

# Native American Heritage Month: November

Learn more about the culture, way of life, and history of Native Americans by researching their foods, art forms, music, languages and spiritual beliefs of Native American people by using the materials listed below. This guide introduces researchers to some of the basic informational sources on the topic. The terms and phrases listed in the subject headings below can be used to search for more materials in the library's catalog and research databases. If you need further assistance, please ask a librarian.

## Books

### *Juvenile*

*The Cherokee* by Cathryn J. Long. San Diego: Lucent Books, Inc., 2000. ISBN: 1-56006-617-2. Discusses the traditional life of the Cherokee peoples in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, their beliefs and sense of community, culture, their forced march along the Trail of Tears to Oklahoma, and life in the twentieth century and beyond.

*Nations of the Southeast* by Molly Aloian and Bobbi Kalman. New York: Crabtree Publishing Company, 2006. ISBN: 0-7787-0385-1. Describes the history and culture of North American Indian nations living in the area that became the southern states.

*Eyewitness North American Indian* by David Murdoch. New York: DK Publishing, Inc., 2005. ISBN: 0-7566-1082-6. Pictorial guide to the Indian tribes of North America showing artifacts photographs of Indian leaders.

*The World of the Southern Indians* by Virginia Pounds Brown and Laurella Owens. Leeds, Alabama: Beechwood Books, 1983. ISBN: 0-912221-06-2. Discusses the history and culture of the five major Indian tribes of the southeastern United States including the Cherokees, Chickasaws, Choctaws, Creeks, and Seminoles. Also includes a dictionary of place names of Indian origin and a chronology of important dates.

### *Adult*

*The American Indian in North Carolina* by Douglas L. Rights. Winston-Salem, NC: John F. Blair, Publisher, 1957. History of North American Indian tribes in North Carolina from the arrival of Europeans. Features extracts from the journals of early explorers. Discusses myth, religion, games, archeology, and artifacts.

*The Encyclopedia of Native America* by Trudy Griffin-Pierce. New York: Michael Friedman Publishing Group, Inc., 1995. ISBN: 0-670-85104-3. Briefly discusses the North American Indian tribes in each region of the United States.

*First on the Land: the North Carolina Indians* by Ruth W. Wetmore. Winston-Salem, NC: John F. Blair, Publisher, 1975. Describes history, daily life, religion, and social organization of North American Indian tribes in North Carolina.

*Footsteps of the Cherokee: A Guide to the Eastern Homelands of the Cherokee Nation* by Vicki Rozema. Winston-Salem, NC: John F. Blair, Publisher, 2007. ISBN: 0-89587-346-X. A guide to the Cherokee principally in North Carolina and in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama including interactions with European settlers in various localities. Includes a travel guide.

*The Southeastern Indians* by Charles Hudson. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 1976. ISBN: 0-87049-248-9.

Discusses language, history, religion, economy, and recreation of American Indians of the southeastern United States.

## Web Sites

AIROS

[www.airos.org](http://www.airos.org)

Listen live now! AIROS, American Indian Radio On Satellite, represents Native America in the public broadcasting system.

Code Talk (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs)

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/about.cfm>

Provides Information from government agencies and other organizations to Native American communities.

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[www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian/)

Showcases historic properties listed in the National Register, National Register publications, and National Park units of importance to American Indians and Alaska Natives cultures.

National Native News

[www.nativenews.net](http://www.nativenews.net)

Examines the social, economic, and cultural issues of both Native people and their non-Native neighbors.

Native American Authors

[www.ipl.org/div/natam/](http://www.ipl.org/div/natam/)

Provides information on contemporary 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 Business Alliance

[www.native-american-bus.org](http://www.native-american-bus.org)

A resource of and for Native American businesses.

Live Your Language Alliance

[www.liveyourlanguagealliance.org](http://www.liveyourlanguagealliance.org)

An advocate organization dedicated to ensuring the continuation of traditional languages in Native American life.

Notable American Indians

[www.infoplease.com/spot/aihmbioaz.html](http://www.infoplease.com/spot/aihmbioaz.html)

Contains brief biographical information on Native American athletes, writers, entertainers, chiefs, activists, and religious leaders.

## Organizations

American Indian Movement

[www.aimovement.org](http://www.aimovement.org)

Encourages self-determination among American Indians and was created to establish international recognition of American Indian treaty rights.

Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA)

[www.indian-affairs.org](http://www.indian-affairs.org)

Provides legal and technical assistance to Indian tribes throughout the United States in health, education, economic development, resource utilization, family defense, and the administration of justice.

Cherokee Preservation Foundation

[www.cherokeepreservationfdn.org/heritage.html](http://www.cherokeepreservationfdn.org/heritage.html)

Promotes and supports preservation of the Cherokee culture. Seeks a deeper understanding between American Indians and others of the cultural, educational, spiritual, and historical aspects of Cherokees. Directory of historical and educational sites.

Native American Indian Chamber of Commerce of North America

[www.usaindianinfo.org](http://www.usaindianinfo.org)

Clearinghouse of information on American Indians. Collects and disseminates information at major American Indian events, conferences, and gatherings. Sponsors educational programs, pow wows, and Indian art festivals.

### **Subject Headings**

- Indians of North America—cultural assimilation
- Indians of North America—culture
- Indians of North America—diseases
- Indians of North America—domestic life
- Indians of North America—social conditions
- Indians of North America—social life
- Indians of North America—North Carolina