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[January 24](#) · [The Arctic – The 100 Years Difference From Today.](#)

Reminder: March 14, 6:30 -8 pm, Patagonia Store in downtown Reno at 130 South Center Street. It's Free.

Premiere of "Great Basin Water Is Life". Please spread the word! Please let me know if you have questions. Many thanks, Abby Johnson

Applications Open for Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant Washington, DC--

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is accepting applications for projects that support libraries and archives serving Native Americans and Native Alaskans. Applications for Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants are due May 1, 2018.

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants augment existing library services or implement new library services for eligible Native American libraries. Successful grant projects will align with one of three project categories: Preservation and Revitalization; Educational Programming; or Digital Services. Funded projects include those that:

- support individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, and digital literacy skills;
- improve the quality of and access to library and information services; or
- enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership.

Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants are competitive grants of up to \$150,000 for two years. They are available to any library that has an active basic grant. A grantee with an active enhancement grant may not apply for another enhancement grant that would have an overlapping period of performance. [Grant guidelines and descriptions](#) of previously funded projects are available on the IMLS website.

Upcoming Webinars

To learn more, interested applicants are invited to participate in one of the following webinars about Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants:

- [Thursday, March 1, 2018, 3-4 pm EST](#): General Enhancement Grant Application Webinar
- [Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 2-3 pm EST](#): Enhancement Grant Accountability Paperwork (Budgets and Performance Measures) Webinar
- [Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 4-5pm EST](#): General Enhancement Grant Application Webinar #2
- [Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 1-2pm EST](#): Enhancement Grant Accountability Paperwork (Budgets and Performance Measures) Webinar #2

IMLS uses the Blackboard Collaborate system for webinars. If you are a first-time user of Blackboard Collaborate, see the bottom of our [webinar page](#) for more information or to check your system compatibility. Recordings of the webinars will also be available.

Program Contacts

Program contacts for Native American or Native Hawaiian Library Services grants are Dr. Sandra Toro, Senior Library Program Officer, 202-653-4662, storo@imls.gov, and Stephen Mayeaux, Program Specialist, 202-653-4761, smayeaux@imls.gov. You may also submit your question by e-mail: nalshelp@imls.gov.

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<https://www.desmogblog.com/2018/02/25/federal-judge-halts-bayou-bridge-pipeline-installation-photos-show-damage-inflicted>

Interior Women Make More History

March is Women's History Month, and we're highlighting notable firsts for women at Interior and our bureaus. From the past to the present, women at Interior blazed a trail to help the Department achieve its mission managing the nation's natural resources and cultural heritage, pursuing cutting-edge science, and honoring trust responsibilities to American Indians, Alaska Natives and affiliated island communities.

We've already shared of some of [Interior's groundbreaking women](#), but check out more notable women who have made history at Interior.

First Female Alaska Native Nominated for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs: Tara Mac Lean Sweeney



Photo of Tara Mac Lean Sweeney courtesy of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

A member of the Native Village of Barrow and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, [Tara Mac Lean Sweeney](#) was nominated in October 2017 to be Interior's next Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Sweeney would be the first Native Alaskan and only the second woman in history to hold the position.

Sweeney grew up in rural Alaska and has spent a lifetime actively engaged in state and national policy arenas focused on advocating for responsible Indian energy policy, rural broadband connectivity, Arctic growth and Native American self-determination. Among her honors, Sweeney -- a lifetime member of the National Congress of American Indians -- was crowned Miss NCAI in 1993 and traveled the country as an ambassador for the organization.

First Female Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation: Brenda Burman

Photo of Brenda Burman. Photo by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Brenda Burman began her career as a park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. Then came law school at the University of Arizona and 25 years of experience working on western issues. Fast forward to 2017: when the U.S. Senate confirmed her as the 23rd Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation -- making her the first woman ever to serve in that role. Burman leads the 5,500-person bureau that manages water and generates power in the 17 western United States, addressing the major challenges of water supply and demand including drought and other crises. She previously served as Reclamation's Deputy Commissioner and as Interior's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.



First Female Field Biologist in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: Elizabeth Losey

Betty Losey doing field work at Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Photo from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service archives.

[Elizabeth Beard Losey](#) was hired in 1947 as the first female field research biologist in the U.S.



