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Full Super Wolf Moon taken in North Reno before the rain moved in.

—Donna Dyste K. 

[Oglala Sioux Tribe says three tribal members arrested in Minneapolis are in ICE detention](#)

The president of Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota on Tuesday called for the immediate release of tribal members who were detained at a homeless encampment by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in Minnesota last week. Three of the four Oglala Sioux Tribe members who were arrested in Minneapolis on Friday have been transferred to an ICE facility at Fort Snelling, President Frank Star Comes Out said in a statement released with a memorandum sent to federal immigration authorities.

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**Spark your curiosity:** Reno’s hands-on science hub, [The Discovery](#), offers make-it stations, tinkering in The Shop, and exhibits like Energy/Energía and a full-scale Allosaurus. A smart midweek reset when you want fresh, family-friendly inspiration beyond another streaming queue.

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[Colorado River](#)

NEVADA CURRENT: Tribes stake their claim on the Colorado River, and help conserve it **by Jeniffer Solis, Nevada Current**

Tribes across the West have worked with states to protect the [Colorado River](#) and conserve enough water to raise elevations in the river’s two largest reservoirs, Lakes Powell and Mead, a move that has helped states during critical droughts.

Now tribes want to make it clear that any future agreements on how to manage the river’s water must include their input and an acknowledgment that they intend to develop their water rights.

“It’s high time that tribes begin to really begin to flex their sovereignty,” said Mike Natchees, a member of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee.

The Ute Indian Tribe holds significant senior water rights, including 500,000 acre-feet in the Green River basin in Utah, but faces challenges with unused water flowing downstream due to lack of infrastructure and funding.

“It just continues to flow downstream. We are uncompensated for it. It is undeveloped. And again, that is unacceptable for the Ute Indian Tribe,” Natchees said.

That sentiment was shared among representatives for dozens of tribes who spoke at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas in December.

Western states that rely on the Colorado River have less than two months to agree on how to manage the troubled river. The seven Colorado River Basin states — Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming — have until Feb. 14 to reach a new water

sharing agreement before current operating rules expire at the end of 2026 —or the federal government will step in with their own plan.

But the Ute Indian Tribe, whose reservation is located in Northeastern Utah, emphasized that any new agreement will have a significant impact on tribes across the Colorado River basin.

One of the biggest disagreements between the Upper and Lower Basin states is over which faction should have to cut back on their water use during dry years. Historically, Lower Basin states have used nearly all their 7.5 million acre-feet Colorado River allocation under current Colorado River guidelines, compared to the 4.5 million acres-feet used by the Upper Basin states.

Natchees said the impact of water cuts to tribes in the Upper Basin have not been discussed enough during negotiations, adding that he hopes tribes will one day have a seat on the Upper Colorado River Commission, an interstate water administrative agency that represents Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico.

“The bottom line is that the Lower Basin is just simply over allocated. They’re overusing and they’re doing it with no regard to anyone in the Upper Basin, which feeds their system, and that needs to change,” Natchees said.

Tribes have continued to be a part of the solution when it comes to conservation on the river, said President of the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, Jonathan E. Koteen.

In 2025, the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe signed an agreement to conserve 13,000 acre-feet of water to bolster elevations in Lake Mead, and contributed additional water savings through its ongoing seasonal fallowing agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Those water savings helped California reach its goal of conserving 1.6 million acre-feet in Lake Mead a year ahead of schedule.

“Tribal inclusion must be formal, meaningful and permanent. Tribes are not new participants. We are original stewards of the river, and our voices must be part of shaping the future family,” Koteen said.

Conservation efforts by tribes have also been innovative, said Koteen. The Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe secured funding to line the Reservation Main Canal, reducing seepage and improving efficiency for water deliveries to large portions of the Yuma Project Reservation Division.

Another example of an innovative solution was when the Jicarilla Apache Nation entered a landmark 10-year water-sharing agreement with New Mexico and The Nature Conservancy in 2023 to lease up to 20,000 acre-feet of its Colorado River water annually, supporting endangered fish habitat and water security for the state by strategically releasing water into the San Juan River.

