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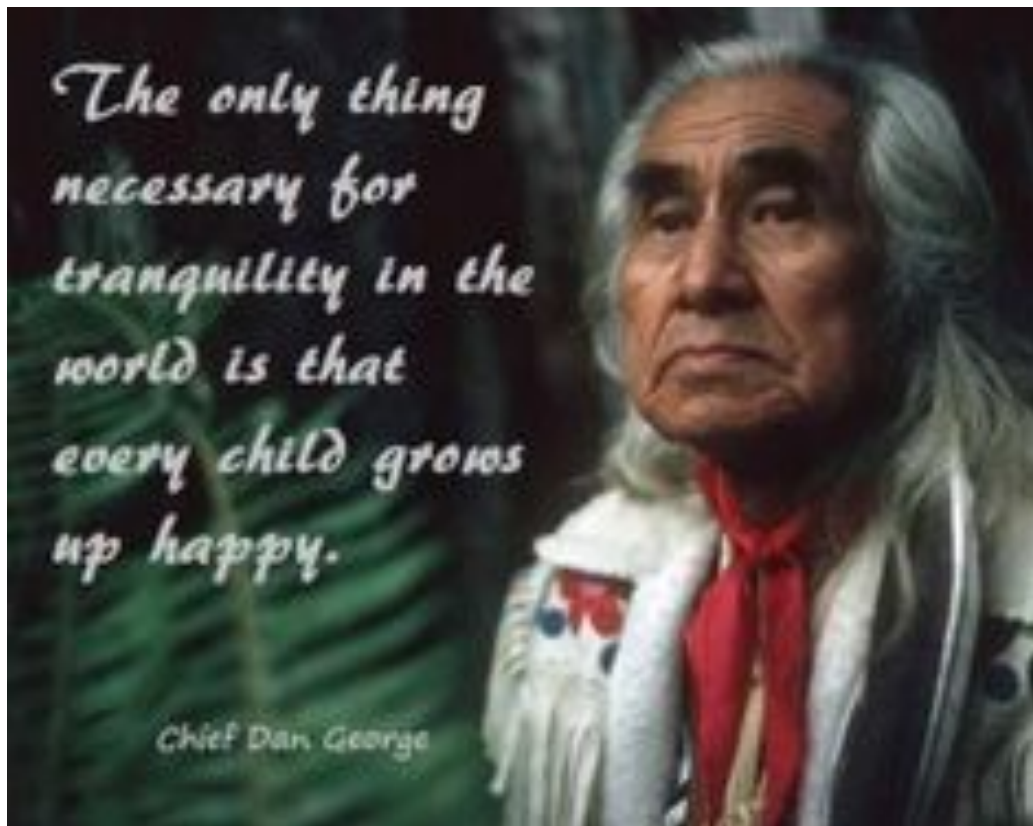
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***“Our ancestors used this land for thousands of years before us, and we are now assured that our current generation of Waší·šiw will continue to care for the land and water at Ma ʔyála Wáta (Meeks Bay),” said Washoe Tribe Chairman Serrell Smokey.***



[carsonnow.org](http://carsonnow.org)

[Washoe Tribe selected for Meeks Bay Resort concession at Lake Tahoe](#)

[The USDA Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit is pleased to confirm the selection of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California as the concessionaire for Meeks Bay Resort on Lake Tahoe’s West Shore.](#)

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**Celebrating 5 Years of By the People December 21, 2023 Posted by: Carlyn Osborn**

It’s that time again: another *By the People* anniversary!

[By the People](#) (*BtP*), the Library of Congress crowdsourced transcription program, is taking a moment this winter to look back on how we’ve grown and celebrate our 5th year! As we’ve shared [in earlier birthday celebrations](#), *BtP* was originally incubated in 2018 by the [LC Labs team](#) and was designed to engage volunteers by inviting them to explore and transcribe documents from the Library’s digital collections. Once volunteer-created transcriptions are completed, they are integrated back into the Library’s website, where full-text transcriptions make materials more discoverable and accessible to all users.

Over the last 5 years, *By the People*, has published nearly one million pages of Library of Congress digital collections for transcription and engagement by volunteers. Visit [crowd.loc.gov](http://crowd.loc.gov) to learn more!

### **The last five years**

In our five-year history, *By the People* has released nearly 1 million pages for transcription on

crowd.loc.gov. Over 37,000 registered contributors (and even more anonymous transcribers!) have completed 725,000 transcriptions of Library materials and we've published nearly 300,000 of those transcriptions back into loc.gov alongside their original objects. We've also released [bulk transcription datasets](#) for 19 completed transcription campaigns.