Fish and Wildlife Service. Stationed at Seney National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to chronicle the importance of beavers in waterfowl management, her outstanding research earned her induction into the Wildlife Society in 1948 as its first female professional member. Losey continued her love for wildlife and her zeal for field studies as a scientist, author, historian and professor at the University of Michigan -- volunteering at Seney into her nineties, and serving as a beloved role model for a new generation of biologists.

First Woman Director the Office of Surface Mining & Enforcement: Kathy Karpan

by OSMRE.

Photo of Kathy Karpan

In July 1997, Kathy Karpan became the first, and only, U.S. Senate-confirmed Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Previously, Karpan served as the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming Secretary of State. The daughter of a coal miner, Karpan was tasked with working cooperatively with coal-producing states to ensure coal mining was conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner, and that the effects of past mining activities were mitigated through the reclamation of abandoned mines. Karpan served as Director of OSMRE for 2 ½ years, after which she served as Interior's Principal Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.



First Woman Superintendent in the National Park Service: Gertrude S. Cooper

Photo of Gertrude S. Cooper from National Park Service archives.



Building on years of experience and a passion for National Park Service's mission, superintendents represent the best and brightest of the famous agency. Gertrude S. Cooper made history when she was appointed superintendent of Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in July, 1940. For five years, she led the staff and managed 200 acres of the historic New York estate's property, including elaborate buildings, original furnishings, manicured landscapes, natural woodlands, formal gardens and associated documents. At a place preserving a chapter of American

history, this inspiring woman added her own name to the story of our nation's progress.

First Tribal Policewoman: Julia Wades in the Water

Photo of Julia Wades in the Water courtesy of the University of Alberta.

[Julia Wades in the Water](#) -- a member of the Blackfeet Nation -- became the first American Indian policewoman shortly after the turn of the 20th century. She served at the Blackfeet



Agency in Montana for 25 years until her retirement in the 1930s. Whether they are a part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or work for a partner tribal agency, women today serve as uniformed police officers, agents/investigators, correction officers, administrators, dispatchers, support staff, analysts, supervisors and victim specialists all thanks to the groundbreaking work of Wades in the Water.

First Female Naturalist at Yosemite National Park: Enid Michael

Enid Michael dances with a bear at Yosemite. Photo courtesy of Yosemite Photo Archives Collection. Women have

played an important -- though often hidden -- part in Yosemite National Park's history. Married to Yosemite's assistant postmaster, [Enid Michael](#) came to the Yosemite Valley in 1916. An ardent naturalist-botanist, Enid was appointed a seasonal ranger-naturalist in 1921 -- making her the first female naturalist at Yosemite and one of the first in the National Park Service (although [Herma Albertson Baggley of Yellowstone](#) was the



first full-time naturalist). Serving in that position for 20 years, Michael lectured at museums, gave nature walks, and collected and prepared plant specimens. By 1929, she had collected and mounted 1,000 plant specimens as well as recorded sightings of 130 bird species. Her most significant accomplishments were the creation of a wildflower garden behind the Yosemite Museum and writing 537 articles -- the largest body of writing on Yosemite by any author.

[Be sure to check out some more groundbreaking women at Interior.](#)

Canada Pledges \$170 Million to End Water Crisis in Indigenous Communities. But Is It Enough?

By Jimmy Thomson Cape Town, South Africa is running out of water.

Compared to Gilford Island, a Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation reserve on B.C.'s temperate rainforest coast, that sounds like an upgrade — at least in Cape Town they still have some water to drink.

Kwakwaka'wakw Hereditary Chief Bill Wilson's mother is from that reserve.

"You have young kids breaking out in skin rashes," says Wilson. "If it was a white community, they would have the best facilities immediately. Because it's an Indian community nobody gives a shit." [Read more.](#)

Trump Rolled Back Pipeline Safety Regulations, Benefiting Equity Firm That Loaned Money to Jared Kushner

Danielle McLean, ThinkProgress

McLean writes: "The equity firm magnate that advised the Trump administration on infrastructure and whose company gave a \$184 million loan to Kushner Companies also benefited from three rule changes relaxing pipeline safety regulations."

