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**The Department of the Interior Library and the  
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Connecting Indian and Federal  
Libraries

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# The Dept. of the Interior Library

- Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 1151, Washington, DC
- Open to the Public, 7:45 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday
- Staff of 5 librarians and 2 technicians
- Interlibrary Loan services provided
- Website - <http://www.doi.gov/library>
- 2017 GPO Federal Depository Library of the Year



# The Dept. of the Interior Library Collection Statistics

- Almost 1 million volume collection
- Materials published by all DOI bureaus, offices and agencies as well as commercial publications
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - National Park Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - Fish and Wildlife Service
  - U.S. Geological Survey
- Legal and Administrative Collection
  - Bureau and Agency Directives and Orders
  - Secretarial Orders
  - Executive Orders and Proclamations



# Executive Order No. 13270 - July 3, 2002 – Tribal Colleges and Universities

- Each participating executive department and agency is to develop plans that would “address how the agency intends to increase the capacity of tribal colleges to compete effectively for any available grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and any other Federal resources, and to encourage tribal colleges to participate in Federal programs. The plans also may emphasize access to high-quality educational opportunities for economically disadvantaged Indian students, consistent with requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.”

# Memorandum of Understanding

## February 14, 2011



- MOU between Bureau of Indian Education and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium
- “DOI and AIHEC will focus on strengthening the capacities of TCU’s and supporting their full integration into DOI’s programs and services. This MOU will also promote enriching outdoor experiences and law enforcement and natural resources and other science and technology career pathways among students attending TCU’s and their feeder K-12 schools.”
- Fully integrate TCU’s into DOI mission areas and bureau programs, services and resource opportunities
- Target and provide DOI resources for strengthening TCU’s
- Provide linkage and develop partnerships between TCU’s and DOI bureaus and offices





# Executive Order No. 13592 – December 2, 2011 - Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Educational Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities

- Established the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
- Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Interior Co-chair the Initiative



# Executive Order No. 13592 (contd.)

- Missions of the Initiative
  - Serve as a liaison with other executive branch agencies on American Indian/Alaska Native issues and advise those agencies on how they might help to promote American Indian/Alaska Native educational opportunities
  - Further tribal sovereignty by supporting efforts, consistent with applicable law, to build the capacity of tribal educational agencies and TCU's to provide high quality education services to American Indian/Alaska Native children
  - Increase college access and completion for American Indian/Alaska Native students through strategies to strengthen the capacity of TCU's





# Response to MOU and Executive Order No. 13592

- Bureau of Indian Education met with representatives of DOI bureaus and agencies in 2012
  - How can each bureau/agency best assist TCU's, their faculties and students?
  - Office of the Secretary asked the DOI Library to participate as well
  - Can the DOI Library expand services/outreach to TCU's through their libraries?
  - Ideas were presented to TCU Presidents – Interest in assisting with Library services



# Survey of AIHEC Member Libraries

- Polled librarians at all 37 AIHEC member libraries and asked about:
  - High-speed Internet access in the Library and on campus
  - Electronic database and e-book subscriptions in the Library and availability throughout the campus
  - Interlibrary Loan services
  - Receipt of government documents through the GPO's Federal Depository Library Program
  - Other Items/services/resources needed to provide quality services to students and staff



# Survey of AIHEC Member Libraries (contd.)

- Received responses from 19 AIHEC members libraries to survey. Needs identified included:
  - Additional staffing
  - Additional funding to purchase more resources
  - Additional funding to offset increasing prices of databases and print materials
  - Consortium pricing for databases and Integrated Library Systems



# Survey of AIHEC Member Libraries (contd.)

- Responses from 19 AIHEC members libraries, needs identified (contd.)
  - Interlibrary Loan reciprocal lending agreements – possible TCU ILL consortium
  - More computers
  - Means to promote library services and resources
  - Better transportation to TCU libraries that aren't centrally located
  - Training for the library staff and students in online databases
  - Additional/Adequate space with new furniture



# DOI Library Proposals resulting from Survey (contd.)

- Government Document Assistance - Encouraging TCU libraries to contact the DOI Library for assistance in locating and obtaining federal government documents, particularly Interior Department documents.
- Remote Online Access to Library Classes - Encouraging TCU students and faculty to access DOI Library classes provided via WebEx by our database service vendors and taught here at the DOI Library.



# DOI Library Proposals Resulting from Survey

- Reciprocal Interlibrary Loan Services - Encouraging TCU libraries to borrow circulating materials from the DOI Library and from each other, for the use of their students and faculty.
- Reference Services - Encouraging TCU students and faculty to contact the DOI Library for reference assistance in instances where the tribal and college university library does not have the resources to answer their questions.
- Confer with FEDLINK – Determine if FEDLINK would be able to offer its resources and services to the tribal college and university library community.





