HOW TO BEGIN RESEARCH

- **Compile a list of subject key words.** You will use them when researching.
- **Think of synonyms (words that mean the same thing).**
- **Check the spelling.** Searching in the library catalog or databases won’t correct your spelling.
- **Start small.** Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering more.
- **Create a rough outline.** Based on the information you have already collected, write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION

**When should I use books?**
- For in-depth overviews or historical background on a subject.
- Look for books using the Catalog on the Library website.

**When should I use a database?**
- For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area.
- Access databases from the **Useful Links** bar in the Catalog.

**When should I use the Web?**
- For demographic statistics or VERY current information that has not yet been published academically.

PIIKUNI STUDIES WRITING HELP

- *Natives and Academics: researching and writing about American Indians*
  E 76.8 .N37 1998
- *Tribal Writes: the correspondence guide for Native Americans*
  REF HF 5726 .R36 1995
- *The Student Writer: editor and critic*
  PE 1408 .C537 2010
- *A Troubleshooting Guide for Writers: strategies and process*
  PE 1408 .C5378 2010
- *The McGraw Hill Handbook*
  PE 1408 ..M3365 2010
- *Text and Thought: an integrated approach to college reading and writing*
  PE 1413 .R38 2000

PIIKANI STUDIES

Research at:

Medicine Spring Library
338-5441 x2701
http://library.bfcc.edu

Blackfeet Community College
517 SE Boundary St.
PO Box 819
Browning, MT 59417

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Books
The following are Library of Congress Call Numbers for possible Piikuni Studies and Native American research topics

Piikuni Studies
E 99 .K15 Kainah Indians
E 99 .P58 Piegan Indians
E 99 .S54 Siksika Indians, Blackfeet Reservation
PM 2341-4 Siksika Language
BKFT Blackbound section in Archives
BCC/BKFT Video collection of BCC events/workshops

Native American General
E 75—E 99 Indians of North America
  E 78 Archaeology
  E 81-88 Historical Events
  E 89-90 Biographies
  E 91-93 Government Relations
  E 97 Education
  E 98 Native Social Life
  E 99 Individual Tribes
ML 3557 Native Music
PM 1-7356 Native Languages
PS 508 .I5 Native Literature

* denotes Native American Authors throughout the entire collection

Databases

EBSCO Host
• Provides online access to several Native American and multicultural research publications.

Credo Reference
• Encyclopedic entries on Native American tribes, languages and activities. A good place to start basic research.

Ancestry/Heritage Quest
• Only available on campus, trace your ancestry and find your roots.

Print Journals

American Indian Art Magazine
E 98 .A7 A43

American Indian Culture and Research Journal
E 75 .A5124

Journal of American Indian Education
E 97 .J66

Montana: The Magazine of Western History
F 726 .M742

National Museum of the American Indian
Journals
E 51 .N26

Studies in American Indian Literatures
PM 151 .A87

Tribal College Journal
E 97.55 .T75

Newspapers


Windspeaker—Aboriginal news throughout Alberta and Canada

Alberta Sweetgrass—Aboriginal news in Alberta

Various other Native American Newspapers in the Archive Room

Websites

Piikuni Studies
• Blackfoot Digital Library
  http://blackfootdigitallibrary.org
• Kainai Studies online campus
  http://kainaiestudies.com

Native American
• Bureau of Indian Affairs Document Library
• National Archives: Native American Heritage Records
  http://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/
• National Museum of the American Indian
  http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/

Native American Law
• Montana Indian Law Portal
  http://www.indianlaw.mt.gov
• Indian Affairs: laws and treaties
  http://digitallibrary.okstate.edu/kappler
• National Indian Rights Fund (NARF)
  http://www.narf.org

Statistics Data
• Montana Office of Indian Affairs
  http://www.tribalnations.mt.gov
• US Census: American Indian and Alaska Native
  http://www.census.gov/aiann
• Center for Disease Control: American Indian & Alaska Native Populations
  http://www.cdc.gov/minorityhealth/populations/REMP/aiann.html