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No Sign of Newborn North Atlantic Whales This Breeding Season

Karen Weintraub, The New York Times

Weintraub writes: "The North Atlantic right whale is already one of the most endangered creatures on earth, and all indications are its situation is rapidly getting worse." **READ MORE**

Tohono O'odham Nation Reiterates Their Stance on Border Wall

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Donald Trump continued with executive order and memorandum signings, this time for "Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements". We all remember the familiar chant from his supporters right? "Build the Wall". As you can imagine there was much discussion amongst everyone in America from the seemingly impossible logistics, cost, you name it. Another issue that might prevent a wall from being built, one that most aren't too familiar with, is the fact that the Tohono O'odham Nation's lands actually straddle both sides of the U.S. Mexico border.

RISE – New Series Focuses on Indigenous Resistance

Over the weekend, Viceland aired a new series that highlights "Indigenous communities across the Americas to meet people protecting their homelands and rising up against colonization."

Rise is directed by Michelle Latimer (Métis / Algonquin) and hosted by Sarain Carson-Fox (Anishinabe).

The first episode, a two parter, focuses on the Standing Rock movement.

Scholarships with April 1-15 Deadlines

H.J. Heinz Company Foundation Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2018
Harriet Babin Miller Scholarship	\$500	04/01/2018
Harry and Mable Boland Scholarship Fund	\$1,500	04/01/2018
Hauss-Helms Foundation, Inc. Grants And Scholarships	Varies	04/15/2018
Hawaii Education Association (HEA) High School Student Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2018
Hawaii Education Association (HEA) Student Teacher Scholarship	\$3,000	04/01/2018
Hawaii Education Association (HEA) Undergraduate College Student Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2018
Healy Foundation Scholarship	\$3,000	04/15/2018
Hellenic University Club of New York Scholarship Award	\$1,500	04/01/2018
Hellenic University Club of Philadelphia Undergraduate Scholarship	Varies	04/03/2018
Herb Society of Nashville Scholarships	\$1,500	04/01/2018
Herman J. Neal Scholarship	\$4,000	04/01/2018
Hirsch Family Scholarship	\$10,000	04/15/2018
IBC James D. Cooper Student Paper Competition	\$1,000	04/01/2018
Illinois CPA Society Accounting Textbook Scholarship	\$500	04/01/2018
Illinois CPA Society Accounting Tuition Scholarship	\$4,000	04/01/2018
Illinois CPA Society Women's Executive Committee Advancing Women in Accounting Scholarship	\$4,000	04/01/2018
Incight Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2018
Interfaith Spirituality Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2018
Iowa Association for Energy Efficiency Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2018
Islamic Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	04/09/2018
ICA Graduate Level Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2018
ICA Scholarships	\$3,000	04/30/2018
iGoPink Scholarship	\$15,000	04/30/2018
Indiana CPA Society education Foundation Scholarship	Varies	04/24/2018
Indian-American Foundation Upakar Scholarship	\$2,000	
04/30/2018 Jack & Julie Narcolepsy Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
James A. Hyter Vocal Music Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2018
James T. and Rose M. Perryman Family Foundation Scholarship	\$25,000	04/01/2018
Janelle VerMaas Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2018
Janet Logan Daily Foundation Scholarship	\$10,000	04/01/2018
Jay Cutler Athletic Scholarship	\$5,000	04/15/2018
JCCIA Women's Division Scholarship	\$2,000	04/05/2018
JCS Newhoff Scholarship for a Jewish Student with a Diagnosed Learning Disability	Varies	04/01/2018
JCS Scholarship for Jewish Students from Single-Parent Homes	Varies	04/01/2018
Jeanna Brown Memorial Scholarship	\$500	04/01/2018
Jewish Community Foundation Scholarships	\$3,000	04/15/2018
Joe Hornsby III Scholarship	\$2,000	04/03/2018
John Cowan Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2018

