Native American Culture
NATIVE AMERICAN COLLECTION
The Native American Collection arrangement

- **The Reference area**, beginning on the north wall, holds non-circulating materials and includes many primary sources.
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- **The Juvenile area**, on the west side, has books and stories of interest to children and teachers.
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- **The General circulating area**, starting on the north wall, includes materials related to the study of Native Americans, and literature by American Indian authors.
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- **Archives**—Older more valuable items, including microforms that would be difficult to replace, are in a locked case on the south wall. Please see Library Staff to use these materials.
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- **Government Documents** about Native Americans are next to the reference area and arranged in SuDoc classification.
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- **Periodicals** about Native Americans, which includes journals, magazines and newspapers, are shelved on the other side of the juvenile books.
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- **Videos** related to Native Americans are in the bookshelves next to the periodicals on the west side of the collection.
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| 200-299 | RELIGION |
| 300-399 | SOCIAL SCIENCES, EDUCATION, MYTHOLOGY, LAW |
| 400-499 | LANGUAGE |
| 500-599 | NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS |
| 600-699 | TECHNOLOGY (Applied Sciences), Medicine |
| 700-799 | THE ARTS—Painting, basketweaving, pottery |
| 800-899 | LITERATURE |
| 900-999 | HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY |
The Native American collection is in a state of change!

We are renovating this area.

Later on this spring we will be boxing up the entire collection and moving it so that we can put in new flooring.

SO---get your books and work on your tribe done soon!
What are the names of the Tribes?

- List of Federally Recognized Tribes

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Handbook of North American Indians.

- U.S. Smithsonian Institution. In progress. A 20 volume revision of Hodges' old "Handbook." 2 vols. (1907-1910). These volumes are written by experts and include good notes on sources and bibliographies. Volumes published thus far include:
  - vol 2 Indians in Contemporary Society, (2008)
  - vol. 4 History of Indian White Relations, (1988)
  - vol. 5 Arctic (1984)
  - vol. 6 Subarctic, (1981)
  - vol. 7 Northwest Coast (1990)
  - Vol 8 California (1978)
  - vol. 9 Southwest, (1979)
  - vol. 10 Southwest, (1983)
  - vol. 11 Great Basin, (1986)
  - vol. 12 Plateau (1998)
  - vol. 13 Plains (2000)
  - vol. 15 Northeast (1978)
  - vol. 17 Languages (1996)
- This projected 20 volume set is planned to be able to "give an encyclopedic summary of what is known about the prehistory, history, and cultures or the aboriginal peoples of North America." The latest volume was published in 2008.
This set contains the most complete scholarly information on tribes of any set that we have in the library.
Covering almost 400 North American tribes, each essay contains information on both the historical and contemporary issues for the tribe.

All entries begin with an introduction about the tribal roots, historic and current location, population data, and language family. This is followed by segments covering the history, religious beliefs, language, buildings, means of subsistence, clothing, healing practices, customs, oral literature, and current tribal issues.
Native Peoples A to Z (2009)

- A Reference guide to native peoples of the Western Hemisphere, including Central and South America
- Contains histories of each tribe, including tribal culture
- There are also articles on Native art, culture, basketweaving in general
List of Native American Tribes

- There is no comprehensive index to the **Handbook of North American Tribes**
- This link contains a list of Native American Tribes covered in The Handbook of North American Indians and The Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes
- There are some tribes in one but not the other
- There are different spellings of some tribes in each set
the key to research on Tribes

- These three titles are the key to research on individual tribes
- *Handbook of North American Indians*
- *The Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes*
- *Native Peoples A to Z (2009)*
Other Books that May Contain information about different tribes

- There are many other books that contain information about tribes, but not in the organized manner of the above three books.
- You will have to consult the indexes of these books.
- Also doing a catalog search may provide entire books about a limited number of tribes.
- [http://www.se.edu/library](http://www.se.edu/library)
Early Works on Native Americans
Many of the works on Native American culture were written long ago, by explorers and scientists going out to observe Native Americans culture first hand.
Missionaries in New France, 1610-1791

- Contains descriptions of Native American life and culture
George Catlin (July 26, 1796 – December 23, 1872) was an American painter, author and traveler who specialized in portraits of Native Americans in the Old West.
Catlin, George. *Sketching up the Missouri River in 1832*

