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# First Nations

## Library Subject Guide

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*Information literacy is a set of abilities requiring individuals to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."*

Association of College and Research Libraries

First Nations studies emphasize the experience of Indigenous Peoples in terms of cultural survival, education, socio-economic development, healthcare, land claims, justice issues and self-government. The study of First Nations includes cultural discourse, historical significance, contemporary influence, ethnographic description of aboriginal culture with respect to culture ecology, religious practices & beliefs, family & kinship structure & political systems on a region-by-region basis. Northern Lights College offers several courses in the study of First Nations Peoples including Aboriginal Peoples of Canada, Treaties and Aboriginal Rights & Provincial First Nations.

**Ask a Librarian** for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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## REFERENCE

Dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Some titles of interest located in the **Reference Section** are:

### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

E98 R3 C73 2005 v1-v3	American Indian Religious Traditions	E 77 H25 1981-2001	Handbook of North American Indians
KE 7704.5 C3 2002	1996 Annotated Indian Act	E 96.2 I53 1997	Indian and Inuit Training Opportunities Manual
E78 C2 A24 1974	A Canadian Indian Bibliography 1960-1970	KE 7706 K485 1995	Key Legal Decisions Concerning Aboriginal Rights in Canada
E 76.2 P75 2000	A Native American Encyclopedia	E 76.2 J64 1999	Macmillan Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes
E 96.2 A3 2003	Aboriginal Education Opportunities Manual	E 99 I7 J63 1996	Native American Political Systems
KE 7722 P8 H36 2002	Aboriginal Poverty Law Manual	E 96.5 N37 2002	Native Residential Schools in Canada
KE E 96.2 A154 1998	Aboriginal Training Opportunities Manual	E 45 N65 1998	North America in Colonial Times
E 98 F3 D574 1994	Directory/ Funding Sources for Aboriginal Groups	E 76.2 K54 2005	Reference Encyclopedia of the American Indian
E 78 B9 D57 1995	Directory to B.C. Gov. Programs for Aboriginal People	E 78 B9 Y68 1992	Researching the History of Aboriginal Peoples in BC
E 98 E2 E52 1999	Encyclopedia of Native American Economic History	LB 2339 C3 S34 2000	Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards for Aboriginal Students
E 76.2 F57 1997	First Nations Tribal Directory	E 78 C2 J68 1992	Sharing the Knowledge
E 77 G15 1998 v.4	Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes	KEB 58 S86 2004	Summary of Local Government Legislation
KEB 529.5 L3 G56 1997	Glossary of Treaty-Related Terms	E 78 C2 L46 1996	Trends in First Nations Mortality, 1979-1993
E 78 B9 G84 2002	Guide to Aboriginal Organizations and Service in BC		

### Fort St. John Reference Collection

KE 7704.5 C3 1996	1996 Annotated Indian Act	PM 155 D53 1994	Dictionary of Native American Literature
E 96.2 A3 1999	Aboriginal Education Opportunities Manual	E 78 B9 D57 1995	Directory to B.C. Gov. Programs for Aboriginal People
KE 7722 P8 H36 2002	Aboriginal Poverty Law Manual	KE 7706 K485 1995	Key Legal Decisions Concerning Aboriginal Rights
E 96.65 B7 O94 2000	An Overview of Aboriginal Education Results for BC	E 89 N395 1996 1	Native North American Biography
LB 2430 C2 B75 1999	BC College and Institute Aboriginal Former Student	E 78 B9 N487 1998 v.1	Nisga'a Final Agreement
E 99 T75 R54 1968	Environmental Context of Beaver Indian Behaviour	E 78 C2 J68 1992	Sharing the Knowledge
		E 78N78 2000	Understanding Northwest Coast Art

## CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection for materials on First Nations people, try the following areas:

BL	Religions, mythology	E 74-99	Indians of North America
GN	Anthropology	E 78 C2	Indians of N.A. - Canada
TT	Handicraft, arts & crafts	E 78 B8-9	Indians of N.A. - B.C

## LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue (WebCat)**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

Aboriginal	Ethnobotany-British Columbia	Indian Act	Niska
Assembly of First Nations	First Nations	Indian reservations	North American Indians
Cree Indians	Gitksan Indians-claims	Inuit	Salish Indians
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## PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS:

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to students. To check for campus and holdings, search the title in WebCat.