All of our work focuses on finding new ways to further our commitment to volunteers by continually improving the transcription experience, introducing them to interesting collections, and putting their contributions to use. So, what have the last 5 years looked like for *By the People*?

We launched in 2018 with 5 campaigns from the collections of the [Manuscript Division](#). Since then, we've hosted an additional 35 campaigns that have included materials from the [American Folklife Center](#), [Music Division](#), [Rare Book and Special Collections Division](#), and the [Law Library of Congress](#). These campaigns have included diaries, letters, sheet music, theatre programs, subject files, and field notebooks from Presidents, artists, writers, teachers, philosophers, activists, soldiers, and more. We've also celebrated the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the transcription of a unique 54-ft long [South Carolina voting rights petition](#) signed in 1865 (below), and marveled when our volunteers completed nearly 100,000 pages of [early Copyright records](#).

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden and Civil War historian Michelle Krowl from the Manuscript Division discuss the 1865 petition. [Photo by Shawn Miller, Library of Congress](#). Our volunteers tell us that in addition to getting to know these people and eras of history firsthand, the reason they contribute is the real-world impact they are having on these materials and future researchers. To hear more from volunteers in their own words, check out these recent "Volunteer Vignettes" we've published over the last year or so: [Student and Teacher team up to transcribe Federal Theatre Project playbills](#), [Transcribing Spanish history](#), and [The Youngstown State University Transcribing Club](#).

### **New website features in 2023 helped improved the transcription experience**

With support from a new development contract in 2022, we've rolled out new user-friendly features for our site, including [new volunteer hours verification tools](#), [image filtering options](#), an [OCR button](#), an [Ask a Librarian contact form](#), campaign retirement (more on that below!), and iterative improvements to the transcription user interface. Many of these features come directly from volunteer feedback over the years and the team continues to regularly do user testing to make sure the site is serving volunteer needs.

One of those new 2023 features is a suite of image filtering tools. If a transcriber comes across a blurry scan or an old microfilm image, they now have the option of adjusting the image's brightness, inverting the colors, or adjusting the contrast. These tools have really come in handy for some of our more challenging sets of materials!

Another recent feature we're particularly excited about is the introduction of an OCR (optical character recognition) tool to help volunteers with typed and printed text. Volunteers can select a new "Transcribe with OCR" button under the transcriptions box to generate text for a page. This

text provides a great starting point for things like newspapers, letterhead, book proofs, or printed ephemera. We hope this new feature will free up our volunteers' time and energy so they can focus on manuscript and non-machine-readable collection items.

Additionally, because of our fabulous and intrepid developers, we now have the ability to “retire” completed campaigns this year. Our [transcription platform, Concordia](#), was always intended to be a “passthrough application,” meaning that it wasn’t designed to host Library content and transcriptions forever! We pull materials into crowd.loc.gov where volunteers transcribe them and then we extract & publish those transcriptions back to loc.gov. Now, thanks to our ability to retire campaigns, we can remove data from completed campaigns out of our site to improve performance and enable sustainable growth, while still ensuring that volunteer contributions persist. Check out our post on the Signal blog to learn more about the retirement process: [The crowdsourced transcription lifecycle – from conception to retirement](#).

### **Looking forward to 2024**

We’re looking forward to introducing even more new tools in the coming year! In 2024, we’ll continue rolling out feature improvements for the website, including enhanced transcription instructions. We’ll be offering some new ways to interact with transcription data through a set of Jupyter notebooks, and other volunteers through a new series of virtual office hours starting in January 2024.

And what’s the latest from *By the People*? We had a very musical Fall with two new campaign launches in partnership with our friends in the [Music Division](#). In September we released over 100,000 pages of [Sheet Music of the Musical Theater](#). And just last week we published a campaign featuring writings to, from, and by [Leonard Bernstein](#)! Check out [this great video from the Bernstein curator Mark Horowitz](#) to learn more about the collection and it’s history here at the Library.

This page from the [Leonard Bernstein: Writings By, From, and To](#) campaign has been transcribed by volunteers since launching in December 2023. [Link to completed transcription](#). Be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 14, 2024 as we celebrate Douglass Day with our collaborators from [douglassday.org](#) and the Manuscript Division. We’re teaming up for a transcribe-a-thon of [Frederick Douglass](#) correspondence to celebrate Douglass’ chosen birthday and we hope you can join us.