- “Contents quoted from George Catlin's writings, notes and sketches in the Gilcrease Institute Library.”
From 1831 to 1837, George Catlin traveled extensively among the native peoples of North America. Studying their habits, customs, and modes of life, he made copious notes and numerous sketches of ceremonies, buffalo hunts, symbols, and totems. Catlin's unprecedented fieldwork culminated in more than five hundred oil paintings and his now-legendary journals. This one-volume edition of Catlin's journals, edited by Peter Matthiessen and illustrated with more than fifty reproductions of Catlin's paintings, brings the Native Americans of the 19th century vividly to life.
Catlin, George. *Episodes from Life among the Indians, and Last rambles.*

- University of Oklahoma Press, 1959
- George Catlin ; with 152 scenes and ports. by the artist ; edited by Marvin C. Ross.
This is a 39 volume set of the works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, a successful San Francisco businessman, who turned historian, and produced histories of Central America, Mexico, California, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Northwest Coast, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia, and Alaska.

He employed as many as 50 researchers at a time to do the research for his works. He published all of them in the period between 1884 and 1890. He sold the entire set as a collection called Bancroft's Works. (information on Bancroft found in American National Biography, Volume 2 p99-100)
Bancroft's Works 1884

- The only one of the 39 volumes that will be useful for this class is Volume 1, which is called Native Races: the Wild Tribes.
- Contains only western tribes

Hubert Howe Bancroft
This is a publication of the Bureau of American Ethnology. It was edited by Frederick W. Hodge (October 28, 1864 – September 28, 1956) an, anthropologist who was employed by the Smithsonian Institution in 1901 as executive assistant in charge of International Exchanges, but transferred to the Bureau of American Ethnology in 1905, where he worked until February 28, 1918. Hodge was the editor for Edward S. Curtis's monumental series The North American Indian
This 20-volume set describes the culture, mythology, customs of the Indian tribes in the first decade of the twentieth century.
The North American Indian 1908

- It was written by **Edward S. Curtis**, and contains a forward by Theodore Roosevelt. Field research was done under the patronage of J.P. Morgan. There are photographs of Indians, their homes, pottery, clothes, etc. It is arranged by tribe.
Bureau of Ethnology
The Bureau of American Ethnology (or BAE, originally, Bureau of Ethnology) was established in 1879 by an act of Congress for the purpose of transferring archives, records and materials relating to the Indians of North America from the Interior Department to the Smithsonian Institution.
But from the start, the bureau's visionary founding director, John Wesley Powell, promoted a broader mission: "to organize anthropologic research in America."

So many researchers went out to the Native tribes and studied their culture.
Some Anthropologists/ethnologists that worked for the Bureau of American Ethnology

- James Walter Fewkes
- Frank Hamilton Cushing
- Francis La Flesche
- James Owen Dorsey
- Alice Fletcher
- Matilda Coxe Stevenson
Bulletin

  This series began with Number 1, in 1887, which was called *Bibliography of the Eskimo Language*. Others followed, each one on a specific topic on Native American culture, customs, archaeology, and anthropology. These were published in an erratic pattern, with the first four bulletin being published in 1887, and number 5 not being published until 1893. By 1928, 87 had been published. The last *Bulletin* was number 199, published in 1967. There is a *List of Publications of the Bureau of American Ethnology* published in 1949.
This series of annual reports began in 1881 and contains reports documenting the language, customs of various Indian tribes throughout the United States. The last annual report was published in 1933, for the 1930-1931 year. Also available online at: [Bureau of American Ethnology Publications](#)
More Recent Works on Native Americans
American Indian Culture


These three volume cover the architecture, arts and crafts, dances, feathers and featherwork, food preparation and cooking, games and contests, gender relations and roles, gifts and gift-giving, kinship and social organization, medicine, religion, and tools of the Native American tribes of North America.
This book contains the clothing worn by the American Indians in the Southeast, the Northeast, the Plains, the Southwest, the Great Basin, the Plateau, California, the Northwest Coast of the United States. Also included are the Subartic and Artic areas of Canada. Included in each area are the following kinds of dress: basic dress of both men and women, footwear, outer wear, hair styles, headgear, accessories, jewelry, armor, garment decoration, face and body embellishment.
Native American Religion
This work was created to "compile a set of articles that would help to define the academic study of American Indian religious tradition as it is undertaken at the beginning of the twenty-first century. It is a work in which Native Americans present their religious traditions."
This encyclopedia fills a gap in materials on Native American religions. This encyclopedia contains an alphabetical list of Indian religious terms, places, people, ceremonies, customs, and artifacts supreme court cases, major acts of Congress that have an impact on Native American religion.
Origins of Native Americans—Or Where Europeans say they came from
Where did the Native American come from?