John R. Pandolfi Scholarships	\$5,000	04/01/2018
Johnny Davis Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
Jonathan LaRon Skinner Memorial Scholarship	\$500	04/01/2018
Jordan & Cara Odo Scholarship Foundation, Leadership Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
Joseph H. and Mildred C. McManus Scholarship	\$3,000	04/01/2018
Joshua L. Anderson Memorial Foundation Scholarship	Varies	04/07/2018
Judith A. Sanders Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2018
Judy Shankle Memorial Scholarship	\$500	04/15/2018
June Gill Nursing Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2018
Kansas Financial Scholars Essay Scholarship Contest	\$2,500	04/03/2018
Kappa Omicron Nu Master's Fellowships	\$2,000	04/01/2018
King's Daughters Health Foundation Health Career Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2018
Kinnett Scholarships for College/Further Education	\$1,000	04/08/2018
Kinsey Determination Scholarship for the College of Business	Varies	04/01/2018
Knowlton Operator's Scholarship	Varies	04/01/2018
Kohler Generators Scholarship	\$1,500	04/15/2018
Korea Defense Veterans Association	\$5,000	04/13/2018
Kris Paper Legacy Scholarship For Women In Technology	\$1,500	04/14/2018
L-3 Avionics Products Scholarship	\$2,500	04/01/2018
LaFontaine Aquatic Entomology Scholarship	Varies	04/01/2018
Lee E. Schauer Scholarship	\$12,000	04/04/2018
Lee Tarbox Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
Leinbach Chain-Breaker Scholarship	\$1,500	04/01/2018
Leo Bourassa Scholarship	\$3,000	04/01/2018
Les Dames d'Escoffier Colorado Chapter Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
Letitia B. Carter Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2018
LI2DAY Scholarship	\$2,500	04/02/2018
Liberty Lab for Film Grant	\$10,000	04/15/2018
Linda Craig Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	04/15/2018
Linda Norton Good Neighbor Scholarship Fund	\$1,700	04/01/2018
Lloyd E. and Rachel S. Collins Scholarship	\$2,000	04/01/2018
Lowell Gaylor Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/01/2018
LSP Association Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	04/14/2018
Lubbock High School Alumni Scholarship	\$8,000	04/15/2018

Why Are Poland's Nationalists So Popular? Ask a Local Librarian.

By MARC SANTORA and STEVEN ERLANGER

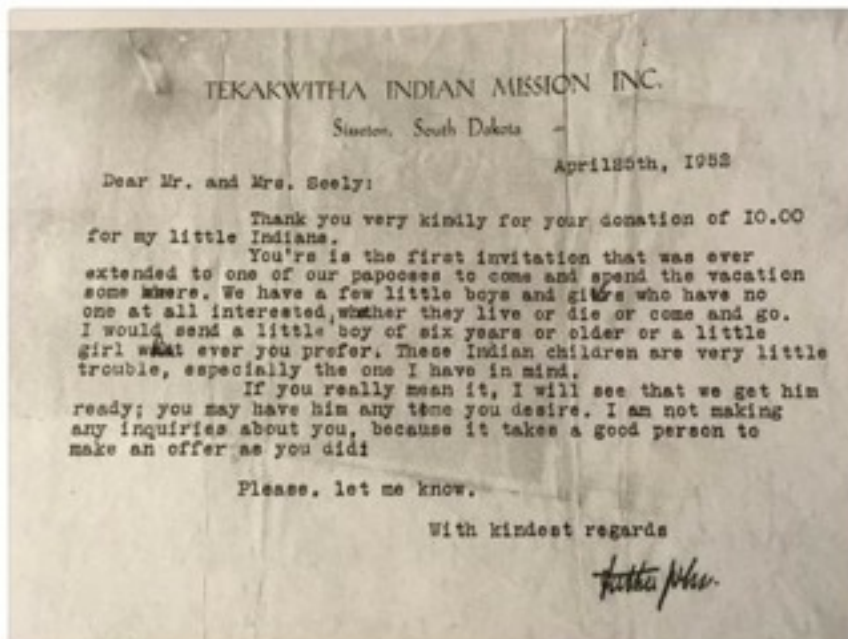
Poland's ruling party has used a mix of selective nostalgia and generous social programs to build broad support in neglected, rural hinterlands.

Zinke suddenly pulls land in home state of Montana from oil and gas lease sale

The Washington Post

Daily reminder that in 1952 (66 years ago) you could buy a Native Child for \$10

In the face of environmentalists' protests, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said more study is needed. [Read the full story](#)



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[Protecting America's Last Great Animal Migrations](#)

By ARTHUR MIDDLETON

Long and vital journeys by elk, mule deer and antelope are being choked off by fences, roads, housing and energy development.



As part of our **Junior Naturalist Program**, kids that attend will receive a passport to explore their local parks! Each time they attend a Junior Naturalist event, they will get a stamp for the corresponding park. Kids will be able to earn prizes that will be given at the end of the year based on how many events they attend.

Prizes

- Six stamps: Junior Naturalist Certificate
- Nine stamps: Junior Naturalist Pin
- Eleven stamps: Junior Naturalist Nature Survive Kit

The Junior Naturalist Program is a FREE outdoor program for children of all ages to learn about local plants and animals! Parent/guardian required.

