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National Library Week: Celebrate National Library Outreach Day— Give to the Patricia V. Bradley Native American Health Research Award

by Melissa Rethlefsen on April 26th, 2023 in [Indigenous Health](#), [New Mexico](#) | [0 Comments](#)

Today is National Library Outreach Day. We congratulate all the faculty and staff at the Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center (HSLIC), past and present, for helping us achieve HSLIC's mission to advance health and health equity as New Mexico's only publicly accessible health sciences library. This is a commitment we take very seriously, and we continue to invest in our outreach efforts. Today, we are delighted to announce the new [Patricia V. Bradley Native American Health](#)



[Research Award.](#)

Patricia Vickie Bradley was born October 9, 1950, at Travis Airforce Base in Fairfield, CA, into the Bit'ahnii (Folded Arms People Clan), born for Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House Clan). Pat was a proud member of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. She received a Master of Library Science (MLS) from the University of Arizona. Pat's career in medical librarianship spanned more than 40 years in places that included the Navajo Health Authority in Shiprock and the Gallup Indian Medical Center (Indian Health Service) as a Medical Librarian. She then served as the Native and Distance Services Librarian at the Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center (HSLIC) for 15 years. Her positive impact was honored in 2014 when she received the Michael E. DeBakey Library Services Outreach Award, which was established by Friends of the National Library of Medicine to honor outstanding service and contributions to rural and underserved communities. Pat passed away in 2019 after a brief illness.

To honor her legacy in outreach to the Indigenous communities of the Southwest, HSLIC has begun

the [Patricia V. Bradley Native American Health Research Award](#). This [Award](#) will be given annually to a member of the UNM community who is conducting research in the area of Native American health using resources at HSLIC, which may include the [Native Health Database](#), the largest collection of information related to the health of Indigenous North Americans.

An anonymous donor has generously offered to match donations received with the goal of endowing this fund in perpetuity.

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