“It’s increasing water security for the state of New Mexico, allowing the state to meet its obligations under whatever framework that we end up coming up with in post 2026, so it’s a great project,” said Jenny Dumas, the water attorney for the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

But Dumas emphasized that not every tribe can replicate such an agreement, and every tribe has their own unique needs that must be considered when settling on a new water sharing agreement.

Councilmember for Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Conrad Jacket said the tribe’s Bow and Arrow Farm is a major economic driver. While tribes in California, like the Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe, are able to reduce crops for payment, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe can not.

“This year, we did have to cut back,” Jacket said. “And that’s not good on our part. That is not good on all this whole region’s part.”

Instead, the tribe would benefit more from flexible tools that allow the tribe’s water to be set aside in good water years, while contributing to additional release in dry years.

Tribes said they were committed to helping states reach a seven-state consensus on how to share the river’s water, in order to stabilize the river and secure their rights.

During the conference, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Gila River Indian Community and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, which manages the Central Arizona Project, signed a major proclamation to work together to protect the Colorado River.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes is Arizona’s largest and most senior Colorado River water rights holder.

“All of us who live in Arizona, native and non-native alike, are connected by water, for without water, there is no life. And it is that common thread that binds us, which has us here today, pledging to work together for the greater good of all who live in Arizona,” said Colorado River Indian Tribes Chairwoman Amelia Flores.

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On behalf of the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, we would like to invite you to our 2026 Scholarship Webinar for Students and Parents on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This webinar is open to all students and families interested in applying for scholarships through the Community Foundation. Attendees will receive a brief overview of the scholarship program. We are pleased to host this session in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno, who will share the latest updates on financial aid and the FAFSA, including important information for students receiving scholarships in 2026. While we are collaborating with University of Nevada, Reno for this webinar, you are not required to be considering and/or applying there to attend this session.

Registration tab would not transfer, so if interested, call CFNN at 775.

Apply by January 23: Free Teaching with Primary Sources Workshops at the Library of Congress

01/13/2026 11:00 AM EST

There is still time to apply for one of the Library’s FREE Teaching with Primary Sources Workshops, where participants will learn about and practice strategies for using primary sources with K-12 students. Applications are due January 23, 2026 and require a letter of recommendation.

Virtual Lunch Series

A History of Native California

CHAPTER 2
Beach Encounters:
Indigenous People and
the Age of Exploration

January 16 12 - 1 p.m. bit.ly/NativeHistory-Ch2

Credit: Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley

Join Deputy Secretary of Tribal Affairs Geneva E.B. Thompson and Professor William J. Bauer Jr. for a monthly discussion of a chapter from *We Are the Land: A History of Native California* by Damon B. Akins and William J. Bauer Jr.

Follow along! Purchase your own copy of the book, check it out from your local library, or listen along wherever you get your audiobooks.

CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY

IMLS Opens FY26 Grant Funding Cycle, Encourages Library and Museum Applications

IMLS notice of funding opportunities are now open!

WASHINGTON, DC—To help kick off the celebration of America's 250th birthday, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is now accepting applications for its FY26 discretionary grant cycle. As the leading source of federal funding for American museums, libraries, and related institutions, IMLS funding opportunities play a crucial role in furthering the Trump administration's commitment to heritage preservation, workforce development, and civic education.

Institutions across the United States are encouraged to apply to the agency's programs by **March 13, 2026**. Program descriptions and available applicant resources are listed below.

Library Grant Programs:

- [**Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**](#) - Supports the training and professional development of library and archives professionals to meet the information needs of their communities.
- [**National Leadership Grants for Libraries**](#) - Supports projects that develop, enhance, or disseminate replicable practices, programs, models, or tools to strengthen library and archival services for the American public.
- [**Native American Library Services: Basic Grants**](#) - Assists eligible Native Communities in establishing, sustaining, and improving library services and operations with their communities.

