

Supporting Education Act 31

at your library media center and public library

What is Act 31 and what does it have to do with media centers and libraries?

Briefly, Act 31 requires all students and teachers within the state of Wisconsin to receive instruction on the history, culture, and tribal sovereignty of the American Indian Nations in Wisconsin.

This includes the statute, “Each school board shall provide adequate instructional materials, texts, and library services which reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society.”¹

This packet is meant to support libraries in collecting materials to support Act 31. The following pages contain a tiered purchasing plan of print materials (each tier expanding upon the previous one), a list of free resources, available curriculum, and a note on the process and purpose.



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¹s. 121.02(1)(h), Wis. Stats. Instructional Materials via David O'Connor at <http://amind.dpi.wi.gov>. David O'Connor, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, is the Education Consultant for AISP at Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction and support school districts' efforts to provide instruction in Wisconsin American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty.

Tiered Purchasing Plan of Act 31 Recommended Resources*

	Elementary	Middle	High**
\$50	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Native People of Wisconsin</i> by Patty Loew</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jingle Dancer</i> by Cynthia Leitich Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask</i> by Anton Treuer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choose one of the Books by Patty Loew ↔</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask</i> by Anton Treuer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal, 2nd Edition</i> by Patty Loew</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask</i> by Anton Treuer</p>
\$100	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Birchbark House</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Good Luck Cat</i> by Joy Harjo</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Electa Quinney: Stockbridge Teacher</i> by Karyn Saemann</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mountain Wolf Woman: A Ho-Chunk Girlhood</i> by Diane Holliday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Creator's Game: A Story of Baaga-adowe/Lacrosse</i> by Art Coulson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Birchbark House</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mountain Wolf Woman: A Ho-Chunk Girlhood</i> by Diane Holliday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Electa Quinney: Stockbridge Teacher</i> by Karyn Saemann</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Looks Like Daylight</i> by Deborah Ellis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keeping Promises</i> by Betty Reid</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wisconsin Indian Literature: Anthology of Native Voices</i> by Kathleen Tigerman</p>
\$200	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Creator's Game: A Story of Baaga-adowe/Lacrosse</i> by Art Coulson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Game of Silence</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Porcupine Year</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chickadee</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Water Panthers, Bears, and Thunderbirds</i> by Bobbie Malone and Amy Rosebrough</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trickster Tales</i> by Matt Dembicki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Firedancers</i> by Jan Bourdeau Waboose</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Skysisters</i> by Jan Bourdeau Waboose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Like a Deer Chased by the Dogs: The Life of Chief Oshkosh</i> by Scott Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trickster Tales</i> by Matt Dembicki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Looks Like Daylight</i> by Deborah Ellis</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Game of Silence</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Porcupine Year</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Chickadee</i> by Louise Erdrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Water Panthers, Bears, and Thunderbirds</i> by Bobbie Malone and Amy Rosebrough</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Like a Deer Chased by the Dogs: The Life of Chief Oshkosh</i> by Scott Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Native Nations: Sharing their History, Culture, and Traditions</i> by D.C. Everest Schools</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trickster Tales</i> by Matt Dembicki</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest.</i> By Heid E. Erdrich</p>

\$300	<i>Beadwork: A World Guide</i> by Caroline Crabtree and Pam Stallebrass <i>Native People of Wisconsin Teacher Guide</i> by Bobbie Malone and Kori Oberle	<i>Beadwork: A World Guide</i> by Caroline Crabtree and Pam Stallebrass <i>Native Nations: Sharing their History, Culture, and Traditions</i> by D.C. Everest Schools <i>Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest.</i> By Heid E. Erdrich <i>Native Americans: A Visual Exploration</i> by S.N. Paleja	<i>Beadwork: A World Guide</i> by Caroline Crabtree and Pam Stallebrass <i>Oneida Lives: Long Lost Voices of Wisconsin</i> edited by Herbert Lewis <i>We are Still Here</i> by Laura Waterman Wittstock
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*Each additional tier includes the books from the previous tier. For example, spending \$100 includes all books in the \$50 tier in addition to the books in the \$100 tier.

