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This guide refers primarily to sources located in the Education and Social Science Library. All materials are shelved in the Reference Collection, unless otherwise noted. Other units within the University Library (particularly the History Library, the Reference Library, the Undergraduate Library, the English Library, the Documents Library, and the Main Bookstacks) also have important resources for finding information about Native Americans.

## CALL NUMBERS

Books on Native Americans are scattered throughout the collection, making shelf browsing somewhat difficult. The following call numbers may be helpful:

016.97000497	Bibliographies
299.7	Mythology and Religion
342.73	Legal Issues and Problems
497-498	Language
709.7	Art
810.8-811.08	Literature
970.00497	History and comprehensive works, throughout North America
973.00497-979.00497	History and comprehensive work, U.S. by region and state

## SEARCH HINTS

Search for **Native American**, **Amerindian**, **Indian**, **First Peoples** or **indigenous** as keywords

Search by the name of a particular tribe or cultural group (e.g. **Hopi** or **Shoshoni**)

Combine a tribal name with a topical word (e.g. **Hopi mythology**)

Do a browse call number search in the library catalog using the **call numbers listed above**

Browse the subject **Indians of North America** in the library catalog

For a list of **Library of Congress Subject Headings** related to Native Americans, see *American Indian Studies: A Bibliographic Guide*, pages 127-142 (016.97000497 W585a, shelved in the Education Reference Collection).

## GUIDES TO THE LITERATURE

- 016.97000497  
W585a  
  
(online)
- American Indian Studies: A Bibliographic Guide.*** 1995.  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/proxy/go.php?url=http://www.netLibrary.com/summary.asp?id=18472>
- A list of sources arranged by type of resource, including guides to the literature, directories, encyclopedias, indexes and abstracts, biographical sources, government publications and archival material. The core list of periodicals and the "Bibliography of Bibliographies" (arranged by topic and cultural group) are particularly useful.
- 016.97000497  
H616g
- Guide to Research on North American Indians.*** 1983.
- An annotated list of 1,100 books, articles, and government publications divided into four parts: introductory material, history and historical sources, economic and social aspects, and religion, arts, and literature. Each section, covering topics such as political organization or urban life, begins with an essay summarizing the literature.
- 016.97000497  
H111i
- Indians of North America: Methods and Sources for Library Research.*** 1983.
- A systematic guide to conducting library research on Native Americans. Subject headings and call numbers are provided in the opening pages. Part 1 includes chapters on indexes, abstracts, and online databases, with descriptions each source's coverage with regard to Native American topics. Part 2 is an annotated bibliography, primarily of books published since the 1970s, arranged by topics such as alcohol, art, war, and women.
- 016.97000497  
H85n
- Native Americans: An Annotated Bibliography.*** 1991.
- A selective bibliography covering general studies and references, history, contemporary life, and culture areas. The major portion of this book is divided into eight major cultural areas following the divisions used in the Smithsonian Institution's ***Handbook of North American Indians.***

## GUIDES TO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND BOOKS

- (online)
- Native American Children's and Young Adult Literature.***  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/nativeamericanchildrens.htm>

A collection of print and web-based resources pertaining to children's literature.

## ABSTRACTS AND INDEXES

- 572.05  
AB  
(periodicals)
- Abstracts in Anthropology.*** 1970-. Quarterly.
- International coverage of books, articles and conference papers in archaeology, ethnology, linguistics, and physical and cultural anthropology. Complements, rather than duplicates, other anthropological indexes. Includes references from journals not considered to be "anthropology" journals.

- (online) **America: History and Life.** 1964-.  
<http://door.library.uiuc.edu/ersearch/get.php?rid=3444>
- This index abstracts articles on current American life and the history of the United States and Canada. Subjects covered include archaeology, ethnology, social processes and social groups, demography and population, education, and the arts. It is an excellent source for articles on Native American archaeology and ethnohistory.
- (online) **Anthropology Plus.** 1877- .
- Combined access to the entire backfiles of **Anthropological Index** (produced by The British Museum, <http://lucy.ukc.ac.uk/AIO.html> or Q.572.05 RO1) and **Anthropological Literature** (produced by Harvard's Tozzer Library, Q.016.913 H26ca). Identifies print materials in anthropology, archaeology and related interdisciplinary research areas published in almost 900 journals and monographic series. Coverage of the North American and British literature is nearly exhaustive, and good for core European and Latin American sources.
- (online) **Ethnic NewsWatch.** 1960- .  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=258119>
- Provides full text access for 200 newspapers and journals of the ethnic, minority, and native press.
- 016.305  
Sol **Social Science Citation Index (SSCI).** 1966-.  
 Also available online as **Web of Science** to UIUC affiliates:  
<http://door.library.uiuc.edu/ersearch/get.php?rid=3437>
- This multidisciplinary database identifies journal articles and cited references in all social science disciplines. Allows searching for articles on a particular topic, or for articles that have cited a known article. Lists references that can be used to search for related articles with common citations. For additional information on how to use **SSCI**, see handout available in the revolving kiosk near the ESSL reference desk.