Museum Grant Programs:

- [**21st Century Museum Professionals Program**](#) - Supports projects that offer professional development to the current museum workforce, train and recruit future professionals, and share effective workforce development practices.
- [**Inspire! Grants for Small Museums**](#) - Supports small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public.
- [**Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**](#) - Builds the capacity of African American museums and supports the growth and development of their staffs.
- [**Museum Grants for American Latino History and Culture**](#) - Builds the capacity of American Latino history and culture museums to serve their communities and advance the growth and development of a professional workforce.
- [**Museums Empowered**](#) - Supports projects that use the transformative power of professional development and training to generate change within museums of all types and sizes.
- [**Museums for America**](#) - Supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public.
- [**National Leadership Grants for Museums**](#) - Supports projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance the profession and strengthen museum services for the American public.
- [**Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services**](#) - Supports Indian tribes and organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians in sustaining heritage, culture, and knowledge.

Applicant Resources:

To learn more about a program's requirements and recommendations, applicants should carefully review its landing page, linked above. Additional applicant resources include:

- [**Grant-Related Newsletters**](#)
- Applicant Counseling
 - [**Email a library specialist**](#)
 - [**Email a museum specialist**](#)

Scholarships with February 13-15 Deadlines

A.C. "Kate" & Leo Joseph Merlone Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026
A.C. "Kate" & Leo Joseph Merlone Teaching Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026
Albert Smith Conservation Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026
American Dance Festival Internships	\$2,250	February 13, 2026
Brad Fowler Memorial Scholarship	\$15,000	February 13, 2026
Dallas Center for Architecture Foundation - McDermott Traveling Fellowship	\$5,000	February 13, 2026
DGV Scholarship Program	\$20,000	February 13, 2026
Gary R. Bierlein Memorial Scholarship	\$1,500	February 13, 2026
Libbie H. Hyman Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	February 13, 2026
Michigan Sugar Company Employee Scholarship	\$1,000	February 13, 2026
Mississippi Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship Program	\$25,000	February 13, 2026
Missouri Corn Scholarship	\$1,000	February 13, 2026
OAB Scholarship Awards	\$2,500	February 13, 2026
POET Never Satisfied Scholarship	\$5,000	February 13, 2026
Shared Energy Future Foundation STEM Scholarship	\$1,500	February 13, 2026
Simon Youth Greg Saunders Legacy Scholarship Program	\$3,000	February 13, 2026
South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association Scholarships	\$3,000	February 13, 2026
The Arc New York Scholarships	\$3,000	February 13, 2026
The Barrows Family Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	February 13, 2026
Thomas A. Brady, MD Comeback Scholarship Award	\$1,500	February 13, 2026
Tom Krzyzaniak Automotive Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026
Tom Krzyzaniak Teaching Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026

UASCS - Fred R. Strutz Family Memorial Scholarship	\$4,000	February 13, 2026
Yellow Dog Studio Memorial Scholarship	Varies	February 13, 2026
American Council of the Blind Scholarship	\$7,500	February 14, 2026
ASUS Scholarship	\$10,000	February 14, 2026
FTE Fellowships for Doctoral Students	\$35,000	February 14, 2026
Salute to Education Scholarship	\$1,500	February 14, 2026
Tupelo Elvis Fan Club Scholarship	\$5,000	February 14, 2026

<u>The 431 Exchange Scholarship</u>	\$1,431	February 15, 2026
<u>The Christophers Video Contest</u>	\$2,000	February 15, 2026
<u>The CRWA Annual Scholarship Program</u>	\$3,000	February 15, 2026
<u>William L. Cullison Scholarship</u>	\$4,000	February 15, 2026
<u>America's 911 Foundation, Inc. Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	February 15, 2026
<u>ATSS Roadway Worker Memorial Scholarship Program</u>	\$10,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Blandy Experimental Farm REU Program</u>	\$7,000	February 15, 2026
<u>BMI Future Jazz Master Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Chevron International REACH Scholarship Program</u>	\$2,500	February 15, 2026
<u>Chickasaw Nation Scholarships</u>	Full-Tuition	February 15, 2026
<u>Connecticut Roberta B. Willis Need-Based Grant</u>	\$21,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Dell Scholars Program</u>	\$20,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Dora Maclellan Brown Ministry Scholarship</u>	Varies	February 15, 2026
<u>Florida Engineering Society High School Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Get To® Foundation Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Hospitality Education Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Iota Sigma Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Chemistry</u>	\$1,000	February 15, 2026
<u>James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship</u>	\$43,500	February 15, 2026
<u>Marion Barr Stanfield Art Scholarship</u>	\$10,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Melmed Law Group Collegiate Scholarship</u>	\$5,000	February 15, 2026
<u>NATAS Chicago/Midwest College Scholarships</u>	\$6,000	February 15, 2026
<u>NDSGC Lillian Goettler Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	February 15, 2026
<u>NDSGC Pearl I. Young Scholarship</u>	\$2,500	February 15, 2026
<u>New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant</u>	\$14,404	February 15, 2026
<u>NFB of MA Scholarship</u>	\$3,000	February 15, 2026
<u>Pinnacol Foundation College Scholarship Program</u>	\$4,700	February 15, 2026
<u>Sierra Nevada Chapter DAR Scholarship</u>	\$2,000	February 15, 2026
<u>TAPPI Awards and Scholarships</u>	\$5,000	February 15, 2026



