ABSTRACT

Conducting research in the field of Native American studies requires the use of many different materials in the library. This guide provides a bibliography of useful tools as well as a basic strategy to follow when researching the topic. The types of documents listed include: dictionaries and encyclopedias, guides and handbooks, journal articles, databases, statistics, and government documents.

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BEGINNING YOUR RESEARCH

Dictionaries and encyclopedias are excellent starting points for research. They can provide general background information to help narrow or broaden the focus of a topic, define unfamiliar terms, and offer bibliographies of other sources. Some works include an index, which will provide the best access to a subject.

DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

➤ (Ref) E78 S7 B34


Provides definitions of Southwestern archaeological terms. Includes photographs of artifacts.

➤ (Ref) E54.5 D53


This dictionary provides lengthy definitions of terms related to Native American culture.

➤ (Ref) E77.9 H57 1988


An alphabetical listing of over 1,800 prehistoric cultures, archaeological sites, and artifacts of North America.
Section One is a directory listing tribal councils, tribes, government agencies, national associations, state and regional associations, Native American centers, museums, monuments and parks, libraries, Native American centers, Indian health services, Indian Schools, college courses, communications, audio-visual aids, and magazines. Section Two covers Canadian Indian institutions. Section Three lists approximately 4,500 books in print and Section Four includes biographies of well-known Indians.


Brief definitions of Indian words including persons, places, and things found in the United States and Canada.

GUIDES AND HANDBOOKS


Significant dates, as recorded by historians, in American Indian history from 1492-1970. Also includes biographical information on selected Indians.


Arranged by state and then by name of university or college. Provides general information about institution and description of programs and services of relevance to Native Americans.


There is a section on Native American resources providing names and addresses. Topics include: books, films, and reports; businesses; calendars; civil rights organizations; colleges; community-based organizations; directories; educational associations; Indian studies; libraries; media museums; organizations and women's organizations.

This guide for beginners provides selected sources and shows how to use them. It is divided into three sections: reference works, an annotated bibliography arranged by subject, and an unannotated list of books on individual tribes.


A select guide containing approximately 1,200 books, articles, government documents, and other materials in 27 fields of study. Selections are in English and entries are annotated.

(Ref) E77 H25


These two volumes summarize the history and culture of Indians living in the Southwest from prehistoric times to the present. Coverage includes history and social organization such as marriage customs, kinship patterns, burial customs, and other social institutions.

(Ref) E77 H69 1912


Comprehensive handbook of tribes and tribal divisions north of Mexico including the Eskimos. Included under the tribal descriptions are brief accounts of the ethnic relationships, history, locations through time periods, and population statistics. A new series entitled *Handbook of North American Indians* is currently being published.

(Ref) E93 I3828 1986


Arranged by state and then alphabetically by name of reservation. Information includes land status, history, culture, government, population profile, tribal economy, climate, transportation, utilities, and recreation.

Contains short essays about Indian life. Topics include basket makers, symbols, bead work, tribes and reservations, calendar of Indian events, and campgrounds for the different regions.


Essays about prehistoric American Indians. Different tribes are under ten geographical divisions of the U.S. There is a useful bibliography, glossary of terms, and index.

**FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Journals are the best source for current information on a topic. This is especially important if an area of study is new, currently being investigated, or subject to frequent change.

**INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS**

Indexes or abstracts in print form give subject and/or author access to journal articles. Some of the indexes are located on tables near the information desk; others can be found in the reference stacks by call number. The library cannot subscribe to all of the journals in these indexes; a list of journals to which the library does subscribe accompanies most of the indexes on the index tables. The following indexes list references to journal articles in the field of Native American studies.


Quarterly. Author and subject indexes included in each issue. Abstracts are grouped in four sections: archaeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics and physical anthropology. For information look under specific tribal names in subject index. Library owns Volume 5.


Best abstracting service for Indian-related matters. Abstract covers 2,000 journals on history in some thirty-eight languages. Abstracts are in English.
Index Table 1


Monthly. Includes quarterly cumulations and annual cumulations with author index, journal articles, books, pamphlets, and government documents with emphasis on public policy on Indian Affairs.

