



LA COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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Hi Library Champion,

Thankful for you, Library Champion! Thankful for your love, commitment, and generosity for your Library.

You and your fellow Library Champions brighten so many lives with your caring and support - a child's, a teen's, an adult's...our community.

You make a positive difference - from fiercely supporting a basic value, your freedom to read, to participating in programs and encouraging others to use the Library, to sharing your hopes, needs, and desires with Library staff so they can shape programs and resources to serve you.

Thank you for helping:

- Create readers and nurture lifelong learners by adding books, ebooks, and audiobooks to the Library's collection

- Spark student creativity with the annual bookmark contest, science exploration, and arts workshops
- Ensure that [any teen in California has the opportunity to read](#) and explore a range of information and ideas with Books Unbanned
- Create opportunities for connection with four cultural resource centers, reading programs for all ages, book talks and conversations, and so much more.

Your generosity makes more possible than I can squeeze into this space. So, please check out the report on our website and savor [your impact](#), and read with pride about the range of resources you help support with [your investment in your Library](#).

As Dorothy famously said in the *Wizard of Oz*, "There's no place like home." And in this month's *My Library Story*, short and sweet, M.E. says what you may also feel - your Library is a second home.

In our LA County Library system of 86 libraries, second in number only to New York City, we delight in each of these unique community places, our second homes.

I hope you'll enjoy this month's *Virtual Field Trip* - transporting you to Huntington Park Library, home to the American Indian Resource Center.

The American Indian Resource Center is center stage this month - [Native American Heritage Month](#). Like its three sister cultural resource centers, it's a happening place all year long.

Read on to learn more - about the Resource Center and the events, activities, and recommended reads it's serving up for you.

Wishing you joy in this season of thanks giving. And thanking you, Library Champion, for helping make your LA County Library a second home for so many.

With gratitude for you,

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P.S. [You make an impact with your gift.](#) Thank you!



There's no place like home, Artist unknown.

My Library Story: The Library, my second home

"I have been going to the Library since I was a child. The Library has always felt like my second home. As an avid reader, I have always appreciated what the Library has to offer and am happy to be able to contribute to it."

- M.E., Library Champion for more than eight decades

What's your Library Story?

[We want to know.](#)

[Read more Library stories here.](#)

Virtual Field Trip: *American Indian Resource Center...and beyond*



Book: *Becoming Mary Sully: Toward an American Indian Abstract* by Philip J. Deloria (2019)

Yankton Dakota artist Mary Sully (1896-1963) is known for her abstract style using symmetrical geometric shapes. She often created works that represented famous people of her time, including Babe Ruth and Gertrude Stein.

Curious to learn more and try your hand at creating a Sully-inspired artwork? Check out this [tutorial video](#). Contact your [local library](#) - they may have an activity kit you can pick up.

Check out everything your Library and your [American Indian Resource Center](#) have to offer during [Native American Heritage Month](#)...and all year long.

Native American Heritage Month celebrates the culture, contributions, and heritage of Native Americans. This is a great time to read new a new author, listen to a Native voice tell their story, and learn more about our state from indigenous peoples.

And with expertise from its American Indian Resource Center, your Library has lots on offer - with curated booklists for all ages, and about a range of topics, including [American Indian experiences](#) and [titles for children and teens](#).

The Library's [American Indian Resource Center \(AIRC\)](#), at Huntington Park Library, has been supporting the Native American community, as well as educating local library goers and scholars from around the world, since it opened in 1979.

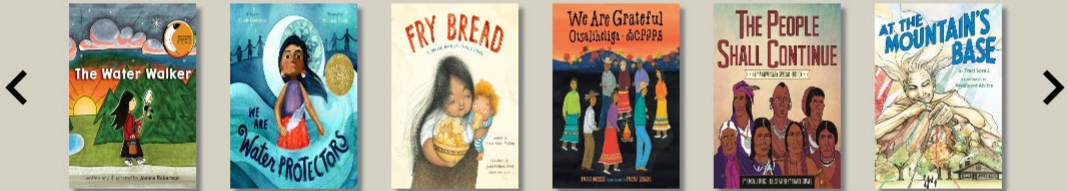
The AIRC is the largest public library collection of its kind in the U.S. Fitting for a county that is home to more people of Native heritage than any other county in the U.S.

Like all LA County Library locations, you're welcomed – and encouraged – to stop by, whether you're doing academic research, seeking resources or referrals to services, or looking for a great read.

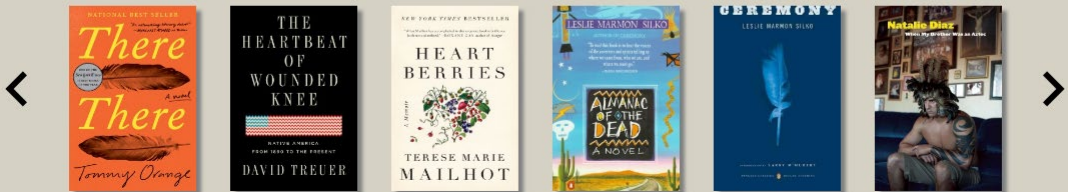
Indigenous Peoples' Day for Kids



American Indian Titles for Kids and Teens



American Indian Experiences



Consider visiting - in person at [Huntington Park Library](#) for an event or to browse the stacks and periodicals, via YouTube for Librarian Kascia's [weekly book recommendations](#), or as a volunteer to [help transcribe historical letters](#).

You can also visit through your own library - check out the [range of events](#), from children's crafts to book talks for adults. Or take a virtual romp - with DIY activities or my favorite, movie nights based on Kascia's curated virtual Film Festival of titles on [Kanopy](#) (attention Hendrix fans and rock lovers, you've gotta check out *Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World*).

Want more interesting tidbits about Native American-related events, books, and history? Follow the American Indian Resource Center on [Facebook](#). Have fun!

Where do you want to go next?

Let us know!

Thank you, Library Champion!
You make a difference.

Give Today



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