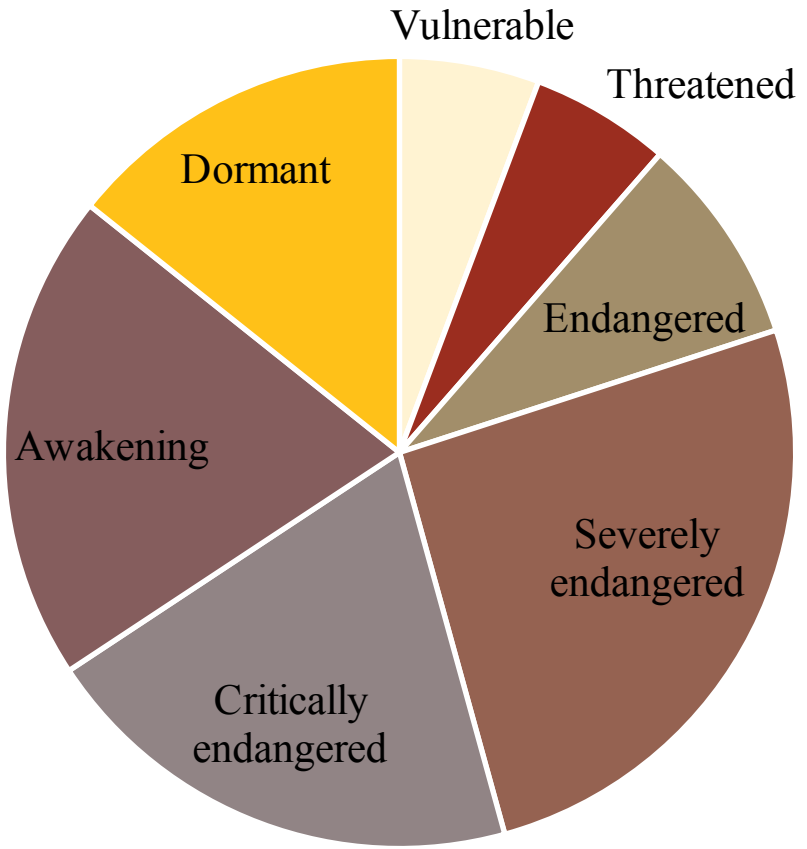
The Native American Languages Collection

Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
University of Oklahoma

Native languages in Oklahoma

- Language 'hotspot': http://www.swarthmore.edu/SocSci/langhotspots/hotspots/SOK/
- From the Catalogue of Endangered Languages (endangeredlanguages.com):
  - 'At risk': **0**
  - 'Vulnerable': **2**
  - 'Threatened': **2**
  - 'Endangered': **3**
  - 'Severely endangered': **9**
  - 'Critically endangered': **7**
  - 'Dormant' (post-1960): **5**
  - 'Awakening': **7**
  - 'Unknown': **0**



