

A Guide to
NATIVE
AMERICAN
RESOURCES



on the Internet



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Introduction










A Guide to Native American Resources on the Internet is a reference resource for adult patrons, librarians, and educators who have some experience using a computer and basic knowledge of the Internet. This guide provides resources to help integrate Native American information into libraries and classrooms.

The Native American Web sites listed cover only a small sampling of the available information. The amount of information on the Internet increases every day, so we encourage you to explore these resources on your own.

Site Categories

The Web site listings begin on page 4. They are divided into the following categories:

-  GENERAL RESOURCES
-  EDUCATION RESOURCES
-  HEALTH RESOURCES
-  GOVERNMENT RESOURCES
-  ENVIRONMENT RESOURCES
-  ART RESOURCES
-  MEDIA RESOURCES

Search Tips

After you have exhausted other resources, try entering your topic in one of the many general search tools designed to find information on the Internet, such as AltaVista <http://www.altavista.com>, Yahoo <http://www.yahoo.com>, or Ask Jeeves <http://www.askjeeves.com>. If you do a keyword search on these sites, you can find a large number of Web sites related to almost any subject. Often searches yield a wide range of information of varying relevance to your topic. Sift through the results using the evaluation criteria listed earlier in this guide.

Spelling counts. Find out the exact spelling of the subject you are researching.

Start your search with a broad Web site to get a general overview of the topic.

Look for an association or organization related to your topic to gain information regarding current research, specialists, support groups, and other contacts.



Media Resources

American Indian Radio on Satellite (AIROS)

<http://www.airos.org/>

Sponsored by Native American Public Telecommunications, AIROS broadcasts Native American programming 24 hours a day. Programming includes Native American national and regional news, traditional and contemporary music, live call-in shows, and interviews.

Indian Country Today

<http://www.indiancountry.com/>

Considered to be America's largest Indian newspaper, *Indian Country Today* is a weekly newspaper that covers national Native news and events.

National Public Radio Online

<http://www.npr.org/>

A searchable Web site that offers "news, cultural, and information programming that captivates, educates and entertains." Search the archives for extensive Native American audio collections.

Selection Criteria

As you examine Native American resources on the Web, it is important to know your information sources are reliable, accurate, and timely. Since links to information and Web resources change frequently, it is also worth ensuring you are looking at the most current materials. The sites included in this guide were chosen using the following criteria:

- The Web site publisher is clearly identified and can be contacted from the site.
- The Web site's purpose is stated in writing and obvious when looking at the content.
- The information provided is comprehensive or uniquely important to Native American studies.
- The Web site is well known in Native American research. It is cited in multiple subject resources, both print and online.
- The information provided is current and regularly updated. Revision dates are posted on the site.
- The Web site adheres to accessibility conventions widely accepted in the Internet community.
- The Web site is easy to use and well organized. Multimedia features enhance, rather than detract from, the content offerings.
- The Web site includes search or index functions for easier navigation.

For more information on techniques for evaluating Native American Web sites refer to:

Techniques for Evaluating American Indian Web Sites

<http://www.u.arizona.edu/~ecubbins/webcrit.html>

Site Listings



General Resources

Index of Native American Resources on the Internet

<http://hanksville.org/NAresources/NAresourcestxt.html>

A great starting point for Native American research, this Web site is searchable and provides hundreds of links to many categories of information such as culture, language, health, history, indigenous knowledge, artists, galleries, jobs, and genealogy.

Lisa Mitten's Native American Links

<http://www.w1.pitt.edu/~lmitten/indians.html>

Maintained by Lisa Mitten, a librarian at the University of Pittsburgh, this site includes links to information on Native businesses, individual Native Nations, education, powwows and festivals, and Native music and arts.

NativeWeb

<http://www.nativeweb.org/>

This Web site contains a searchable database with over 3,000 Internet resource links and has a Resource Center, which makes it easy to navigate the extensive collection of information.



Art Resources

The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development (IAIA)

<http://www.iaiancad.org>

The IAIA is "dedicated to the study, creative application, and preservation and care of Indian Arts and Culture." This Web site links to IAIA's library and museum and provides school information.

The Heard Museum

<http://www.heard.org>

The mission of the Heard Museum is to "promote appreciation and respect for Native people and their cultural heritage." This site has education and research links, as well as online exhibits.

ArtNatAm: Native American Artists

<http://www.artnatam.com/>

This is a juried collection of works only by Native American artists. The site includes an exhibit for each artist, a section on featured artists, information on how to exhibit your own work on the site, an image catalog, and a reference section.



Environment Resources

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: American Indian Environmental Office

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/>

This organization "coordinates the Agency-wide effort to strengthen public health and environmental protection in Indian Country, with a special emphasis on building Tribal capacity to administer their own environmental programs."

BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Resources

<http://snake1.cr.usgs.gov/demr/index.htm>

This Web site provides information for Indian landowners on mineral rights, leasing agreements, forest resources, integrated management planning, training opportunities, and forest products. It also contains maps and directories.

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

<http://www.cet.nau.edu/itep/>

This research center for all levels of government and the private sector has the goal of supporting environmental protection of Native American natural resources. This site includes general environmental resources, and information on forums, workshops, and many other topics.



Education Resources

AskERIC

<http://ericir.syr.edu/>

Search the Web site and the Eric database for Native American resources. Services available on this site include a question and answer service, a virtual library, and the world's largest education database.

Four Directions

<http://www.4directions.org/>

Funded by the United States Department of Education and administered by the Pueblo of Laguna Department of Education, Four Directions partners schools with public and private universities and organizations. This Web site includes links to participating schools, publications, a resource library, and an online newsletter.

American Indian College Fund (AICF)

<http://www.collegefund.org/>

Find information resources about the AICF, participating colleges, how to receive funding, and other scholarship resources on this Web site.



Health Resources

Indian Health Service (IHS)

<http://www.ihs.gov/>

IHS is the federal agency responsible for providing health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This site includes information about medical programs, area office locations, and a kid's page.

Diabetes Wellness Connection

<http://www.laplaza.org/dwc/>

This Web site includes information on diabetes for both patients and health care professionals. Patient information includes recipes for healthy feast days, exercise information, and support resources.

National Center for American Indian and Alaska Native Mental Health Research

<http://www.uchsc.edu/sm/ncaianmhr/index.htm>

The center focuses on research, training, information dissemination, and technical assistance relating to the mental health of Native peoples. Links to local mental health centers, publications, and research findings are found on the site.



Government Resources

Indian Law

<http://www.indian-law.com>

This site contains information, resources, and links related to the research of Indian law issues. It also provides links to organizations concerned with Indian law.

Code Talk

<http://www.codetalk.fed.us/>

Designed to deliver electronic governmental information to Native American communities, this site includes information on key topic areas, resources and tools, links to federal agencies and offices, and American Indian/Alaska Native links.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

On its Web site the BIA, the agency responsible for administration of federal programs for federally recognized Indian tribes, offers links to information on law enforcement, social services, education, housing issues, and many other topics.

Native American Rights Fund

<http://narf.org>

This nonprofit organization "provides legal representation and technical assistance to Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide." Look for case updates, calls to actions, publications, and many other topics.