My name is Mary Peltola, and I want to share with you why I've made the decision to run for the United States Senate in Alaska — and to ask for your support as we begin this journey together.

We are paying 17 bucks for a gallon of milk. *They don't even believe us.* Now here's a bit more on how I came to this decision.

When I was growing up in Bethel, salmon fishing with my father in the summers and dog mushing in the winters, Alaska was a place of abundance.

Now, all across Alaska, we have scarcity.

Multi-national companies are trawling our waters and decimating our fish stocks. The moose, caribou, and migratory birds that used to fill our freezers are harder to find.

So we buy more groceries, where the prices are just crushing Alaska families.

And I've got to tell you, DC people do not care that

They're focused on their own wallets — not ours.

And when they actually work together on something, it's usually to help themselves. The rigged system in DC is shutting down Alaska and hurting all of us while politicians and their millionaire and billionaire donors feather their own nest.

It's why our prices are rising, and our heating bills keep going up. All while the health care and services Alaskans rely on get gutted.

I'm done with politicians getting richer while things get tougher here at home.

Systemic change is the only way to bring down grocery costs, save our fisheries, lower energy prices, and build new housing Alaskans can actually afford.

Systemic change is the only way to fill our homes with abundance again.

My agenda for Alaska will always be: fish, family, freedom. These values have been the core values of my campaigns since the very beginning.

But if we're going to secure Alaska's future, we need another priority: fighting corruption.

I'm running for Alaska's Senate seat because it is the fight for our future.

This is going to be one of the closest Senate races of the next election, and I cannot do this alone. There is only one way we'll be able to win this race... and that is together.

Ed note: Mary was the first Alaskan Native elected to the House. The above was extracted from a fundraising letter.

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**America's AI boom is running into an unplanned water problem**



“The fastest-growing piece of America’s artificial intelligence infrastructure is colliding with one of its most finite local resources: water. As utilities, state regulators, and local governments rush to accommodate a surge in data-center construction driven by AI and cloud computing, water is emerging as a constraint that few permitting systems were designed to manage. The issue isn’t that data centers are unexpected. It’s that they have crossed a threshold of scale—yet are still being regulated as if they were ordinary real-estate projects rather than nationally strategic infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that planning for these facilities requires coordination beyond the local level. In many jurisdictions, data centers are approved under commercial real-estate frameworks, even though their energy and water demands more closely resemble those of mission-critical infrastructure. ... ”

[Read more from Forbes.](#)

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[Trump officials bar Head Start providers from using 'women' and 'race' in grant applications](#)

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**Corporation for Public Broadcasting votes itself out of existence**

Leaders of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a private agency that has steered federal funding to PBS, NPR and hundreds of public television and radio stations across the country, voted Monday to dissolve the organization that was created in 1967. [Read more.](#)

Why this matters:

- CPB had been winding down since Congress acted last summer to defund its operations at the encouragement of President Donald Trump. “CPB’s final act would be to protect the integrity of the public media system and the democratic values by dissolving, rather than allowing the organization to remain defunded and vulnerable to additional attacks,” said Patricia Harrison, the organization’s president and CEO.



**Bye-bye**