Many other databases also include pertinent information, e.g. **MEDLINE** for medicine or **MLA Bibliography** for literature. For further information, please ask at the Education and Social Science Library's Reference Desk.

## GUIDES AND DIRECTORIES

- 973.0497003  
Am35 **American Indian Reservations and Trust Areas.** Edited by Veronica E. Velarde Tiller. 1996
- Provides descriptions of the social, political, and economic conditions of Indian reservations across the nation. Tribes are listed alphabetically by state. Each entry provides a contact address, a description of the reservation's history, government, and land status, and other pertinent information and statistics. Much of the data was provided by the tribes themselves. Maps and photos accompany the text. An extensive index and bibliography offer further guidance.

973.0497002  
H616n

***The Native American Almanac: A Portrait of Native America Today.*** 1993.

This work focuses on various aspects of Native North American life today, and also provides summaries of laws, treaties, and court cases historically affecting American Indians. Appendixes list Native North American tribes by state, reservation, colonies, and historic Indian areas.

Q.  
970.00497  
N2136

***The Native North American Almanac: A Reference Work on Native North Americans in United States and Canada.*** 1994.

Covers Native North American history (pre-1500 to 1992), culture areas, religion, legal issues, administration, activism, environmental issues, demographics, arts and literature, education, economics, wealth and biography. Each chapter includes maps, lists of resources, and bibliographies. A glossary, general bibliography, and indexes by occupation, illustrations and subject are included.

970.103  
R259  
1998

***Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian.*** 8th ed. 1998.

Provides listings of organizations, government agencies, reservations, health services, schools, associations, and library collections. Also included are a bibliography of approximately 4,500 books and 2,500 biographical sketches of prominent Native Americans and non-Indians active in Indian affairs.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

497.012  
C153A

***American Indian Languages: The Historical Linguistics of Native America.*** 1997.

Provides an overview of the linguistic history of Native Americans, with sections devoted to specifically to the languages spoken in North, Middle, and South America. The origins of Native American languages and their relationships to other languages are explored. Contains maps, references, and indexes of languages, authors, and subjects.

Q.  
970.00497  
W146a  
2000

***Atlas of the North American Indian.*** 2000.

An overview of American Indian history and culture, arranged chronologically, with seven chapters covering "Ancient Civilizations" to "Contemporary Indians." Each chapter is further subdivided into areas covering civilizations, cultures, and histories. Maps and drawings illustrate every chapter.

970.00497  
G825b

***The British Museum Encyclopedia of Native North American.*** 1999.

An illustrated look at the history and cultures of the peoples of Native North America from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Covers a wide range of topics from art and government to notable people. Includes a general index.

Q.  
970.00497  
C468  
(Main Reference)

***Chronology of the American Indian: A Guide to Native Peoples of the Western Hemisphere. 25,000 B.C.-1994.*** 1994.

This work summarizes major events of Native North American Indians, giving an overview of important topics, from prehistoric times to the mid-1990s.