Dress appropriately for the weather and be ready to do very hands-on activities with (and in) nature. We encourage you to register for each session you are interested in so we can prepare materials accordingly.

To register, visit the link below! <https://goo.gl/forms/GfpQFucKyGTU0nxI2>

We will meet at the pavilions next to the parking lot.

Directions: From Downtown Reno, take I-80 E then take Exit 15 to merge onto US-395 N toward Susanville. Take exit 70B for Clear Acre Lane toward Sun Valley. Continue onto Sun Valley Blvd. Turn left onto Quartz Ln then turn right onto Sidehill Dr. Follow the road that leads up to the park's pavilions.

Website: <https://www.tmparksfoundation.org/the-junior-naturalist-program>

Email: carl@tmparksfoundation.org

HALL OF HEROES JANUARY 20 – APRIL 15, 2018

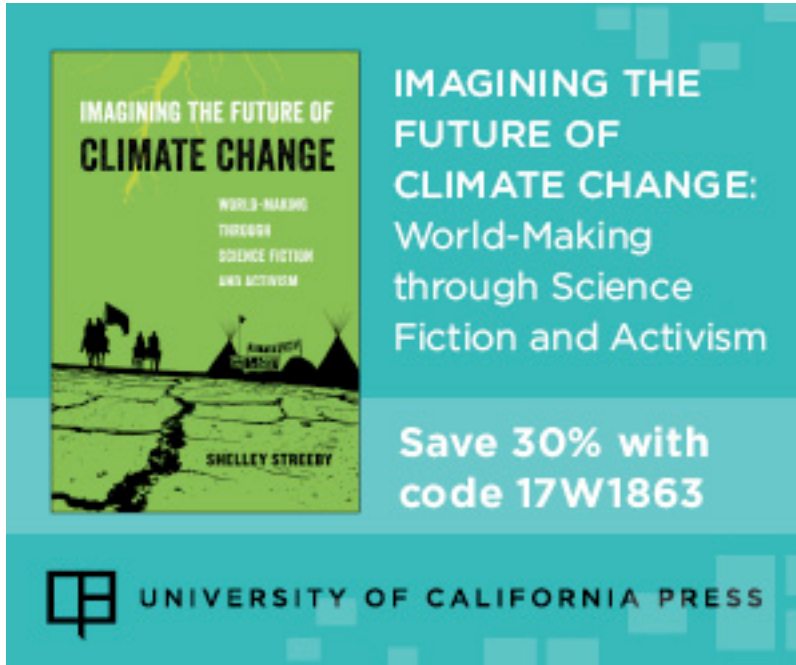
Enter the world of superheroes, crime-fighters, and spies in this immersive exhibition!

Learn about the history of superheroes with props and memorabilia from comics, movies, and television. See a recreation of the iconic 1960s Batmobile and Batcave, a life-size replica of the TARDIS from Dr. Who, life-size statues of the Incredible Hulk, Ironman, Batman, and Superman, and much more.

Discover your own super abilities at interactive challenge stations that test agility, memory, reflexes, endurance, strength, speed, and mental power!

Admission – Adults: \$9.00 Children: \$8.00 Seniors: \$8.00

Group tours available. Call 775-785-5961 for details.



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Nathanael Johnson, Grist
 Johnson writes: "In a ruling this week, Judge William Alsup said that plaintiffs can sue greenhouse-gas emitters in federal court." **[READ MORE](#)**

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"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start." — Nido Qubein

for the Burners: [William Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'](#) 7:30 p.m. Mar. 7-10

Redfield Studio Theatre, Church Fine Arts

'Twelfth Night' is a fantastically comedic play about unrequited love, mistaken identity, and the fight for freedom of expression. Performed with Shakespeare's original language, but set on the Playa in Black Rock Desert, the characters explore their identity and orientation in flux. This is a land of free, radical self-expression, so be prepared for a delightful romp where all are welcome. With design inspired by the artistry of Black Rock City, William Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' is sure to delight and amuse. It may have been written 416 years ago, but it certainly does stand the test of time. Come see for yourself if, like a fine wine, it has become better with age.

Directed by Adriano Cabral and Riley McKinney.

Tickets: \$15; \$12 for seniors; \$10 for students age 2-18 and University faculty/staff; \$5 for University students with ID (limited quantity)