### **Periodical Title.....Library Holdings.....Campus Library**

American Anthropologist	1969-current	DC/FSJ
BC Historical News	2000-current	FSJ
BC Studies	1969-current	DC/FSJ
Canadian Ethnic Studies	2002-current	DC
Canadian Journal of Native Education	1995-current	FSJ
Canadian Journal of Native Studies	1992-current	DC
First Nations Gazette	1997-current	DC
Native Journal	2002-present	DC
Native Studies Review	2004-current	DC
Raven's Eye	2002-current	DC/FSJ
Western Native News	2005-current	FSJ
Windspeaker	2003-current	DC/FSJ

## DATABASES & INDEXES: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

**Academic Search Premier:** Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

### **Canadian Encyclopedia**

**Canada's Heritage from 1844:** complete coverage of The Globe and Mail newspaper from 1844 through 2000

**Canadian MAS Fulltext:** Provides coverage from all subjects, popular focus with some Canadian coverage 1984-present.

**Canadian Newsstand:** Major Canadian newspapers 1994- current Fulltext. Daily CBC news transcripts.

**Canadian Reference Centre:** Canadian and international sources of full text content.

**CBCA Fulltext Reference:** Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- present.

**CPI.Q:** Provides coverage of current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture, and business. 400 Canadian periodicals with 137. Fulltext. 1988-present.

**Early Canadiana Online:** a fulltext collection of >3,000 books and pamphlets documenting Canadian history from the first European contact to the late 19th century, particularly strong in literature, women's history, native studies, travel and exploration, and the history of French Canada

**First Nations Periodicals Index:** Contains journals of mainly Canadian Native content. This index is a tool providing access to information about First Nations.

**Humanities Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

**Ingenta:** Indexes over 17,000 scholarly journals in all subject areas.

**MLA International Bibliography:** A bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations published by the Modern Language Association. World literature, folklore, music, art, rituals, and belief systems. Other topics include literary theory and criticism and the dramatic arts. Citation and fulltext available.

**Readers Guide to Periodical Literature:** Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, food, sports, history & science. 1983-current

**Sociological Abstracts:** This database covers the latest research in the fields of sociology, social sciences and related disciplines. Abstracts and enhanced citations are available for over 1640 journals, monographs, conference papers and dissertations 1960-current.

## WEBSITES

### *Digital Collections*

Aboriginal Documentary Heritage - Historical Collections of the Canadian Government: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/aboriginal-heritage/020016-1000-e.html>

American Indians of the Pacific Northwest Collection - U of Washington: <http://content.lib.washington.edu/aipnw/index.html>

BC Archives: <http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/sn-16B67E4/search>

BC Historical Photographs Online: <http://aabc.bc.ca/aabc/archphot.html>

First Nations Art in BC: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/exhibits/timemach/galler03/frames/index.htm>

Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/>

- Aboriginal Peoples: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/music/index-e.html#a>
- The Canadian West: [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/canadian-west/052901\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/canadian-west/052901_e.html)
- Pride and Dignity: Aboriginal portraits: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/aboriginal-portraits/index-e.html>
- Treaty 8 - 1899 - 1999 - Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/treaty8/index-e.html>

National Film Board (NFB): <http://www.nfb.ca/splash/splash.php>

- Downloadable films on First Nations' people – Aboriginal Perspectives: <http://nfb.ca/enclasse/doclens/visau/index.php?language=english>

Our Homes are Bleeding: <http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/Resources/ourhomesare/>

Peels Prairie Provinces: <http://www.peel.library.ualberta.ca>

Reel History- "Many of the resources in this collection are original lectures by prominent local historians, researchers, or interviews with local First Nations personalities": <http://www.langara.bc.ca/library/ReelHistory/index.htm>

### *Directories*

Aboriginal Connections: <http://www.aboriginalconnections.com/>

Guide to Aboriginal Organizations and Services in British Columbia: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/services/guide.html>

