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Dear Library Champion,

A close-up photograph of a tray of chocolate-covered candies. The candies are in various shapes, including hearts and circles, and are arranged in a grid. Two bright red heart-shaped candies are prominent in the lower-left quadrant. Overlaid on the image is the text "Your love for the Library makes life sweeter." in a white, sans-serif font.

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makes life sweeter.

Thank You!

Thank you for bringing light and joy to rugged times - with your generous donations, notes, and stories. Thank you for using, supporting, and sharing Library resources.

November is traditionally a time for giving thanks, for finding gratitude in our world. That can be tough sometimes, and necessary. I hope you are finding that in your Library.

As always, your Library is here for you. I hope you'll enjoy some of this month's tidbits:

- ***Get Cooking*** with librarian and self-described baking hobbyist Mary Yogi;

- **A virtual field trip** to the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) in celebration of [Native American Heritage month](#); and
- **A smorgasbord of new Library resources**, including help for parents, assistance for job seekers, one-on-one virtual support for our nation's [veterans](#), and reading lists hand-picked for you.

"Your library card is the deed to a gold mine!" says Paul Loesch, who shares books, music, and movies by and about Native Americans (see his full recommendations, plus more of your *My Library Story* submissions [on our website](#)).

Read on...and if you'd like drop me a [line](#). I love to hear from you!

With gratitude and wishes to you for a joyful holiday season,

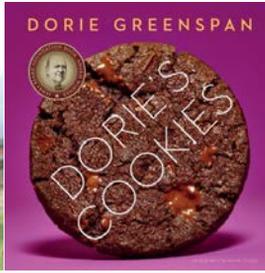
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Executive Director

P.S. Forward this to a friend, family member, or coworker (they can [sign up here](#)).

P.P.S. [Your donation](#), one-time or monthly, makes an impact. Thank you!

My Library Story: **LA County Library**
Adult Services Coordinator and baking
hobbyist Mary Yogi on *What's Cooking*



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"As we're all spending more time in the kitchen, I think it's a perfect time to explore new recipes.

The Library has a great collection of cookbooks – everything from learning how to cook to making homemade croissants.

I encourage you to place cookbooks on hold for [Sidewalk Service](#) pick-up, download cookbook [eBooks](#), and read [digital magazines](#) (including popular titles *Bon Appetit* and *Cook's Illustrated*) – best of all, it's all free with your library card.

Discover new spices, try a new cooking technique, read about an author's passion for cooking, and view delicious food photography in the pages of our cookbooks.

And don't forget – if you find yourself with a new piece of kitchen equipment, like a pressure cooker, this holiday season, the library probably has a cookbook for your new appliance.

Explore the library's cookbook collection – it's delicious!"

Check out Mary's *Books & Brunch: What's Cooking* suggestions [on our website](#) to find your next great meal.

What's your Library Story?

[Email us!](#)

Virtual Field Trip: [American Indian Resource Center](#)

The doors of the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) may be closed, but AIRC librarian Kascia Samel wants you to know there's a lot going on....

And this month, [Native American Heritage month](#), is the perfect time for you to get involved.

Here are some activities you can do at home:

- Cook [Native Foods](#) and explore, with recommended films and articles, "food sovereignty" - Native American's use of local and indigenous ingredients to reclaim traditional foods and culture that provide, in turn, healthier food choices and community sustainability;
- Learn about [Native Lands and Mapping](#), including traditional Native American maps such as traveling songs, the Catawba Deerskin map, and the Tlingit Map of 1869; and
- Take in a film fest...from indigenous peoples' influence on popular music, to a documentary about Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller, to an animated story about *How People Got Fire*.



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AIRC

The AIRC, established in 1979, is the largest public library collection of its kind in the U.S. Like each of the Library's resource centers, it draws scholars from near and far, and also provides resources for community members. You can request any circulating materials and pick them up at a Sidewalk Service location.

The AIRC collection highlights aspects of the American Indian experience: federal Indian law; tribal sovereignty; Native voices; American Indian genealogy; American Indians in film; urban Indians; Women's Studies; adoption & identity; tribal studies (individual tribes) and geographic area studies (e.g., California Tribes).

Looking for a really cool volunteer project? Help transcribe *Letters of the Office of Indian Affairs, 1849-1880*, California Superintendency collection.

These letters detail issues relating to California Indians during the turbulent first 30 years of California's statehood.