- Q.  
970.00497  
D561  
1993
- Dictionary of Indian Tribes of the Americas.*** 2nd ed. 3 volumes. 1993.
- This set is designed to be a first source for information that can direct the user to more detailed sources. Alphabetical entries provides 2-5 page descriptions of each group. Additional features include a detailed index and several descriptive maps.
- 897.03  
D561  
(Modern Languages)  
(Undergraduate  
Reference)
- Dictionary of Native American Literature.*** 1994.
- Includes more than 70 essays by members of the Association for the Study of American Indian Literatures. Entries are arranged by historical period: Native American oral literature, Indian writing to 1967, and Indian writing from 1967 to the present. Each chapter includes information about anthropology, folklore, literature, and Native American studies, and a bibliography of primary and secondary sources. A single index combines subjects, authors, and titles.
- 299.703  
G41d
- Dictionary of Native American Mythology.*** 1992.
- An alphabetical compilation of stories, rituals, songs, ceremonies, myths, symbols and creatures drawn from Native American cultural traditions. A list of sources consulted is included for each entry.
- 330.973  
En192
- Encyclopedia of Native American Economic History.*** 1999.
- The thrust of this work is to fill a void in the formalized scholarship of Native American economic history. The central basis for this work is Native American sovereignty, with a focus on economics as a foundation for real political autonomy.
- Q.  
299.703  
H616e  
(Undergraduate  
Reference)
- The Encyclopedia of Native American Religions: An Introduction.*** 1992.
- Includes 1,200 alphabetical entries describing Native North Americans' traditional beliefs and practices, as well as the consequences of contact with Europeans. The encyclopedia's broad scope covers major religious systems, selected Native American religious leaders and missionaries, well-documented ceremonies, and pertinent legislation and court cases.
- Q.970.00497003  
W146e  
1999
- Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes.*** 1999.
- An alphabetically arranged encyclopedia of approximately 150 Indian tribes located in U.S., Canada, and Mexico. Each article begins with a discussion of the origin of the tribal or cultural name and its pronunciation, followed by an examination of the housing, clothing, transportation, tools, arts, regions of habitation and tribal movement, initial interaction with colonists, hostilities and conflicts between tribes, legends, religions and present status. The encyclopedia ends with a glossary of terms, bibliography, and an index.
- (online)
- Encyclopedia of North Native American Indians.*** 1996.  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=495646>
- This encyclopedia includes detailed maps, pictures, biographies, and focuses on tribes as well as historical and contemporary subjects. Each entry is signed and includes references. A general index and contributor index are provided and are both hyperlinked to the entries in the encyclopedia.

- Q.  
306  
En19
- Encyclopedia of World Cultures***. Vol. 1: North America. 1991.
- Provides detailed descriptions, written by prominent scholars, of 223 Native American cultures. The ethnographic summaries cover demography, linguistic affiliation, history and cultural relations, settlements, economy, kinship, marriage and family, sociopolitical organization, religion, and expressive culture. Includes a glossary, a list of films, and an ethnonym index that cross-references alternate names and the names of subgroups. An extensive subject index is found in Vol. 10, the index for the entire set.
- 973.0497  
G131  
(Main Reference)
- The Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes***. 1998
- A basic introduction to almost 400 groups in the U.S., Canada, and Central America. The signed essays are somewhat uneven, but provide some useful features, including biographical profiles of prominent tribal members, excerpts from oral literature, time lines, maps, finding aids, and bibliographic citations.
- Q.  
970.00497003  
N213  
(Undergraduate Reference)
- Native America in the Twentieth Century: An Encyclopedia***. 1994.
- This encyclopedia focuses on American Indians in the 20th century. Among the topics examined are art, daily activities, economic development, education, government policy, sports, race relations, languages, and law.
- 970.00497  
P939n
- Native Americans : An Encyclopedia of History, Culture, and Peoples***. 1998.
- Provides basic information about the history, culture, and contemporary status of over 200 Native groups in the U.S. and Canada. Tribes appear alphabetically within ten geographically defined chapters. Subheadings (e.g. religion, dwellings, diet) and a consistent level of detail allow comparison across tribes and regions, but archaeology and mythology are not discussed. Smaller groups are aggregated into larger regional and/or linguistic clusters; for more specific treatment see the authoritative ***Handbook of North American Indians***. Includes a glossary, bibliography, and a substantial index.
- Q.  
970.00497003  
J635n
- The Native Tribes of North America: A Concise Encyclopedia***. 1994.
- Arranged by geographic region and by languages within regions, this encyclopedia features brief articles with historical, cultural and graphical information for more than 300 native tribes in the United States and Canada.
- Q.  
739.2708997  
D852n  
2003
- North American Indian Jewelry and Adornment: From Prehistory to the Present***. 2003.
- A look at the Native American jewelry and adornment in the context of history, geography and cultures, this book includes many photographs and illustrations. It contains a section of notes, a bibliography, and a subject index.

## HANDBOOKS

970.402  
H191  
(reserves)  
(ESSL stacks)

***Handbook of North American Indians.* 1978-**

Vol. 4 – Indian-White Relations; Vol. 5 – Arctic; Vol. 6 – Subarctic; Vol.7 – Northwest Coast; Vol. 8 – California; Vol. 9 – Southwest; Vol.10 – Southwest; Vol. 11 – Great Basin; Vol. 12 – Plateau; Vol. 13 – Plains; Vol. 14 – Southeast; Vol. 15 – Northeast; Vol.17 – Languages.

When completed, this projected 20-volume set will summarize the extant knowledge of the history and culture of all North American Indian groups. Signed essays by scholars cover a wide range of topics; each essay also includes a bibliography and suggestions for further research. Each volume includes an index and extensive bibliography.