Native Nations - official and unofficial tribal sites: <http://www.kstrom.net/isk/tribes/tribes.htm>

### *Education: First Nations*

BC Aboriginal Education: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/welcome.htm>

BC Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education Strategy and Action Plan: <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/documents/strategy.pdf>

Institute of Indigenous Government - Canada's First Nations College in BC: <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/institutions/iig.cfm>

Prime Minister of Canada's web pages:

- Full apology on behalf of Canadians for the Indian Residential School System – AUDIO CENTRE – 11 June 2008: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/media.asp?id=2144>

### *Family, Women & Youth*

Aboriginal Women in Canada - Strategic Research Directions for Policy Development:

[http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/pubspr/0662634314/index\\_e.html](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/pubspr/0662634314/index_e.html)

Aboriginal Youth Network: <http://www.ayn.ca/>

Indian Act - Bill C-31: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/programs/C-31/c-31.html>

Metis National Council on Women: <http://www.metiswomen.ca/>

Aboriginal Youth & Family Well Being & Education Society - from Canadian Heritage: <http://www.aboriginalyouth.ca/>

Pauktuutit - Inuit Women of Canada: <http://www.pauktuutit.ca/>

### *General Resources*

Aboriginal Resources and Services: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/aboriginal/020008-2000-e.html>

Aboriginal Peoples and Archives - Library and Archives Canada: [http://www.archives.ca/02/0201200110\\_e.html](http://www.archives.ca/02/0201200110_e.html)

Aboriginal Canada Portal: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/index.html>

Links to Aboriginal Resources: <http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/aborl.htm>

British Columbia First Nation Bands Profiles: <http://www.bcfm.org/profiles.htm>

Best of History Websites: <http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.shtml>

Culture.ca - Canada's cultural gateway: <http://www.culture.ca/english.jsp>

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/>

First Nations of BC – BC Archives Time Machine: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/exhibits/timemach/galler07/frames/index.htm>

First Nations House of Learning - Xwi7xwa Library - UBC: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/xwi7xwa/library.htm>

Indians of Canada and Quebec: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/encyclopedia/Indians.htm>

Aboriginal Peoples - Guide to the Records of the Government of Canada - Library and Archives Canada:

[http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201200109\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201200109_e.html)

Metis Scrip Records - Library and Archives Canada: [http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/02010507\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/02010507_e.html)

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

Quebec History Encyclopedia: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/encyclopedia/>

◆ Indians of Canada and Quebec (extensive list): <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/encyclopedia/Indians.htm>

Repatriation: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/xwi7xwa/repatriation.htm>

### ***Government***

Aboriginal Peoples - Guide to the records of the Government of Canada:

[http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201200109\\_e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/0201200109_e.html)

Aboriginal Canada: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/>

Aboriginal Planet: <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/aboriginalplanet/>

Federal Policy Guide on Aboriginal Self-Government: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/pub/sq/plcy\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/pub/sq/plcy_e.html)

Indian & Northern Affairs Canada: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index-eng.asp>

Indian Affairs: Annual Reports: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/indianaffairs/>

Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/rqpi/Index-eng.asp>

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation - BC: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/>

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/rcap/index\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/rcap/index_e.html)

Indian Affairs Annual Reports 1864-1900: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/indianaffairs/index-e.html>

### ***Language, Culture & the Arts***

First Nations Art in BC: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/exhibits/timemach/galler03/frames/index.htm>

First Nations Languages of BC: <http://www.ydli.org/fnlgsbc.htm>

First Peoples' Cultural Foundation: <http://www.fpcf.ca/>

Native American Authors: <http://www.ipl.org/div/natam/>

Native Languages Page from Native Culture Links: <http://www.nativeculturelinks.com/natlang.html>

NativeTech: <http://www.nativetech.org/>

The Banff Center: <http://www.banffcentre.ca/>

WWW.Virtual Library: American: <http://www.hanksville.org/NAresources/>

xwi7awa Library: <http://www.library.ubc.ca/xwi7xwa/>

### ***Law & Legislation***

Aboriginal Law & Legislation: <http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/ablawleg.htm>

