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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with NCW Libraries in November.

The annual celebration is just one opportunity throughout the year to learn about and celebrate the rich cultural traditions, histories, and contributions — both past and present — of Indigenous peoples in North America.

NCW Libraries is offering a [virtual reading challenge](#), displays of suggested reading in many of its branch libraries, and two programs that highlight Indigenous work and voices:

- **Salmon: Showing Us the Way Home**, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., a virtual conversation with representatives of the Upper Columbia United Tribes, Wenatchee River Institute and Cascade Fisheries about their collaborative approach to salmon recovery.
- **Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest**, at the Winthrop Library, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18. Priest, a member of the Lummi Nation, is the first Indigenous person to serve in the state position and her platform celebrates poetry of tribal communities.

NCW Libraries has also curated a reading list of books available for checkout or digital download for free! Find all of these books in the library's [online catalog](#).

#### Young children

"We Are Water Protectors" written by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Michaela Goade

"Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story" written by Kevin Noble Maillard and illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

"Berry Song" by Michaela Goade

#### Elementary

"Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids" by Cynthia Leitich Smith

"Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez" written by Anna Harber Freeman and Barbara Gonzales and illustrated by Aphelandra

**Middle Grade**

"Elatsoe" written by Darcie Little Badger and illustrated by Rovina Cai

"Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask: Young Readers Edition" by Anton Treuer

"I Can Make This Promise" by Christine Day

**Teens**

"Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley

"A Snake Falls to Earth" by Darcie Little Badger

**Adult**

"Carry: A Memoir of Survival on Stolen Land" by Toni Jensen

"Poet Warrior: A Memoir" by Joy Harjo

"The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson

Find the complete list of recommendations [here](#).

**MORE INFORMATION**

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

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[Salmon: Showing Us the Way Home Registration Page](#)

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Headshot of Rena Priest

Book covers