Index Table 4


Indexes current information in general magazines. A good place to investigate how the Indian subject matter has been treated over the years.

Index Table 2


Quarterly. Author and subject index covering over 350 English language journals. Suggested subject headings include: Indians of North American or other tribal names such as Apaches.

CD-ROM DATABASES

CD-ROM databases offer an exciting new approach to the retrieval of citations to journal articles. CD-ROM stands for Compact Disk—Read Only Memory. Several years of an index are stored on a small disk that is read by a laser reader. Through a computer keyboard, the user can specify a combination of subject terms in order to find references to articles which contain those terms in their titles, in their abstracts, or as assigned descriptors. CD-ROM offers the potential to search for very specific topics. The following CD-ROM systems may be useful for finding information on Native American studies topics.

INFOTRAC ACADEMIC INDEX

Provides easy-to-use access to current articles in periodicals of a popular nature (Time, Newsweek, etc.). Also gives access to stories in the news through references to the New York Times.

ERIC

This is the electronic version of the CIJE and RIE indexes, giving bibliographic citations and abstracts for the ERIC document collection on microfiche and for journal articles in the fields of education and other social sciences from over 775 periodicals. Provides coverage from 1966 to the present, with quarterly updates.

The Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors may be helpful in suggesting terms to use in searching ERIC. It lists standardized subject headings, with related terms, and gives brief definitions for many terms.
SELECTED LIST OF CURRENT JOURNALS

The following list is a sample of the journals in the field of Native American studies.

- *American Heritage*
- *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*
- *Indian Affairs*
- *Journal of American Indian Education*
- *Journal of Arizona History*
- *New Mexico Historical Review*
- *New Mexico Magazine*

Doc S12.3: no. 1-1199; 1887-1967
*Bureau of American Ethnology. Bulletin*

BOOKS

The NMSU Library uses the Library of Congress subject headings to catalog books by subjects. To determine the appropriate heading(s) for a topic, consult the three-volume *Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)*. These large red books, located at the reference desk and also near the OLE terminals, are very useful for suggesting alternate or additional headings to search. These headings are listed as BT (broader term), RT (related term), SA (see also), and NT (narrower term). UF means “used for” and indicates terms that are not used.

SELECTED LIST OF SUBJECT HEADINGS

- American Literature-Indian Authors
- Indians of North America
- Indians of North America-Juvenile literature
- Indians of North America-New Mexico
- Indians, Treatment of-United States
- Apache Indians
- Hopi Indians
- Navajo Indians
- Pueblo Indians
- Zuni Indians

OTHER REFERENCE SOURCES

In addition to the tools mentioned above, there are many other helpful reference sources. The following resources may be particularly helpful for the study of Native Americans.

ERIC DOCUMENTS

The ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) Clearing-houses collect and distribute previously published and unpublished non-journal literature of interest to educators and social scientists. ERIC documents include research reports and studies, curriculum guides, bibliographies, directories, speeches, and conference proceedings. The Rural Education and Small Schools Clearinghouse collects materials on American Indians.

The NMSU Library has the entire ERIC collection on microfiche (flat sheets of film containing reduced images). The collection is arranged by ED document numbers.
INDEXES TO ERIC DOCUMENTS

Cumulated subject, author and title indexes on microfiche cover the ERIC collection for the years 1966-1988. In using the microfiche subject index or RIE, it is helpful to consult the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors for the appropriate subject indexing terminology. The microfiche index is located near the ERIC collection.

ERIC on CD-ROM (see p. 6)

➤ (Ref) Index Table, Microform Area


Monthly. Gives document resumes with abstracts for all ERIC documents. The resumes are arranged by ED number. Indexes provide access by subject, author, institution, and publication type. Cumulated semiannual index.

ATLASES

➤ (Ref) G1497 N3 G6 1982


Coverage includes the areas of demography, history, social and economic conditions, administrative and political units, and physical geography.

