound, visualization, and spirituality to heal dozens of everyday ailments and illnesses-from back pain to insect bites to flu and sore throat and much more.

The Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears
By Theda Perdue and Michael D. Green

Documents the 1830s policy shift of the U.S. government through which it discontinued efforts to assimilate Native Americans in favor of forcibly relocating them west of the Mississippi, and traces the decision's specific effect on the Cherokee Nation.

Do all Indians Live in Tipis? Questions and Answers from the National Museum of the American Indian
Foreword by Rick West; Introduction by Wilma Mankiller.

Answers questions about Native Americans, including those related to identity, origins and history, animals and land, language and education, love and marriage, and culture.

First People: The Early Indians of Virginia
By Keith Egloff and Deborah Woodward

The history of the Virginia Indians including tribes' everyday life, tools and other objects used, culture, contact with Europeans, and tribes today. This edition integrates recent events in the Indian community and new research.

Foods of the Americas: Native Recipes and Traditions
By Fernando and Marlene Divina.

A comprehensive, illustrated cookbook with 140 recipes dedicated to the native ingredients and traditions of the Americas.

Medicine Bags and Dog Tags: American Indian Veterans from Colonial Times to the Second Iraq War
By Al Carroll

As far back as colonial times, Native individuals and communities have fought alongside European and American soldiers against common enemies. This is the story of these Native men and women whose military service has defended ancient homelands, perpetuated longstanding warrior traditions, and promoted tribal survival and sovereignty.

The Monacan Indian Nation of Virginia: The Drums of Life
By Rosemary Clark Whitlock.

This title includes interviews, social conditions and ethnic relations of the Monacan Indians of Amherst County, Va.

No One Ever Asked Me: The World War II Memoirs of an Omaha Indian soldier
By Hollis D. Stabler.

Stabler's story, coming of age on the American plains, going to war, facing new estrangement upon coming home, is told by Stabler's uncommon perspective, which embraces two worlds.

Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown
By Helen C. Rountree.

A retelling of a well-known tale of cross-cultural contact nearly 400 years ago, Rountree (professor emeritus, Old Dominion University) presents the story of the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia from the Native American rather than the white settlers' perspective.

Sitting Bull
By Bill Yenne

Documents the life of Sitting Bull, from his youth as a warrior and rise as a tribal elder to his failed efforts to save the Lakota's land and culture through nonviolence and negotiations.

Where the Lightning Strikes: The Lives of American Indian Sacred Places
By Peter Nabokov

Based on years of research and personal experience, this book reveals a range of holy lands containing beneficial as well as malevolent forces, reminding readers of the stubborn persistence of Indian beliefs in the sacredness of the American earth.

Young Adult

The Buffalo and the Indians: A Shared Destiny
By Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

An award-winning nonfiction team traces the history of the relationship between Native American tribes and the buffalo, from its beginnings in prehistory to the present. Stunning full-color photographs and paintings by well-known artists are included.

The Cherokee Trail of Tears and the Forced March of a People
By John Albert Torres

Explores the events and people who made the Wild American West. Includes images, maps, and quality Internet sites for further research.

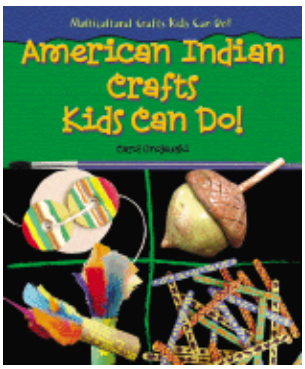
Famous Native North Americans
By Bobbie Kalman and Molly Aloian

Biographical information on Hiawatha, Pocahontas, Sacagawea, Tecumseh, Louis Riel, Chief Joseph, Cochise and Geronimo are among those historical and modern famous American Indians described.

Native Americans
By Brendan January

Includes a chronological history, traditional ways, everyday life, beliefs and mythology.

Juvenile



American Indian Crafts Kids Can Do
By Carol Gnojewski

Learn about different tribes while putting together crafts that represent each, and learn some games.

Enduring Wisdom: Sayings from Native Americans
Selected by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

A collection of quotations from American Indians throughout the continent dated from the earliest contact with Europeans to contemporary tribal persons.

Native North American Wisdom and Gifts
By Niki Walker and Bobbie Kalman

Beautiful images and easy-to-follow text help young readers discover the Native traditions and practices that were adopted by European explorers, North American settlers, and other people around the world.

Projects about the Woodland Indians
By David C. King

Includes Social Studies projects that explore the cultures of the American Indians of the Eastern Woodlands.

Tepees
By June Preszler

A brief introduction to tepees, including the materials, construction, and people who lived in these traditional Native American dwellings.

Videos

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: The Epic Fall of the American Indian
By HBO Films (DVD)

Begins powerfully with the Sioux triumph over General Custer at Little Big Horn and goes on to center around three powerful men.

How to Trace your Native American Heritage
Directed by Chip Richie (DVD)

Discover your Native American heritage, for you and your family. Learn how to obtain your tribal membership, obtain a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, and more.

Incident at Oglala: The Leonard Peltier Story
By Miramax films (DVD)

Examines the 1975 incident where two armed FBI agents entered the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation resulting in the deaths of a Native American and the two FBI agents. Explores the controversy and potential abuse of justice surrounding the case of American Indian Movement member Leonard Peltier, who was the sole person in the incident convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Last Stand at Little Big Horn: a Midnight Films Production for American Experience
Produced and directed by Paul Stekler (DVD)

Examines the Battle of Little Big Horn, also known as Custer's Last Stand, from the perspective of the Lakota, Sioux, Cheyenne, and Crow who lived on the Great Plains and from that of the white settlers who pushed west across the continent.

Legacy: Native American Photogravures & Music Photogravures
By Edward S. Curtis; music by Mary Youngblood, Joanne Shenandoah & Lawrence Laughing (DVD)

Indians of North America and their social life and customs in music and pictures.

Tales of Wonder I, Tales of Wonder II: Traditional Native American Fireside Stories
Directed by Chip Richie (DVD)

Fireside stories told in the Native American tradition by an acclaimed storyteller and linguist.

Databases

Databases are subscription resources that contain reliable, timely, and authoritative online sources of information. Links to these are found on the Library's Webpage at **www.npl.lib.va.us** under "Databases." Use your Norfolk Public Library card number for access to these resources:

Biography Resource Center
Full text articles drawn from hundreds of periodicals and books that provide biographical information from ancient days to the present.

World Book Online
Containing every article from the 22-volumn printed set plus thousands more, this database has multimedia maps, videos, and articles including contributions of American Indians to world history.

Websites

Library of Congress
http://www.loc.gov/topics/nativeamericans/index.html
The learning page: Art, primary sources, culture, countries, law…a great site for teachers, students and anyone with inquiring minds!

The Smithsonian Institution
http://www.smithsonianmag.com/people-places/american-indian-heritage.html
A resource full of American Indian history and culture

U.S. Army: American Indians in the U.S. Army
http://www.army.mil/americanindians/
Resources on American Indians who have served in the U.S. Army

Nation Museum of the American Indian
http://www.nmai.si.edu/
Exhibits at the Smithsonian

WWW Virtual Library- American Indians
http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/
Index of Native American resources on the Internet

Native Technology & Art
http://www.nativetech.org/
A web guide of the arts of Eastern Woodland Indian Peoples