### **Stay in touch with us!**

If you want to keep up to date with *By the People* and follow along as we go into year 6, you can [subscribe to our newsletter](#). Let us know what you think or ask questions about *By the People* on our discussion forum in [History Hub](#) or via our [Ask a Librarian](#) form. Thank you to everybody who helped us go from Day 1 to Day 1825 – happy new year!

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### **A Naturalist Finds Hope Despite Climate Change in an Era He Calls 'The End of Eden'**

Brian Mann / NPR

<https://www.rsn.org/001/a-naturalist-finds-hope-despite-climate-change-in-an-era-he-calls-the-end-of-eden-.html>



## **Alejandra Rubio - Yavapai-Apache Nation**

I am a visual artist who works with photography and mix-media. I often embed myself into different cultures and subcultures; I use my art to share their voices, experiences, and inflections, giving viewers a respectful glimpse into their unique worldviews, concerns, and aspirations. I am a member of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. I grew up in Camp Verde, a rural river valley in northern Arizona, where I learned the value of the interdependent relationships between land, culture, and community. As a result, I will always appreciate talking with people and learning about them, no matter where they come from or who they are. I believe in patience, listening, generosity, and empathy rather than judgment or imposing individual expectations upon individuals. The breadth and diversity of my work include photographs covering brothels, hotel living, drugs, protests, biker gangs, and Native American ceremonies. My work provides an analytical, compassionate, and uniquely Native American lens from which to view, engage, learn and share the full range of human emotion and experience across cultures and subcultures — off the reservation and on, navigating the complexity of the human spirit in private, intimate, and honest settings, affording my audience a respectful view into the lives and socially defined relationships of people who would otherwise remain invisible, unknown, or isolated in the shadows.

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2023/12/20/photos-looking-inside-donald-trumps-reno-visit/>  
<https://sierranevadaally.org/2022/12/08/after-tough-few-years-inter-tribal-council-of-nevada-hopeful-for-future/>

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### **The Met Will Repatriate 16 Artifacts to Cambodia and Thailand**

The looted objects are tied to the notorious art dealer Douglas Latchford

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/the-met-will-repatriate-16-artifacts-to-cambodia-and-thailand-180983477/?>

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### **Pass laws to protect indigenous sacred sites**

There are sacred sites of indigenous people around the country. It is where ceremonies, food, medicine and burial sites are located. However, they are being threatened by the building of pipelines and by mining. This is a violation of federal treaties that indigenous people have made with the federal government.

The current laws that are supposed to protect the interests of indigenous people fail to be enforced. Fortunately, there are two bills in Congress that will protect indigenous lands: the [Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Land Act](#) and the [Tribal Cultural Areas of Protection Act](#). They will increase the protection of lands that preserve sacred sites and ensure that indigenous governments are allotted rights as sovereign nations.

I hope that Congress will make both of these bills become laws. Billy Trice *Oakland*

# *The Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival*

**January 27-29, 2024**

Master Apprentice & Family Language Program Training  
For MAP & FLP teams only Location TBD

**February 17, 2024**

AICLS Showcase For MAP & FLP teams only Zoom

**March 22-24, 2024**

Master Apprentice & Family Language Program Training For MAP & FLP teams only  
Location TBD

**May 27 - June 2, 2024**

Breath of Life Archival Institute for Indigenous California Languages  
UC Berkeley Open Applications More info to follow

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**Tribe changes strategy to protect sacred sites**

[https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article\\_popover\\_share.aspx?guid=a2e58361-612d-4c8f-89f0-4bccb080f21b&share=true](https://enewspaper.eastbaytimes.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=a2e58361-612d-4c8f-89f0-4bccb080f21b&share=true)

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony says coalitions will protect sacred sites as US advances energy agenda: The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is shifting strategy to protect sacred sites as the U.S. pushes for energy projects. They're forming coalitions instead of pursuing legal battles over a lithium mine at Thacker Pass. ([opb.org](http://opb.org))**

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**[Nevada Current](#) | NV tribes will not appeal most recent lithium mine ruling**

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**First Section of Mexico's Controversial Maya Train Opens**

The rail system, built to connect tourist destinations, has been criticized for endangering archaeological and environmental sites

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/first-section-of-mexico-controversial-maya-train-opens-180983479/?spMailingID=49223553&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2602541797&spReportId=MjYwMjU0MTc5NwS2>

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**California OKs rules for turning wastewater into tapwater**

“Water is so precious in California. It is important that we use it more than once.”