Aboriginal Native Law – publications – Legal Services Society BC: [http://www.lss.bc.ca/resources/pubs\\_subject\\_aboriginal\\_law.asp](http://www.lss.bc.ca/resources/pubs_subject_aboriginal_law.asp)

Aboriginal Peoples & the Criminal Justice System: <http://www.cjca-acjp.ca/en/aborit.html>

Aboriginal Rights Coalition of BC: <http://arcbc.tripod.com/>

Aboriginal Rights in BC: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/info/abr\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/info/abr_e.html)

Aboriginal Women and the Law: <http://www.usask.ca/nativelaw/awomen.html>

Bill C-31: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/programs/C-31/c-31.html>

First Nations Women: Governance and the Indian Act: [http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/pubspr/066231140X/index\\_e.html](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/pubs/pubspr/066231140X/index_e.html)

Indigenous Bar Association: <http://www.indigenousbar.ca/>

Justice Institute of BC - Aboriginal Programs and Services: <http://www.jibc.ca/aboriginal/index.htm>

Justice & Policing: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/ao20019.html>

Native Law Center of Canada: <http://www.usask.ca/nativelaw/>

National Tribal Resource Justice Center: <http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/>

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Law: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/rcap/index\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/rcap/index_e.html)

The Aboriginal Justice Implementation Commission: <http://www.ajic.mb.ca/>

### ***Organizations***

Assembly of First Nations: <http://www.afn.ca/>

British Columbia Assembly of First Nations:

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP): <http://www.abo-peoples.org/>

Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC): <http://www.inuit.org/>

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami: Canada's Inuit Organization: <http://www.tapirisat.ca/>

Métis National Council: <http://www.metisnation.ca/>

Métis National Council of Women: <http://www.metiswomen.ca/>

Métis Provincial Council of British Columbia: <http://www.mpcbc.bc.ca/>

Métis Resources Organization: <http://www.metisresourcecentre.mb.ca/>

The Sahtú Dene Council: <http://www.sahtu.ca/>

The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/>

The First Nations Summit: <http://www.fns.bc.ca/>

Union of BC Indian Chiefs: <http://www.ubcic.bc.ca/>

### ***Publications***

Alberta Sweetgrass: <http://www.ammsa.com/sweetgrass/>

AboriNews - <http://www.aborinews.com/>

Buffalo Spirit: <http://www.ammsa.com/buffalospirit/index.htm>  
First Nations Drum: <http://www.firstnationsdrum.com/index.html>  
First Perspective: <http://www.firstperspective.ca/index.php>  
Métis Voyageur: [http://www.metisnation.org/voyageur/voya\\_home.html](http://www.metisnation.org/voyageur/voya_home.html)  
New Breed magazine: <http://www.newbreedmagazine.com/>  
Windspeaker: <http://www.ammsa.com/windspeaker/>  
Wotanging Ikche: <http://www.nanews.org/index2.shtml>

### ***Statistics***

BC Stats Aboriginal Peoples of British Columbia: [http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/lss/abor/ap\\_index.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/lss/abor/ap_index.asp)  
• 1996 Census - Focus on BC Aboriginals : <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen96/facts/cff9610.pdf>  
Congress of Aboriginal Peoples - Socio-Demographic Profile: <http://www.abo-peoples.org/about/sociodemo.html>  
Implications of First Nations Demography: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/ra/execs/intro\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/ra/execs/intro_e.html)  
Indians and Northern Affairs Canada: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/>  
• Publications & Research: <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/index-eng.asp>

### ***Treaty and Land Claims***

Aboriginal Claims from Aboriginal Canada Portal: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/index.html>  
• Alberta: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/ao20030.html>  
• British Columbia: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/ao20054.html>  
BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/arr/>  
BC Treaty Commission: <http://www.bctreaty.net/>  
Historic Treaty information Site: [http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/trts/hti/site/mainindex\\_e.html](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/trts/hti/site/mainindex_e.html)  
Indian Claims Commission: <http://www.indianclaims.ca/>  
Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta: <http://www.treaty8.org/>