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NATIVE AMERICAN LITERATURE

Your search for information on **Native American literature** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **Native American literature**. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

American literature – Indian authors

Indians of North America – Folklore

American literature – Indian authors – History and criticism

Indians of North America – Literary collections

Indians in literature

Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

American Ethnic Writers

REF PS153 .M56 A414 2008

American Indian Literatures: An Introduction, Bibliographic Review, and Selected Bibliography

REF PM155 .R86 1990

Dictionary of Native American Literature

REF PM155 .D53 1994

The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Multiethnic American Literature

REF PS153 .M56 G74 2005

Native American Women Writers

REF PS153 .I52 N38 1998

Native American Writers of the United States

REF PS153 .I52 N39 1997

Native North American Literature: Biographical and Critical Information on Native Writers and Orators from the United States and Canada from Historical Times to the Present

REF PS508 .I5 N38 1994

Voices of Multicultural America: Notable Speeches Delivered by African, Asian, Hispanic, and Native Americans

REF PS663 .M55 V64

Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

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To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

Online Databases for Native American literature:

EBSCOhost
Ethnic News Watch

Gale Databases
Gender Watch

NewsBank
Proquest Newspapers

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

Native American Authors

<http://www.ipl.org/div/natam/>

Indigenous Peoples' Literature

<http://www.indians.org/welker/natlit1.htm>

Women's Issues from *The Wind River Rendezvous*

<http://www.bluecloud.org/women.html>

VG: Voices from the Gaps: Women Artists and Writers of Color, an International Website

<http://voices.cla.umn.edu/vg/Bios/byAxes.html#Native%20American>