Q.  
970.00497  
N2135

***The Native Americans: The Indigenous People of North America.* 1991.**

A cultural handbook and historical survey for Native American groups in North America organized by region. It focuses on history, material culture, subsistence patterns, and political structure. Each section contains historical photos, drawings, maps, and photos of material items for at least one group from the region. There is a bibliography and a reference list at the end of each chapter. It includes indexes.

## BIOGRAPHIES

970.00497  
J599e

***Encyclopedia of Native American Biography : Six Hundred Life Stories of Important People from Powhatan to Wilma Mankiller.* 1997.**

The book features short biographies on 600 writers, warriors, explorers, religious leaders, legislators, and activists from historical times to the present. Entries were written by scholars that have researched and written extensively on Native American issues.

Q.  
970.00497  
W146w

***Who Was Who in Native American History: Indians and Non-Indians from Early Contacts through 1990.* 1990.**

This work selectively lists and provides brief biographical information on key figures in Native American history. Appendixes list Native Americans by tribe and non-Indians by occupations.

## STATISTICAL SOURCES

- Q.  
304.608997  
St29
- Statistical Record of Native North Americans.*** 1993.
- This compilation of statistical data on the indigenous populations of the U.S. and Canada spans estimates of pre-contact data to projections for 2040. The chapters cover topics such as history, population, family, education, culture, health, social and economic conditions, business and industry, land and water management, government relations, and law and law enforcement. Canada has its own chapter. Each data table cites the original U.S. or Canadian federal publication source. A keyword index is provided.

See also "American Indian and Alaska Native Populations" under **Web Resources** below.

## PERIODICALS

- 970.00497  
Am355  
(periodicals)
- American Indian Culture and Research Journal.*** Quarterly. 1974-
- Dedicated to the scholarship about American Indian peoples, this journal publishes articles and reviews of recent work from a variety of disciplines, including history, literature, health, anthropology, sociology and political science.
- 970.105  
AMQ  
(periodicals)
- American Indian Quarterly.*** 1974-.
- American Indian Quarterly*** covers numerous topics on American Indians in the areas of folklore, law, education, anthropology, history, women's studies, culture, and literature

## WEB RESOURCES

***American Indian and Alaska Native Populations***  
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race/indian.html>

A compilation of demographic information prepared by the U.S. Census Bureau, including data tables on social and economic characteristic, housing, and historical trends.

***Bureau of Indian Affairs***  
<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

The official site of Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) provides information on a variety of topics, including BIA history, a directory of tribal leaders, and links to information about Native American ancestry and genealogical research. As of December 2002, the BIA website has been made temporarily unavailable due to the Cobell Litigation.

***Index of Native American Resources on the Internet***  
<http://hanksville.org/Naresources/>

An extensive and well-organized index of Native American resources on the Web including Native American nations, culture, history, health, law/government, education, art, and archaeology. In addition, it includes links to books, music, film and video, gaming resources, activist sites, and electronic texts. Also includes a collection of links to "Teacher's Resources."

**Native American Authors**

<http://www.ipl.org/ref/native/>

This site provides information on Native North American authors with bibliographies of their published works, biographical information, and links to online resources including interviews, online texts and tribal web sites.

**Native American Constitution and Law Digitization Project**

<http://thorpe.ou.edu/>

This project is a cooperative effort among the University of Oklahoma Law Center, the National Indian Law Library (NILL), and Native American tribes providing access to the constitutions, tribal codes, and other legal documents. It offers the user access to charters, codes, constitutions, Indian land titles, Supreme Court documents, and other related texts.

**Native American Religion**

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/natamreligion/nar.htm>

A guide to resources developed to help UIUC undergraduate students locate materials on Native American religions both in the UIUC library system and on the Web.

**Native American Sites**

<http://www.nativeculture.com/lisamitten/indians.html/>

A well-maintained portal to Native American resources on the web. Created by a librarian, the site is organized into categories that reflect the questions most frequently asked at the reference desk. Topics include Indian education, languages, the mascot issue, and Indians in the military.

**Native American Studies: Library Resources**

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/hix/NALR>

A guide to finding resources on Native Americans across the UIUC library system. Includes search tips for the online catalog and databases, bibliographies of selected books, newspaper, microfilm and videos in UIUC collections, and links to related online resources.

**NativeWeb**

<http://www.nativeweb.org>

NativeWeb was designed to serve as a virtual community center. The goals of the site include disseminating information from and about indigenous nations, peoples, and organizations; fostering communication between native and non-native peoples; and providing resources, mentoring, and services to facilitate indigenous peoples' use of information technology.

**SSILA: The Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas**

<http://www.ssila.org>

The homepage of the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA), this site is an authoritative source for information on Indian languages and language issues.

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