



**University Libraries
Indigenous Nations Library Program**

Hello,

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Thank you,

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Welcome Back

INLP would like to welcome you back for Spring Semester. INLP's commitment to Indigenous students, faculty, and communities is renewed with exciting new ventures and your input is needed. INLP will host an **Open House at The Gathering Place in March** to say thank you and also get your input for improving INLP space and services. We will provide food and refreshments.

Upcoming Events

The Ongoing Struggle: Abolishing the Racist Seal

Presented by Kiva Club

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 12 pm

Frank Waters Room, Zimmerman Library

Indigenous Nations Library Program



COFFEE HOUSE



Satellite Coffee will be available in a pour over and French press style

Door Prizes will be given out!!

Wednesday

5 — 8 PM

Feb. 15, 2017

Frank Waters Room | Zimmerman Library

- Open Mic
- Entertainment
- Treats
- Community

INLP Hours for the Semester

- **Monday 9 am - 7 pm**
- **Tuesday 9 am - 7 pm**
- **Wednesday 9 am - 7 pm**
- **Thursday 9 am - 7 pm**
- **Friday 9 am - 4 pm**

18th Annual American Indian Studies Association Conference

INLP is proud to assist the Institute for American Indian Research (IFAIR) and UNM Native American Studies to host the 18th Annual American Indian Studies Association Conference this week on **February 2 & 3 in the Student Union Building**. We invite you to register and discover the various intellectual discourses on American Indian Studies and Indigenous research. The full schedule and program is available at nas.unm.edu.




INLP Student Employee: Tiayrra Curtis

INLP is happy to add to the INLP family; Tiayrra Curtis. Tiayrra is a member of the Navajo Nation from Ganado, Arizona. She is majoring in Business Marketing and minoring in Native American Studies. Tiayrra is also the Public Relations Officer with the Kiva Club student organization.

Tiayrra started her academic path at the Haskell Indian Nations University. At Haskell, Tiayrra played collegiate volleyball for three years. She graduated from Haskell and returned home to work for Apache County office and eventually enrolled at UNM Gallup branch campus until she came to central campus.

"There has been a misconception of Native people since the discovery of our lands and people. We have always been depicted less than human and were treated as such and it has affected our everyday lives," Tiayrra says. Due to this misconception, Tiayrra is committed to becoming an advocate for Native / Indigenous communities. "I want to be able to give back to the people and the land because my ancestors fought for it... I would like to own a business one day, especially on the reservation but I want my business to truly be invested in the community. It is hard to balance the advocacy of social injustices with the capitalistic side of business building but I hope that I find a way"

Tiayrra is anxious right now because, " there are executive orders from the president that affect Indian policy and Indian land/water. These can affect our sovereignty rights and our ways of life. There is not a person in a high enough disposition that has the best interests of Indigenous people and I think that needs to change. We have ourselves to rely on to be engaged and educated in these issues to advocate for a greater change, not only for natives but for our society as a whole".



The advice I would give to UNM Indigenous students would be to continue in school no matter what. There is no time limit to education. Also, there is no better time to find a voice and build a stance to protect the future of Indigenous people because we have all the resources here and others here who want to protect the same things. I believe that is our responsibility to our people.

INLP Welcomes Susie Rayos Marmon School

INLP had the privilege of hosting 5th grade students from the Susie Rayos Marmon Elementary School. APS Indian Education Department, District Resource Teacher Ginger Looney coordinated the visit and INLP was happy to provide a tour and lunch. The students were given a tour of Zimmerman Library and researched the school's namesake, Susie Rayos Marmon from the UL collections.

INLP would like to say thank you to Access Services Student Employees for answering student questions and Chris Geherin for showing them CSWR collection highlights. INLP is also grateful to the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women for donating drinks. Here are a couple of responses from the visiting students.

- "I learned that one of the library's was carved by the natives" (referring to the West Wing ceilings)
- "I like how we got to look at the books with the paintings on them and how we saw a paper Mrs. Susie R. Marmon wrote and the Egyptian book"
- "I like how there was a lot of old and new books"
- "I would like that the loud side of the library can be quiet so that the quiet side can study" (referring to the Learning Commons and West Wing)

These are just a sample of what the students thought of the library. This is a highlight for INLP. This is also a great opportunity to reflect on what we take for granted that we have much to offer to young students and just maybe they will be future librarians!



Thank you very much for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you have any questions please contact:



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