**All books cited as "16 and up" were written for adults though are also accessible to high school students.

Free Online Resources:

- The Ways
 - www.theways.org
 - Digital Storytelling aimed at grades 6-12
- Wisconsin Biographies
 - www.wimedialab.org/biographies
 - Digital Storytelling aimed at grades 3-5
 - Includes Chief Oshkosh
- Native Peoples of Wisconsin Campus Guide
 - <http://madison.campusguides.com/act31>
 - O’Keeffe Middle School’s Library Guide
- Treaties Matter
 - <http://treatiesmatter.org/>
 - Videos and information on treaties and their importance today
- Absent Narratives Resource Collection
 - <http://humanitieslearning.org/resource/>
 - Database that includes

\$55	Board Books for Babies and Preschoolers <i>Boozhoo: Come Play with Us</i> by Fond du Lac Headstart <i>Cradle Me</i> by Debby Slier <i>Nimiiwin: Everyone Dance</i> by Leah Savage <i>Ojibway Animals</i> by Jason Adair <i>Our Journey</i> by Karen Savage-Blue <i>The Story of Manoomin</i> by Fond du Lac Headstart
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Free Print Resources:

- Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC)
 - www.glifwc.org
 - Check out their “Educational Materials” section

Print Materials Referenced (alphabetized by author last name)

Adair, Jason. *Ojibway Animals*. Native Northwest, 2011. Board Book. \$7.95. Ages birth-5. ISBN 978-1554762873. [Available through Birchbark Books]

Coulson, Art. *The Creator's Game: A Story of Baaga'adowe/Lacrosse*. Illustrated by Robert Desjarlait. Minnesota Historical Press, 2013. 48 pages. \$6.95. Ages 7-12. ISBN 978-0873519090.

Crabtree, Caroline and Pam Stallebrass. *Beadwork: A World Guide*. Thames & Hudson Ltd, 2002. 208 pages. \$34.95. All ages. ISBN 978-0500510803.

Cross, Scott. *Like a Deer Chased by Dogs: The Life of Chief Oshkosh*. Oshkosh Public Museum, 2002. 59 pages. \$ 9.95. Ages 12 and up. ISBN 978-0299211448.

D.C. Everest Area Schools. *Native Nations: Sharing their History, Culture, and Tradition*. D.C. Everest Area Schools Publications, 2009. 497 pages. \$22.95. ISBN 978-0970906359. [Available through D.C. Everest Schools]

Dembicki, Matt. *Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection*. Fulcrum, 2010. 232 pages. \$23.95. Ages 9 and up. ISBN 978-1555917241.

Ellis, Deborah. *Looks Like Daylight: Voice of Indigenous Kids*. Forward by Loriene Roy. Groundwood / House of Anansi Press, 2013. 252 pages. \$15.95. Ages 12 and up. ISBN 978-1554981205. [While this book references Wisconsin only once, it carries themes relevant to many of the nations residing within Wisconsin.]

Erdrich, Heid E. *Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest*. Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2013. 224 pages. \$19.95. Ages 12 and up. ISBN 978-0873518949.

Erdrich, Louise. *Chickadee*. HarperCollins, 2012. 224 pages. \$13.95. Ages 9 and up. ISBN 978-0060577902. (Book 4 in Birchbark House series)

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*. Disney-Hyperion, 2002. 256 pages. \$13.95. Ages 9 and up. ISBN 978-0786814541. (Book 1 in Birchbark House series)

Erdrich, Louise. *The Game of Silence*. HarperCollins, 288 pages. \$13.95. Ages 9 and up. ISBN 978-0060297893. (Book 2 in Birchbark House series)

Erdrich, Louise. *The Porcupine Year*. HarperCollins, 2010. 202 pages. \$13.95. Ages 9 and up. ISBN 978-0060297879. (Book 3 in Birchbark House series)

Fond du Lac Headstart. *Boozhoo: Come Play with Us*. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 2002. Board Book. \$8.95. Ages birth-5. ISBN 978-0970944313. [Available through Birchbark Books]

Fond du Lac Headstart. *The Story of Manoomin*. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 2013. Board Book. \$9.95. Ages birth-5. ISBN 978-061569899. [Available through Birchbark Books]

Harjo, Joy. *The Good Luck Cat*. Harcourt, 2000. 32 pages. \$9.95. Ages 4-10. ISBN 978-0152321970. [While this does not specifically reference one of Wisconsin's 11 nations, this picture book successfully interweaves vocabulary specific to native populations and can be used in reference to Wisconsin's native communities.]

Holliday, Diane. *Mountain Wolf Woman: A Ho-Chunk Girlhood (Badger Biography Series)*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2007. 88 pages. \$12.95. Ages 7-12. ISBN 978-0870203817.

Jaakola, Lyz. *Our Journey*. Illustrated by Karen Savage-Blue. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 2004. Board Book. \$8.95. Ages birth to 5. ISBN 978-0970944036. [Available through Birchbark Books in Minneapolis]

Lewis, Herbert. *Oneida Lives: Long Lost Voices of Wisconsin*. Bison Books, 2005. 428 pages. \$29.95. Ages 16 and up. ISBN 978-0803280434.