## What is FEDLINK?

- The Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) is an organization of federal agencies working together to achieve optimum use of the resources and facilities of federal libraries and information centers by promoting common services, coordinating and sharing available resources, and providing continuing professional education for federal library and information staff. FEDLINK serves as a forum for discussion of the policies, programs, procedures and technologies that affect federal libraries and the information services they provide to their agencies, to the Congress, the federal courts and the American people.
- Operated out of the Library of Congress



## FEDLINK's Mission

- FEDLINK serves federal libraries and information centers as their purchasing, training and resource-sharing consortium. Customers can tap into the expertise of federal librarians, contracting officers, financial managers, and customer service representatives — getting the best products and services at the best available prices.
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# FEDLINK Members

- Permanent Members
  - Library of Congress
  - National Agricultural Library
  - National Library of Education
  - National Library of Medicine
- Cabinet Member Libraries
  - Department of Commerce
  - Department of Defense
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Department of Justice
  - Department of the Interior
  - Department of Labor
  - Department of State
  - Department of Transportation



## FEDLINK Members (contd.)

- Other Federal Agency Members
  - Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
  - Defense Technical Information Center
  - Executive Office of the President
  - Government Publishing Office
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
  - National Archives
  - National Science Foundation
  - National Technical Information Service
  - Smithsonian Institution
  - Supreme Court
  - U.S. Information Agency
  - Institute of Museum and Library Services



# FEDLINK Services

- Discounted/Consortia Access
  - Book Purchasing Services
  - Journal/Serial Subscription Services
  - Bibliographic Services
  - Foreign Language Learning
  - Information Retrieval/Online Database Services
  - Preservation/Digitization Services
- Education and Training
  - FEDLINK conducts an extensive series of programs, meetings, seminars, workshops, and hands-on training offering a curriculum that covers information policy, management and the information profession; collections development and resource sharing; technology, access, and preservation; and reference and user support.



# FEDLINK Working Groups

- American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group
- Awards Working Group
- Education Working Group
- FEDGrey - Grey Literature Working Group
- Library Technicians Working Group
- Human Resources Working Group
- Information Technology Working Group
- New Librarians ("NewFeds") Working Group
- Policy Working Group
- Preservation Working Group
- Research and Metrics Working Group





# American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group

- Started when FEDLINK was informed of Interior Library's initiative and survey
- In 2014 FEDLINK expressed interest in following up on needs specified in survey
- FEDLINK member federal librarians were contacted to see if there was an interest in forming a new working group dedicated to American Indian Libraries
- Enough interest was shown to start the Working Group



# American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group

- Goals
  - Build an information culture among all levels from local to local and from local to national
  - Create a clearinghouse of resources among participants
  - Identify federal efforts to support American Indian Libraries in their preservation, digitization, cataloging, and reference services efforts
  - Integrate event and training opportunities on core information competencies
  - Promote existing federal resources in legal and STEM knowledge collections of value to American Indian libraries



# American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group

- Participants from:
  - Library of Congress/Law Library of Congress
  - Library of Congress/Congressional Research Service
  - Department of the Interior
  - Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health
  - National Archives
  - Government Publishing Office
  - Smithsonian Institution
  - Department of Justice



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- Accomplishments
  - FEDLINK Membership for Tribal College and University Libraries
    - Will enable Tribal College and University Libraries to obtain discounted, federal government pricing to FEDLINK vendor resources and services
  - Website of online resources available to American Indian Libraries  
([https://www.loc.gov/flicc/about/FLICC\\_WGs/americanindianwg.html](https://www.loc.gov/flicc/about/FLICC_WGs/americanindianwg.html))

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- Accomplishments
  - Indigenous Law Portal - Law Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/law/help/indigenous-law-guide/index.php>)
    - Digitized Indian Law materials from the Law Library of Congress
    - Links to tribal websites and primary source materials found on the Web
    - Based on the structure of the Library of Congress Classification schedule for Law (Class K), specifically the Law of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (Classes KIA-KIP: North America).

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- Accomplishments
  - Vendor Discounts to Online Databases
    - ProQuest
    - Gale/Cengage
    - Thomson Reuters
  - Programming
    - Institute for Museum and Library Services Showcases
    - Training on the Indigenous Law Portal
    - Training on the retrieval of Indian records from the National Archives
    - Programming about the preservation of Native language recordings and resources



# American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group



- Accomplishments
  - Conference Participation
    - FEDLINK Spring and Fall Expos
    - Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums (ATALM) Annual Conference
    - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Annual Conference
    - American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference - Native Peoples Law Caucus
    - American Society of International Law (ASIL) Conference - Rights of Indigenous Peoples Interest Group
    - National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Summit

# American Indian Libraries Initiative Working Group



- How can you help?
  - Join the Working Group
  - Share transportation related resources on interest to the Indian community with American Indian libraries
    - Notify them of online resources
    - Notify them of print materials in your libraries that may be of interest
      - Allow them to be able to borrow these resources through Interlibrary Loan services
    - Notify them of transportation related training/programs/conferences



# THE END

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