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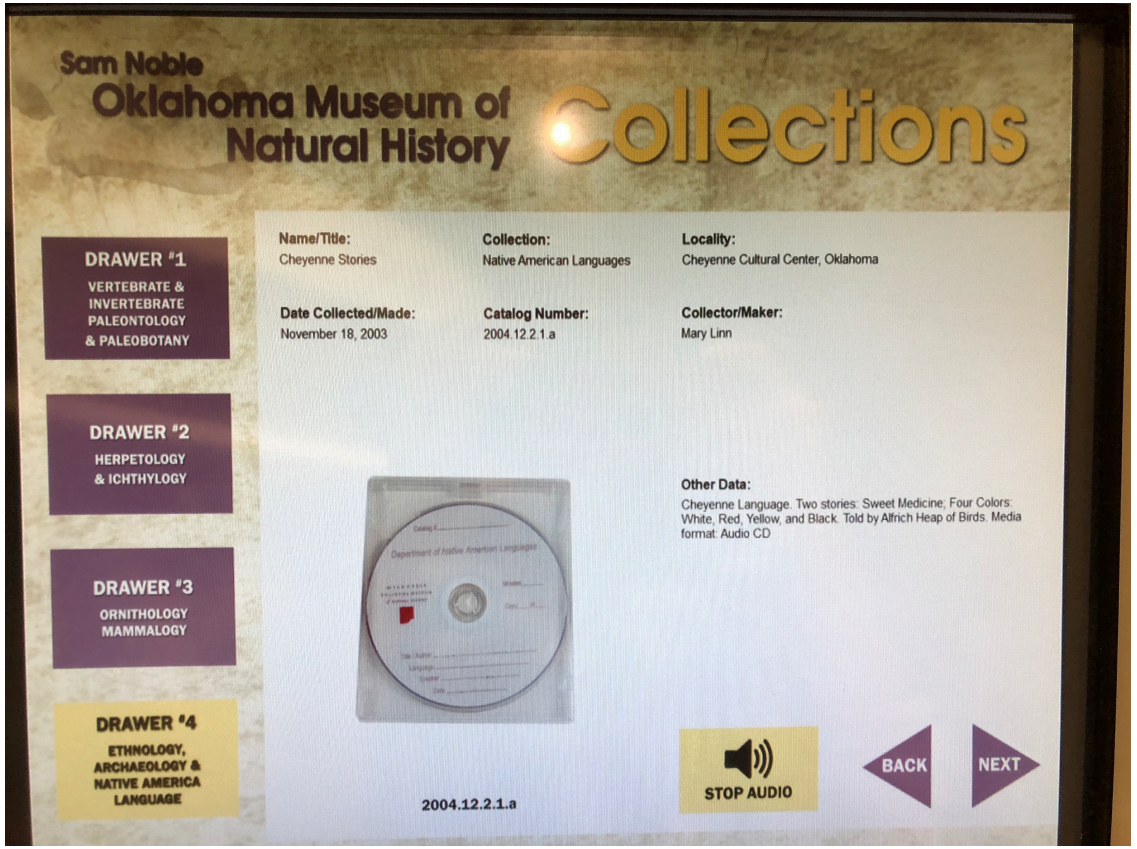
Exhibits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VERTEBRATE & INVERTEBRATE PALEONTOLOGY & PALEOBOTANY
DRAWER #2
HERPETOLOGY & ICHTHYLOGY
DRAWER #3
ORNITHOLOGY MAMMALOGY
DRAWER #4
ETHNOLOGY, ARCHAEOLOGY & NATIVE AMERICA LANGUAGE
Name/Title:
Cheyenne Stories
Collection:
Native American Languages
Locality:
Cheyenne Cultural Center, Oklahoma
Date Collected/Made:
November 18, 2003
Catalog Number:
2004.12.2.1.a
Collector/Maker:
Mary Linn
Other Data:
Cheyenne Language. Two stories: Sweet Medicine; Four Colors: White, Red, Yellow, and Black. Told by Alfrich Heap of Birds. Media format: Audio CD
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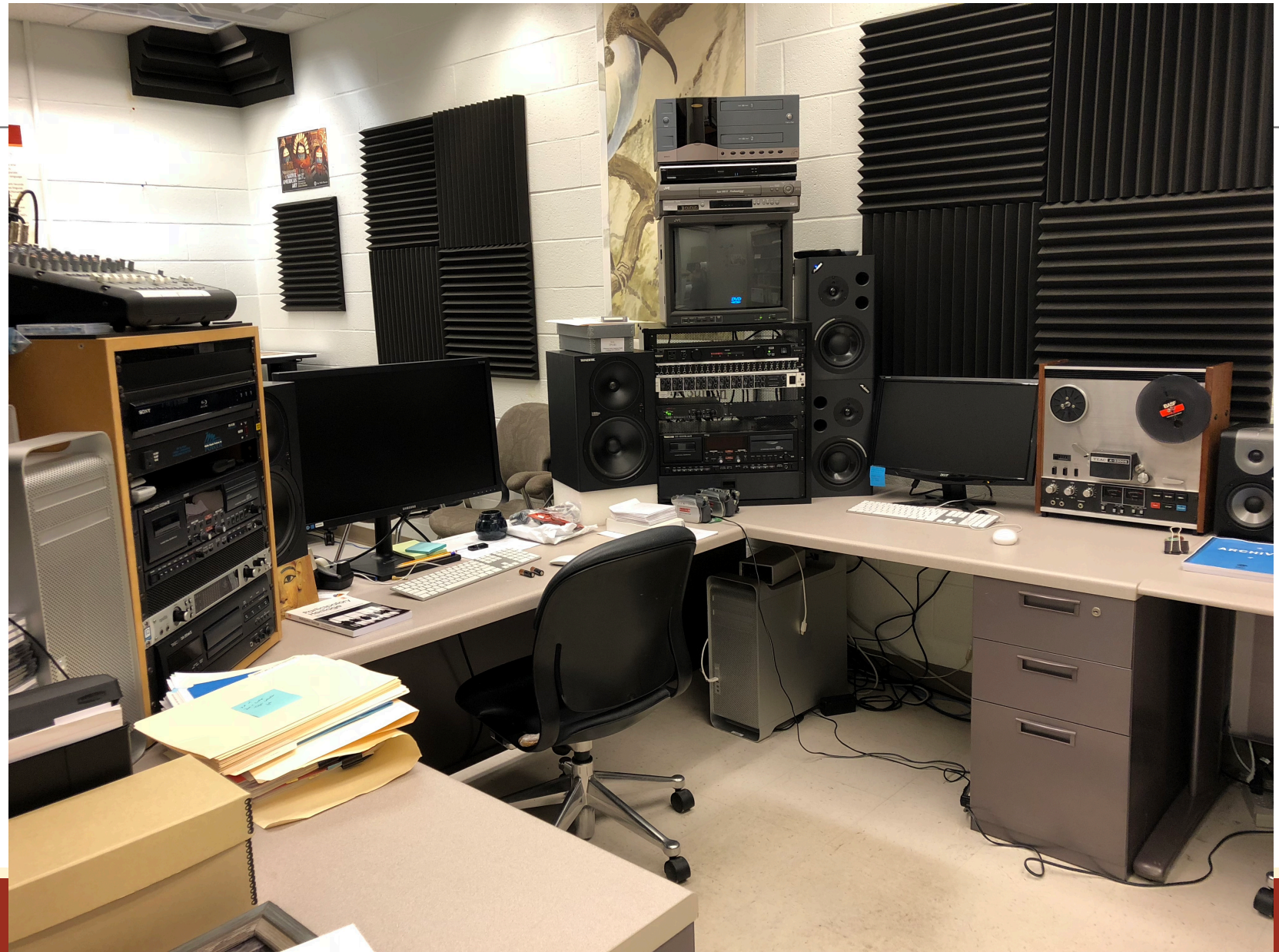
through teacher training workshops,