Your work to transcribe and proofread these documents will help turn 19th-century handwriting into readable text that can be searched and analyzed. [Get details here.](#)

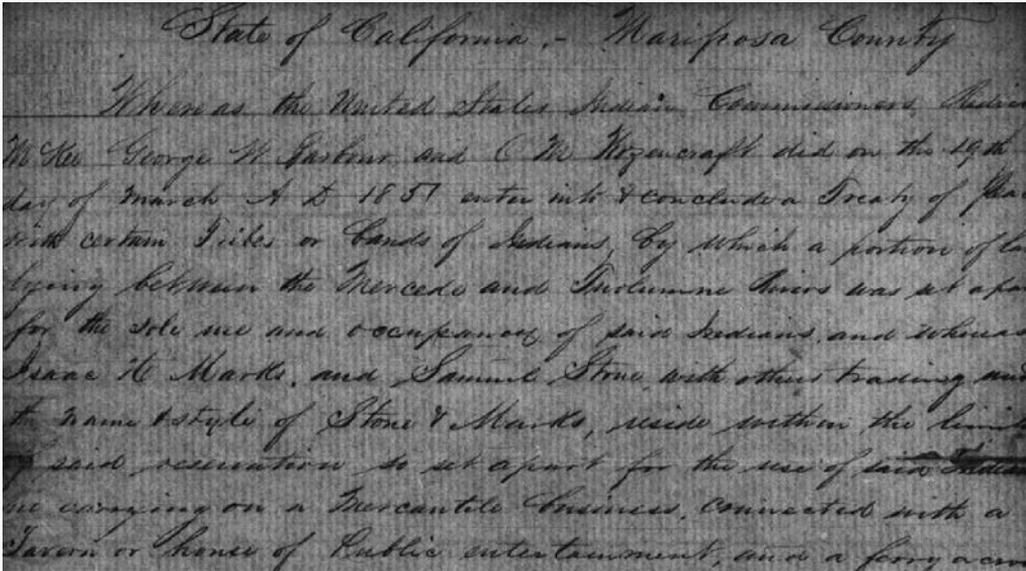


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AIRC is also an information center – announcing local, regional, and national events about a range of topics (health, education, legal, economic, politics, and culture) pertaining to American Indians.

Kascia and her staff are happy to answer your reference questions. Call them at 323.583.2794 or [ask your question online](#).

Want to stay up to date on AIRC news? Follow [AIRC on Facebook](#).
Help them reach 1,000 followers!

Where do you want to go next?

[Let us know!](#)

Spotlight on Native Americans: books, music & movies for you

Library Champion Paul Loesch surveys the collections:

In November, we recognize our nation's veterans, as well as its indigenous peoples. The two groups often intersect.

The Library shares these stories, by and about Native Americans, and also those about Native American writers, poets, singers, actors and others, in its collections of books, movies, and music.

To follow is a quick scan of just some of what's available to you, free with your Library card, and available online or at your closest Sidewalk Service location (available at 67 libraries).

This year, on Veteran's Day, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian established a [National Native American Veterans Memorial](#) on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Native Americans serve in the armed forces at a higher rate than any other demographic. To date, 29 Native Americans have earned the Congressional Medal of Honor for their courageous and selfless service to the country. Eight of those honors were awarded posthumously.



Marine PFC Ira Hayes, Pima, Gila River Reservation pictured far left in photo, 1945.

Native American Ira Hayes is one of six Marines seen hoisting the American flag in the iconic WWII photo taken on Iwo Jima, where the now famous “code talkers” also utilized their native languages to transmit vital military communications.

Navajo code talker Joseph Bruchac gives a firsthand account in *Code Talkers*; you can read about Hayes and the other flag raisers in *Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley and Ron Powers.

[Head to the Library Foundation website](#) for the rest of this article and recommendations for books, movies, and music, including a [Thanksgiving playlist](#) from Freegal, with classical, country, rap, pop, and more.

Treats for You: a smorgasbord of Library Resources

- To the rescue...**Parent-Ade: When Life Gives You Distance Learning.** Tune in virtually every Wednesday (offered in English at 4 pm and Spanish at 5 pm) for resources to help you with the challenges of parenting during this time.

Get tips on: using library resources to support distance learning; managing and tracking your child(ren)’s schoolwork; helping your child(ren) stay focused and on task; and supporting your student(s) and helping them support themselves. [Get the scoop.](#)

- **Brainfuse VetNow/JobNow** connects you with an expert so you can learn more about eligible VA benefits and community resources. Get online one-on-one education help and career development and job-seeking support. [Learn more.](#)
- Are you looking for a new job, interested in building work skills, or looking for new career opportunities? Don't have the device or internet connection to make that happen?

Work Ready has you covered: a six-week session of virtual programming (from cover letters to interviewing to identifying high-growth careers to working from home) and the opportunity to borrow - like a book - a laptop and wireless hotspot kit. [Find out more, and sign up, at *Work Ready*.](#)

- Looking for your next great read? **Get customized recommendations.** [Simply share your reading preferences](#)—including authors, genre, length, likes, and even dislikes—and get title recommendations from your local librarians! You'll get a list via email within 7 days with books selected just for you.

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