➤ (Ref) G1201 E1 A4 1988


This atlas has maps, text, and statistics on 67 ethnic groups living in the United States. Most of the information is from the 1980 Census. There is an excellent chapter on Native Americans entitled “People of Early North America Origin,” (Indian and Eskimo).

➤ (Ref) G1496 E1 F4 1985


This atlas contains images, text, and 45 maps of Zuni archaeology, history, ethnography, and current conditions.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Specialized bibliographies can be a key to further information in the study of Native American studies. They will be listed in OLE under various topics, for example “Native Americans — bibliography”. The following are examples of bibliographies:
GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

> (Ref) E184 A1 M529 1976


Native Americans are covered in Volume Two from pages 783-909. Lists reference books and other books covering all aspects of Indian life.

> Z1209 G7


An alphabetical list of books held at the ENMU Library on Native Americans.

> (Ref) E78 S7 M87 1990


A short bibliography containing books and journal articles of Southwestern pottery.

> (Ref) E77 I52


These two volumes have brought together 4,900 annotated entries from America: History and Life from 1954 through 1978. Each volume is arranged in a similar fashion; i.e., regional and tribal sections are grouped under four historical periods: 1) Pre-Columbian Indian history, 2) Tribal history, 3) General Indian history from 1492 to 1900, and 4) The Indian in the 20th century.

> (Ref) E77 M87 1975


Most comprehensive coverage of published literature including books, articles and government documents on Native Americans. Coverage is through 1987. Emphasis is on ethnography.

> (Ref) E77 C34 1975


A bibliography of California State University, Northridge's 34,000 books by and about Native North Americans. Helpful author/title series indexes.

Approximately 8,000 entries indexing books, articles, government documents, and newspaper clippings which are available in the Yager Library-Museum at Hartwick College at Oneonta, New York.

**BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF LITERATURE**

> (Ref) PM 155 R86 1990


A good introduction, covering the time period from 1500 to the present, that discusses the genres and major authors of Native American literature. The book is divided into three sections: the introduction to the literature covers autobiography, oral literature, and written literature from 1800 to the present; the second section includes background information, general literary studies, and Native American writers; and the third section contains a classified bibliography.

> (Ref) E77.4 K84 1991


Primarily for public and school library professionals to assist in developing nonfiction materials for young Indian and American readers. Includes bibliography of 200 entries.

> (Ref) PS153 I52 C55 1985


Covers 21 Indian novelists. Each entry contains a brief biographical sketch, a list of novels and selected shorter publications, and criticism.

> Z1209 H55


Included is material written or narrated by Native Americans and Eskimos. The tribe of each author is identified. Entries are annotated.

Annual index to book and periodical literature published on Native Americans. Arranged by subject.

(Ref) PS153 I52 J32 1977


There are 2,024 entries indexing poetry, fiction, autobiography, personal reminiscences, biography, short stories, essays, and humor by Native American authors which have been published in either periodicals or single or collected works from 1960 to mid-1976.

(Ref) PS173 I6 R64 1985


A good starting point for students of American Indian literature. There are 1,599 listed sources some of which are annotated.

(Ref) E77.4 S73 1979


Includes about 800 titles arranged by reading-level elementary, junior high school, senior high school, and adult. Entries are annotated. Also included are biographies of selected American Indian authors.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF INDIVIDUAL TRIBES

(Ref) Z1210 N3I93 1976


Part of the Newberry Library Center for the History of the American Indian. Includes a bibliographic essay covering basic texts, bibliographies, Navajo accounts and documents, newspapers and newsletters, origins of early history, the long walk era, stock reduction and contemporary history, social organization and language, government and law, education, economy, and health and religion. There are 189 bibliographic citations.

This annotated bibliography includes books, periodicals and government documents of primary sources covering the Navajo Indians. Covers reference works, and sources on historical, geographical and anthropological works, Navajo-white relations, and literature. There is an index of authors.


A comprehensive bibliography of articles and books about the Hopi Indians. The 2,935 entries are arranged alphabetically. There is a title and subject index.


The excellent bibliographic essay includes a general introduction, ethnographic works, historical works, and ways of the Apache. There are 223 works cited.