Loew, Patty. *Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal, 2nd Edition*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2013. 224 pages. \$24.95. Ages 12 and up. ISBN 978-0870205033.

Loew, Patty. *Native People of Wisconsin*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2003. 168 pages. \$15.95. Ages 7-12. ISBN 978-0870203480.

Malone, Bobbie and Kori Oberle. *Native People of Wisconsin Teacher's Guide*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2003. 224 pages. \$59.95. ISBN 978-0870203497.

Malone, Bobbie and Amy Rosebrough. *Water Panthers, Bears, and Thunderbirds: Exploring Wisconsin's Effigy Mounds (New Badger History)*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2003. 48 pages. Ages 9 and up. \$9.95. ISBN 978-0870203572. (New Badger History series).

Paleja, S. N. *Native Americans: A Visual Exploration*. Annick Press, 2013. 48 pages. \$19.95. Ages 10-14. ISBN 978-1554514854. (The Big Picture Series)

Reid, Betty. *Keeping Promises: What is sovereignty and other questions about Indian Country*. Western National Parks Association, 2004. 38 pages. \$9.00. Ages 16 and up. ISBN 978-1583690345. [Available through Oyate]

Saemann, Karyn. *Electa Quinney: Stockbridge Teacher (Badger Biographies)*. Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2014. 128 pages. \$12.95. Ages 7-12. ISBN 978-0870206412.

Savage, Leah. *Niimiwin - Everyone Dance*. Photography by Nikki Willgohs & Jill Pertier. Fond Du Lac Head Start, 2009. \$10.95. Board Book. ISBN 978-0982087060. [Available through Birchbark Books]

Slier, Debby. *Cradle Me*. Star Bright Books, 2012. Board Book. \$6.95. Ages birth-5. ISBN 978-1595722744. (This can be used within any language other than English by writing in own language. An Oneida child is included.)

Smith, Cynthia Leitich. *Jingle Dancer*. Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu. Morrow / HarperCollins, 2000. 32 pages. \$17.99. Ages 4 to 10. ISBN 978-0688162412.

Tigerman, Kathleen. *Wisconsin Indian Literature: Anthology of Native Voices*. University of Wisconsin Press, 2006. 426 pages. \$25.34. Ages 16 and up. ISBN 978-0299220648.

Treuer, Anton. *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask*. Borealis Books, 2012. 184 pages. \$15.95. Ages 10 and up. ISBN 978-0873518611.

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau. *Firedancers* Illustrated by C. J. Taylor. Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1999. 26 pages. \$8.95. Ages 5 and up. ISBN 978-0773731387.

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau. *Skysisters*. Illustrated by Brian Deines. Kids Can Press, 2002. 32 pages. \$8.95. Ages 5 and up. ISBN 978-1550746990.

Wittstock, Laura Waterman. *We are Still Here: A Photographic History of the American Indian Movement*. Photographs by Dick Bancroft. Borealis Books, 2013. 224 page. \$39.95. Ages 16 and up. ISBN 978-0873518871.

Interested in learning more about the history of Act 31 in particular? Check out these resources (listed in alphabetical order):

- Act 31 and related statutes
 - <http://www.mpm.edu/wirp/icw-23.html>
- American Indian Studies Program Fact Sheet
 - http://amind.dpi.wi.gov/ami_ai-factsheet
- Mike Tribble: Anishinaabe remembers beginning of battle for treaty rights
 - Excellent video at the end of the news story!
 - <http://www.indiancountrynews.com/icountrytv-mainmenu-138/indian-country-tv/6746-mike-tribble-anishinaabe-remembers-beginning-of-battle-for-treaty-rights>
- Spearfishing Controversy
 - <http://www.mpm.edu/wirp/icw-112.html>

Available Curriculum (listed alphabetically)