- Origins of the Native Americans relate to their religion
- There have been many people who have developed theories of Native American Origins
The first Americans : race, evolution, and the origin of Native Americans

- The first Americans : race, evolution, and the origin of Native Americans by Powell, Joseph F.
- The Settlement of the Americas: A New Perspective
Bancroft's Works

- Volume 5 is Called Native Races: Primitive History
- Contains many different views or theories as to the origins of Native Americans
The Book of Mormon

The Book of Mormon

- This is an account of the religious and some secular history of the ancient peoples that lived in the Americas, including a visit of Jesus Christ to the ancient American peoples. This book claims that the ancient inhabitants of America came here by boat from the Middle East and developed great civilizations in America before being destroyed. This book also claims that some of the ancient people living in the Americas are the ancestors of the American Indians.
Native American Mythology—or where Native Americans say they came from
Native American Mythology

- Much of Native American mythology is closely tied to the religions of Native Americans
- So resources on Mythology are included
This anthology published in 1984 contains myths about:
the creation of the world
tales of the sun, moon and stars,
tales of monsters and heros
tales of love
trickster tales
tales of animals.
Mythology of the American Nations

- This is an illustrated encyclopedia of the gods, heroes, spirits, sacred places, rituals and ancient beliefs of the North American Indian, Inuit, Aztec, Inca, and Maya Nations.

- Coyote and Opossum appear in the stories of a number of tribes.
Symbols in Native American culture have deep spiritual meaning, and this book discusses the meaning behind the symbols used in Native culture.
Native American Art
This book contains biographies of many important Native American artists, including painters, carvers, basketweavers, mixed media artists, textile artists, printmakers, sculptors, weavers, potters, silversmiths, draftsman, video artists, installation artists, mask makers, illustrators, performance artists, jewelry designers, ceramists, architects, photographers, filmmakers, potters, and graphic artists.
Arts & crafts of the Native American tribes


Summary: "Details how Native American culture evolved, the artifacts produced on the continent and the ways they were made, and the techniques of decoration and embellishment that utilized a variety of disparate natural commodities that depended on geographical necessity and abundance"
Native American Games
Games of the North American Indians

Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1992
This is a reprint of the original 1907 edition published as the Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology, 1902-1903, the Smithsonian Institution. This new edition divides the Indian games into two volumes: Games of Chance, and Games of Skill.
Native American Medicine
American Indian Medicine

- By Virgil J. Vogel  NA 615.89097 V86A
- Norman, University of Oklahoma Press [1970]
- One of the best overall books on Native American medicine
This book gives brief descriptions all terms and practices used in Native American medicine, and brief biographies of the more important healers of the various tribes.

This encyclopedia is a continuation of the *Encyclopedia of Native American Healing* that is described above. In the first work the focus was on medicine powers used for healing, the main task of the shamans. Here the focus is on all the other various ways in which medicine powers manifested; the book also includes some additional material on healing. The two works designed to complement each other and form a very thorough coverage of Native American shamanism in North America.
This is a 1979 reprint of a book called The Cherokee Physician that was published in 1857 by James M. Edney and written by Richard Foreman, a Cherokee doctor. The book covers a brief view of anatomy, general rules on preserving health without the use of medicines, the symptoms, causes, and means of prevention of the diseases of the United States. There is also a description of herbs and roots and the medical value that they have.
Native American Music
This is a series of books on music of several Native American Tribes, that was republished by Da Cappo Press, from the originals that were published in the 1910's and 1920's by the Bureau of American Ethnology.
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Native American Women
A to Z of American Indian Women.
NA R 920.7208997 S05a, rev ed. (2007)
This book gives biographies of 100 Native women from the past and present who were influential in Native American society. Included here are activists, educators, writers, actresses, businesswomen, doctors, scientists, potters, basketweavers, civic leaders.
Native American Newspapers
The Cherokee Phoenix was the first newspaper published by Native Americans in the United States and the first published in a Native American language. The first issue was published in English and Cherokee on February 21, 1828, in New Echota, capital of the Cherokee Nation (present-day Georgia). The paper continued until 1834.
Other Newspapers