Book divided into two sections. Section one is a literature review on the following topics: accidental death, biomedical factors, crime, etiology, gender, policy and prevention, reservations, sociological factors, suicide treatment, and urban vs. rural. The second section contains a bibliography of the above topics.


Biographies of 300 well-known Indians with portrait when available. Each biography includes birth and death dates, real name, and family background. Each person is described against the historical context of his or her time. Useful bibliography, pp. 355-69.

Arranged alphabetically. Brief biographical information on famous North American Indians from 16th century to the present. Emphasis is on the 20th century.


In the original volume there are 4,000 entries listing political essays and addresses, myths and legends, poetry, fiction, short stories, novels, published letters, historical works, and personal reminiscences. A bibliographical section provides information about the authors as well as their tribal affiliation. The scope of the 1985 volume, which includes 1,192 writers, is the same as the original volume.


Includes selected individuals who played a significant role in Native American history pre-20th century. Entries include name, tribal names, birth and death dates, and significant contributions.

LANGUAGE DICTIONARIES


STATISTICS


Annual. (Monthly supplement). An index to all federal government publications which contain significant statistical data. Indexed by subject and name, title, agency report number, and categories (race and ethnic groups). Library owns 1980 - .


Provides statistical information on the Navajo Nation.


A single volume giving quantitative summary statistics on the political, social, and economic organization of the United States. References are given for the sources of all tables. Statistics given cover a period of several years, usually 15 or 20. Latest issue at reference information desk and in Government Documents.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

The U.S. government publishes much information that may be of use in the study of Native American studies. These materials are NOT found on the OLE terminals or in the card catalog. The way to find a particular document or information on a subject is to use the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications, GPO on CD-ROM, or one of several indexes located in the documents area.

Government documents do not have the same type of call number as other materials in the library. They are organized by the Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc) classification system. The first letters in the call number represent the issuing agency.

Board of Indian Commissioners. Annual Reports of the Board of Indian Commissioners to the Secretary of the Interior, 1897-1932.

The reports contain information about Indian Affairs in all parts of the country, reports of visits by the commissioners to Indian reservations, congressional appropriations, and recommendations for improvement.

An "in progress" series of volumes on the aboriginal peoples of North America. Volumes currently in existence are: Volume Four, History of Indian-White Relations; Volume Five, Arctic; Volume Six, Subarctic; Volume Seven, Northwest Coast; Volume Eight, California; Volumes Nine-Ten, Southwest; Volume Eleven, Great Basin; and Volume Fifteen, Northeast. Volumes Nine-Ten are also in (Ref) E77 H25.


A chronological list of documents from the Congressional Serial Set from 1817 through 1899 dealing with Indians. Relevant documents include Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of War who reported on Indian wars, and many other documents referring to American Indians.


Gives a record of relationships between the Indians and federal government between 1778 and 1938. Included are Indian treaties (1778-1871), records of sales of Indian lands, U.S. presidential proclamations, letters and documents relating to executive orders establishing reservations, and decisions of the Supreme Court relating to Indian affairs. The supplemental two volumes update the original five volumes to include all treaties, laws, executive orders and regulations in force on September 1, 1967.


In addition to the administrative reports, there are papers on ethnology, monographs covering all phases of Indian life, and numerous archaeological surveys.


The author lists tribes and their subdivisions in the forty-nine states (excluding Hawaii), Canada, the West Indies (Haiti, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Jamaica), Mexico, and Central America. Provides information on history, population, and location.
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Arranged by state and then subdivided by tribe. Gives land status, history, culture, government, population profile, tribal economy, climate, transportation, community facilities, and recreation.

(DocRef) 120.1:


These reports show the relationship between the federal government and Indians indicating the changing government policies. Includes numerous reports from agents and subagents to the Office of Indian Affairs.

GPO ON CD-ROM

GPO is a CD-ROM database that lists publications by the U.S. Government Printing Office from 1976 to the present. The user can type in title, agency, subject, or a combination of subject terms, and retrieve a listing of titles and SuDoc numbers of documents that may be available in the NMSU documents collection. Issued bimonthly.