- American Indian Boarding Schools: An Exploration of Global Ethnic & Cultural Cleansing
 - Available for download via <http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing/planyourvisit/pdf/aibscurrguide.pdf>
- Anishinaabemowin Language Learning
 - Available for streaming or download via www.wiigwaas.com through “Titles” and “Daga Anishinaabemodaa”
 - Books in Anishinaabemowin for Young Readers (available via Birchbark Books – Wiigwaas Press)
 - Treuer, Anton et al. *Awesiinyensag*. Illustrated by Wesley Ballinger. Wiigwaas Press, 2010. \$16.00. All ages. ISBN 978-0983002505.
 - Treuer, Anton et al. *Mino-doodaading*. Illustrated by Wesley Ballinger. Wiigwaas Press, 2013. \$16.00. All ages. ISBN 978-0983002529.
 - Treuer, Anton et al. *Naadamaading*. Illustrated by Wesley Ballinger. Wiigwaas Press, 2013. \$16.00. All ages. ISBN 978-0983002512.
- G-WOW Changing Climate Changing Culture Institute through the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center [<http://nglvc.org/educators>]
 - Integrates Native perspectives and traditional ecological knowledge to address the issue of climate change. Ojibwe language and cultural components are infused throughout the training. - <http://fyi.uwex.edu/nglvc/2014-g-wow-institute/>
 - PDF - <http://fyi.uwex.edu/nglvc/files/2014/04/2014-G-WOW-Institute-Information-Kit.pdf>
- A Haudenosaunee Approach to Culture-Based Curriculum: Maple Syrup Season
 - Available for download via www.uwgb.edu through “Teaching Resources” and “PreK-12”
- Mathematize – Wigwametry by RunningHorse Livingston
 - Strategies for Common Core Math Classrooms and a culturally responsive curriculum - <http://mathematize.org/wigwametry/>
- The Mohican People, Their Lives and Their Lands: A Curriculum Unit for Grades Four through Five
 - Available from Muh-He-Con-Neeew Press for \$120 - <http://mohican-nsn.gov/Departments/Library-Museum/curriculum.htm>
- Native People of Wisconsin Teacher’s Guide [recommended in elementary list]
 - This was made to accompany *Native People of Wisconsin* by Patty Loew, available from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press for \$59.95
 - <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org>
- Ojibwe Lifeways – part of Young Naturalists collection from the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer
 - http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/education_safety/education/teachers/activities/volunteer_studyguides/ojibwe_studyguide.pdf
- POSOH – Middle School Science Unit “Netānawemākanak – All My Relatives”
 - Unit is designed to support teaching and learning that is culturally relevant and grounded in place, <http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org/>
 - <http://sustainabledevelopmentinstitute.org/2014/04/posoh-releases-net%C7%A3nawemakanak-all-my-relatives-middle-school-unit/>
 - Sustainable Development Institute
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Resources on American Indian Education
 - <http://amind.dpi.wi.gov/files/amind/pdf/instr-resources.pdf>
- Wisconsin Oneida Language Preservation Project
 - Available for download via <http://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/Oneida>

How was this list created?

From our experiences working with educators and librarians, we realized there were a few common issues that were attributing to a lack of resources within school and public libraries. The first issue was a lack of knowledge regarding the Native communities of Wisconsin and the existence of Act 31. The knowledge that the statute of Act 31 impacts libraries as well as the school's curriculum is a common gap. We decided to help address this through being advocates of Act 31 and of native communities. Secondly, we determined that creating and facilitating the session "Supporting Act 31 at your Library Media Center and/or Public Library" at the 2014 WIEA conference was a great use of our experience, expertise, and interests.

The other main issue came with a lack of resources; all too often we heard something along the lines of "well, I don't have a big collection development budget." Therefore, we decided to compile a tiered purchasing plan. Even if a particular library only has \$50, they can still help to support their community and Act 31. This list is in no way comprehensive and decisions had to be made to compile this particular plan; however, we feel this list is a great start for any library. We strongly recommend contacting local people in your community or visiting one of the publishers referenced below to collect more materials to support the Native communities of Wisconsin. It is your relationships with people from native communities near you that will be your greatest asset in building a successful collection.

In researching our list of resources to support Act 31, we consulted:

- *A Broken Flute: The Native Experience in Books for Children* edited by Doris Seale and Beverly Slapin
- Publishers
 - Birchbark Books - <http://birchbarkbooks.com> and Wiigwaas Press - <http://wiigwaas.com>
 - Oyate - <http://www.oyate.org>
 - Check out their Resources page for living stories (these stories exemplify why authentic collections matter)
 - Native Voices – 7th Generation - <http://www.nativevoicesbooks.com>
- Act 31 Website – UW-Madison School of Education – <http://education.wisc.edu/act31>
- Debbie Reese's Blog - www.americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com
- American Indians in Youth Literature Award - <http://ailanet.org/activities/american-indian-youth-literature-award/>
- Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums Project – www.tlamproject.org

Finally, this is a living resource, meaning one we hope will be updated to reflect new publications and the wants and needs of our media centers and public libraries.

Thank you for your time, we hope you found this resource helpful!

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