[https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/12/19/california-is-set-to-become-2nd-state-to-ok-rules-for-turning-wastewater-into-drinking-water/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm\\_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9](https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/12/19/california-is-set-to-become-2nd-state-to-ok-rules-for-turning-wastewater-into-drinking-water/?campaign=sjmnbreakingnews&utm_email=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9&active=no&lctg=85834408B47115A944CE9435C9)

**Archaeologists find ancient Native Americans crossed back over to Asia**

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-ten-most-significant-science-stories-of-2023-180983484/>

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**ParametricArchitecture**

Cave-like interiors of National Museum of Qatar. [Koichi Takada Architects](#) has unveiled the first interiors it has built within Jean Nouvel’s National Museum of Qatar in Doha, Qatar, featuring undulating wooden surfaces. *(Enlarge for full effect.)*



**News from National Association of Tribal Historic Officers**

**NAGPRA RULE IS FINAL**

This month, the Department of the Interior [published its final rule](#) for revisions to the NAGPRA implementing regulations. The rule becomes effective January 12, 2024 and final comments to the Office of Management and Budget must be submitted by that date; instructions for commenting are in the [Federal Register notice](#) of the final rule.

Our Repatriation Advisor is comparing the final rule to [NATHPO's January 2023 comment letter](#), and we will share as soon as we can this updated analysis of where we go from here.

In November, the NAGPRA Review Committee finalized and approved its 2023 Report to Congress, attached here. Of note is that the Committee adopts NATHPO's requests in [our 2022 testimony](#) before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs that the Government Accountability Office conduct evaluations related to federal agency compliance with the requirements of 25 U.S.C. 3002, implementation of the civil penalty provisions, NAGPRA grant program, and costs of proposed regulatory revisions.

### **APPLY FOR A TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT**

The National Park Service's [Tribal Heritage Grants Program](#) (THG) is now accepting applications for competitive grants. National Park Service's Tribal Heritage Grants Program focuses on protecting oral histories, plant and animal species important in tradition, sacred and historic places, and enabling the establishment of Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. Congress has appropriated \$720,000 for the THG Program. Applications are due February 20, 2024.

### **REQUEST A MEETING ON APPENDIX C RECISSION**

ICYMI, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is [in the process](#) of rescinding Appendix C to come into compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. It is expected that USACE would instead rely on ACHP's regulations and joint USACE/ACHP guidance for implementation of Section 106. The Army intends to coordinate with Tribal Nations and ACHP throughout this rulemaking effort. NATHPO has already submitted comment on this matter [and has met with](#) the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the USACE to advocate on behalf of Tribal Nations and their THPOs. You or your Tribe can request your own meeting with OMB [HERE](#), and you can read a primer on the issue from the Native American Rights Fund's Wesley Furlong [HERE](#).

### **UPCOMING NATHPO JOB OPPORTUNITY!**

In early January, NATHPO will be publicizing a job posting for a 3-year position for our [Land Area & Name Directory \(LAND\) Initiative](#). This person will be responsible for crafting both LAND's underlying database and the application users will interact with the database, so the preferred candidate must be technically competent and have a good understanding of user interface (UI) and user experience (UX) design. We will be sure to share the position with all of you in a newsletter, in addition to publicizing it on our website and social media networks, so please, keep an eye out and share the posting with your networks when it is finalized. We are beyond excited to launch this project, and look forward to working with each of you to ensure it is Tribally driven and serves your needs.

[The Globe and Mail](#) | For boys who died at North America's first residential school, reburial offers peace to the living and dead

[New York Times](#) | In Death Valley, a Rare Lake Comes to Life

[American Alliance of Museums](#) | A Journey of Healing: Creating Co-Stewardship with Tribal Communities

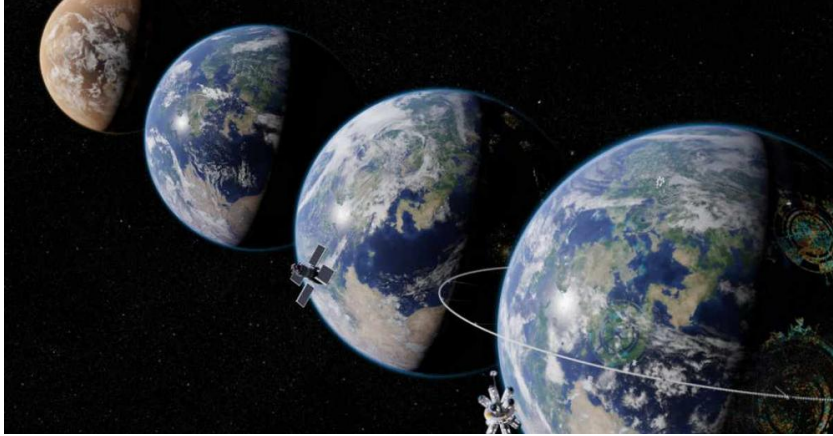
[The Berkshire Eagle](#) | Our Opinion: A tribe and a museum demonstrate the work and respect needed for reconciliation



