



Creating Maawn Doobiigeng

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why?



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Tribal Library



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Academy Library



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Tribal College
Library

process



**collectively defining
book categories
within clan system
framework**

pedagogy/philosophy/what drove us



cultural aspects



Maawn Doobiigeng (Gather Together)

The new organization system of the
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

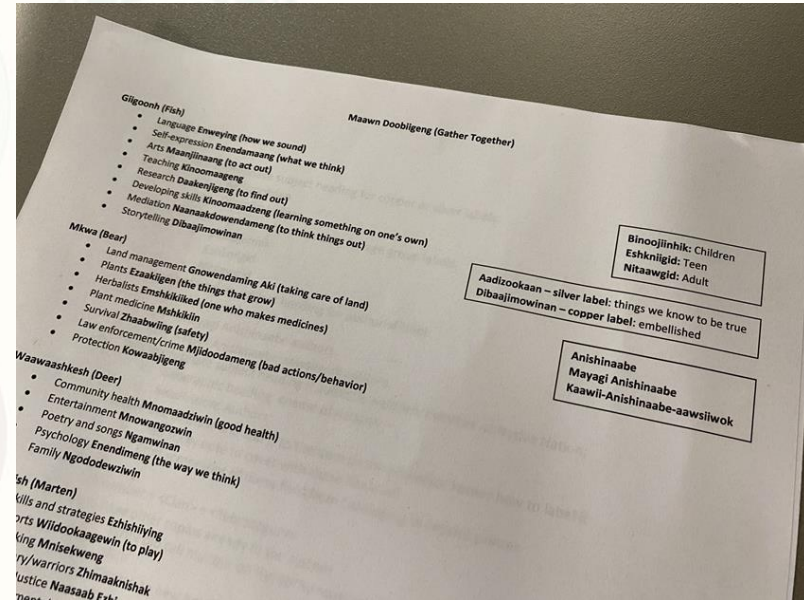


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implementation



looking to the future

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Tribal Community

Introducing Maawn Doobliigeng – the new classification system of the Tribal Libraries

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

Last month, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe introduced Maawn Doobliigeng, the new classification system of the Tribal Libraries. The three primary systems of classification that were in place – the Dewey Decimal System, the Library of Congress Classification System, and the Library of Congress Subject Headings – are inherently damaging to Indigenous people and are insufficient for accurately describing and providing access to Native topics.

In 2019, the Tribal Libraries were awarded the IMLS National Leadership Grant to facilitate the creation of a new classification system by members of the community. As of April 2024, this new system, titled Maawn Doobliigeng (Gather Together), has been created and is being implemented into the libraries.

"When I heard about a project that was aiming to decolonize and indigenize the Tribal Libraries, I knew I had to be a part of it," said Arianna Crispin, project facilitator. "I learned so much about how harmful the previously utilized classification systems are, and I worked with truly amazing people in the creation of this new system. I'm



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tribal libraries use traditional ways of knowing and being to break free of the colonialist epistemology of existing library organizational systems that reinforce a damaging worldview?"

There were four phases of the grant project: Assess, create, implement and analyze.

The first phase was to Assess the cataloging and classification systems currently in place through a decolonizing lens.

Next, the team had to Create a system of organization for cataloging and classifying library materials according to Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being. This was followed by having the ability to Implement this system to decolonize and indigenize the Tribal Libraries collections.

Finally, gathering data to Analyze results and share documentation that outlines how

Navigating the New System

<p>Maang (Loon) Gisaaawin (Leadership - Internal) Mnookwajiwaaing (Community and History Building) kabi-aaawawin (Cooperation)</p> <p>Waabizhiish (Marten) Dibaa'ing (Skill and strategies) Wid-ee-gaawin (Sports) Mnookwawin (Cooking) Zhiiraawinik (Military/Army Unit) Nnookwawin (Government/Dept. of Justice) Ani'Gook-oo-gaawin (Environmental Justice)</p> <p>Gligooon (Fish) Waa'ing (Language) Eendaawing (Self-expression) Waa'ingwaaing (Art) Koo-maawing (Teaching) Daa'ing (Learning) Koo-maawing (Developing skills) Nnookwawin (Education) Waa'ingwaaing (Learning)</p> <p>Aadii'ookaan Factual, what we know to be true, and traditional stories and teachings.</p> <p>Dibaa'Imoowan Fictional stories, creative stories</p> <p>Anishinaabe(ō) Direct or more of the Anishinaabe identify as Anishinaabe</p>	<p>Ji'Jaak (Crane) Doo-wa'awin (Leadership - External) kibi-aaawawin (Intergovernmental Affairs) kabi-aaawawin (International Affairs)</p> <p>Mkwa (Bear) Mnookwawin (AMU Land management) Eendaawing (Plant) Eendaawing (Insects) Mnookwawin (Plants) Zhiiraawing (Survival) Mnookwawin (Law enforcement/Internal) kabi-aaawawin (Protection)</p> <p>Waa'awaa'kesh (Deer) Mnookwawin (Community health) Mnookwawin (Education) Mnookwawin (History/Strategy) Eendaawing (Psychology) Koo-ee-ee-ee (Family)</p> <p>Bineshiin (Bird) Waa'ingwaaing (Self-Image) Waa'ingwaaing (Spirituality) Mnookwawin (Military/Army) Mnookwawin (Education) Eendaawing (Spiritual Leader) Waa'ingwaaing (What the Future brings) Waa'ingwaaing (Philosophy) Waa'ingwaaing (Learning)</p> <p>Mayagi Anishinaabe(ō) One or more of the contributors identify as Indigenous, Native Anishinaabe</p> <p>Kaawē Anishinaabe-aawd'wook One or more contributors identify as Indigenous</p> <p>Binooj'inhik Ojibwe</p> <p>Nitaawgid Anishinaabe</p> <p>Esh'knigid Ojibwe</p>
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