**Bishinik** (Choctaw) (1997-present)
This is the official newspaper of the Choctaw Nation

**Indian Country Today** (Feb 2000-January 12, 2011)

**Oklahoma Indian Times** Feb 2000-March 2001 (continued by Native American Times)

**Native American Times** (April 2001-present)
This newspaper covers news of importance to Native Americans. It is published weekly from Tahlequah, OK Web site is here. [Native Times](#)

**Cherokee Phoenix**
This newspaper is published monthly and carries news pertaining to the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. Web site: [Cherokee Phoenix](#)
Journals and Magazines
American Anthropologist

American Anthropologist is the flagship journal of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). It is known for publishing a wide range of work in anthropology, including articles on cultural, biological and linguistic anthropology and archeology. Its first incarnation (known as the "Old Series") started in 1888 and was published by the Anthropological Society of Washington. The "New Series" began in 1899 under an editorial board that included Franz Boas, Daniel G. Brinton, and John Wesley Powell and continues to this day. Source: American Anthropologist Can search American Anthropologist from 1888 to 2005 in JSTOR
American Indian Quarterly
Years available: 1993-1996, 2003, 2006-2007 in paper. Available through JSTOR, 1974-2004. It is also available in full text from 1990 to the present in EBSCOhost's Academic Search Premier. This is a journal that contains articles on anthropology, history, literature, religions and arts of Native Americans.

American Indian Culture and Research Journal
Years available: 2000-2007. This journal is an "interdisciplinary forum for significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge about Americans."
• **Bulletin of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society**

JOURNAL & MAGAZINES DATABASES
• **Academic Search Complete**

*Academic Search Complete* is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 8,500 full-text periodicals, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 12,500 journals and a total of more than 13,200 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, with the majority of full text titles in native (searchable) PDF format. Searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,400 journals.
• **Bibliography of Native North Americans**

  "Bibliography of Native North Americans (BNNA) is a bibliographic database covering all aspects of native North American culture, history, and life. This resource covers a wide range of topics including archaeology, multicultural relations, gaming, governance, legend, and literacy. BNNA contains more than 133,000 citations for books, essays, journal articles, and government documents of the United States and Canada. Dates of coverage for included content range from the sixteenth century to the present."
JSTOR is a not-for-profit service that helps scholars, researchers, and students discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content in a trusted digital archive of over one thousand academic journals and other scholarly content. We use information technology and tools to increase productivity and facilitate new forms of scholarship.
Books

- **Library Catalog**
  Use this catalog to find books in the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library.

- **Google Books**
  Use to find books either in the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library or at other libraries. Books published before 1923 is usually available in their entirety for free.

- **The Online Books Page**
  The Online Books Page is a website that facilitates access to books (about 1 million) that are freely readable over the Internet. The Online Books Page was founded, and is edited, by John Mark Ockerbloom, He is a digital library planner and researcher at the University of Pennsylvania. He is solely responsible for the content of the site. The site is hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, who provide the server, disk space, and network bandwidth for the site.

- **Internet Archive**
  This web site contains access to over 2.5 million books, 438,000 movies, and almost a million audio recordings.

- **Hathi Trust Digital Library**
  HathiTrust is a partnership of major research institutions and libraries working to ensure that the cultural record is preserved and accessible long into the future. There are more than fifty partners in HathiTrust, and membership is open to institutions worldwide. The HathiTrust Digital Library brings together the immense collections of partner institutions in digital form, preserving them securely to be accessed and used today, and in future generations. This digital library currently has: 7,839,381 total volumes, 4,406,107 book titles and 195,241 serial titles.

- **WorldCat**
  This is the largest catalog in the world, with holdings from thousands of libraries all over the world. Use if you are not finding anything by using the SCSU Library catalog, nor in Google Books. Also use if you want to determine what libraries own an item.

- **InterLibrary Loan Book Form**
  Use this form if you are seeking a book from another library.

- [http://libguides.se.edu/native-religion](http://libguides.se.edu/native-religion)
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