**[Evanston Roundtable](#) | Preservation Commission urges state, NU to involve local tribes in Ryan Field rebuild**

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**Physics + Astronomy**

How about planets? Can they have minds? This idea, that planets are also conscious beings, seems to be at the heart of a new theory put forth by astrobiologists.



charmingscience.com

**[Earth Itself May Be an Intelligent Being, Suggests New Theory](#)**

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**HIRING: Join the Environmental Justice Team as the Director of the Office of External Civil Rights Compliance**

EPA launched a hiring effort and is seeking a highly motivated, knowledgeable, and committed individual to serve as the Director of the Office of External Civil Rights Compliance. This person will play a critical role in carrying out EPA's external civil rights compliance mission (primarily Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)! **Apply by January 8, 2024!**

**Apply for the Director of the Office of External Civil Rights Compliance:** <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767145300> **In this position, you will:**

- Provide direction, guidance, and oversight to staff with respect to external civil rights enforcement activities and external civil rights compliance by programs or activities that receive financial assistance from EPA;
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- Exercise supervisory personnel management responsibilities.

The position is office-centered. You must physically report to the duty station stated in this announcement on a regular basis. The position is available in Washington, D.C. Apply by **January 8, 2024.**

**Learn more about the position:** <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/767145300>

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Learn more about careers at EPA Along the peaceful Lake Tahoe shoreline stands a natural monument steeped in controversy, court rulings and secretive ceremonies — Cave Rock.



[sfgate.com](https://www.sfgate.com)

[‘Don’t go there’: The Tahoe icon mired in years of controversy](#)

[Along the peaceful Lake Tahoe shoreline stands a natural monument steeped in controversy, court rulings and secretive ceremonies — Cave Rock.](#)

## **Biden Pardons Thousands Convicted of Marijuana Charges on Federal Lands and in Washington**

Biden is also granting clemency to 11 people serving what the White House called “disproportionately long” sentences for nonviolent drug offenses.

**UNR:**

### **Anthropology Research Museum receives NEH Preservation Assistance Grant**

With the grant, the Museum is improving its curation practices and striving to make its space more welcoming for Indigenous peoples

<https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2023/anthropology-research-museum-neh-grant>

### **Faces of the Pack: Carson Allen**

Native business owner and full-time graduate student works to promote his brand and uplift Native voices in academia

<https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2023/faces-of-the-pack-carson-allen>



## Summons

Last night I dreamed  
ten thousand grandmothers  
from the twelve hundred corners of the earth  
walked out into the gap  
one breath deep  
between the bullet and the flesh  
between the bomb and the family.

They told me we cannot wait for governments.  
There are no peacekeepers boarding planes.  
There are no leaders who dare to say  
every life is precious, so it will have to be us.

They said we will cup our hands around each heart.  
We will sing the earth's song, the song of water,  
a song so beautiful that vengeance will turn to weeping,  
the mourners will embrace, and grief replace  
every impulse toward harm.

Ten thousand is not enough, they said,  
so, we have sent this dream, like a flock of doves  
into the sleep of the world.

Wake up. Put on your shoes.  
You who are reading this, I am bringing bandages  
and a bag of scented guavas from my trees. I think  
I remember the tune. Meet me at the corner.  
Let's go.

~ Aurora Levins Morales



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*In Loving Memory*



Nathan Anthony Morales

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Saturday 16th of December at Sundown

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And, sadly,



### [Bryan Hudson Jr Updates](#)

The world this morning has a little less magic, a little less light as we lost our brother, son and uncle today. He was also a cousin, nephew and friend. He was surrounded by me, our dad, his niece and his brother in law as he left us. Bryan fought the good fight but in the end, he was needed somewhere else. It is heartbreaking but Bryan is no longer suffering and that gives us some peace.

It was a difficult 8 days for us, for Bryan and for all of you. We could not have gotten through this without all of your support and we appreciate and care about all of you. Bryan was deeply loved and he loved each of you.

We have a lot of logistics to get Bryan home and we will announce his celebration at a later date.

There are so many people to thank and we will eventually get that done  
Bryan Hudson [Bryan Hudson](#) Yvonne Elkins Shalyn Steffel [Paul Elkins](#)