Physical collections space

Library/reading room

Digitization Lab



Recording Studio

Staff

- Curator/professor of Native American Studies
- Full-time Collections Manager/Archivist
- 1-3 Internships through OU Native American Studies
- 6-12 research students and volunteers

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Collections overview

~7,500 items in or about more than 175 languages

~55 collections

~140 linear feet

Largest collection of Dhegiha materials

Large amount of pedagogical materials and readers/storybooks from OK and the Southwest

~100 in-person visitors annually

~200 individual annual copy requests (often of many items)

Ongoing partnerships and backups

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Wichita Language Project

Lenape Talking Dictionary

Chahta Anumpa Aiikhvna

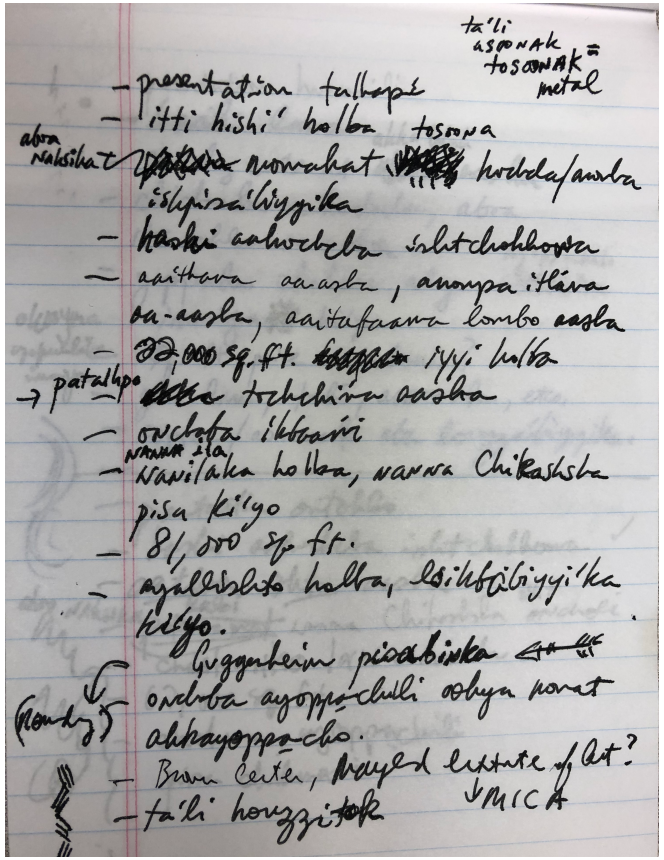
Muscogee Creek Nation

Kiowa Cultural Preservation Authority

Seminole Language Program

Delaware Nation Museum

Josh Hinson collection



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Primary materials on NA languages:

Arapaho
Cherokee
Cheyenne
Chickasaw
Choctaw
Comanche
Cree
Creek
Dakota
Havasupai-Walapai-Yavapai
Hopi
Jiwere (Iowa-Oto-Missouri)
Kansa
Kiowa
Lakota
Meskwaki-Sauk
Navajo
Omaha-Ponca
Osage
Plains Apache
Quapaw
Quechua
Shawnee
Tahono O'odham
Unami
Wichita
Yuchi

Materials on NA languages:

Alabama
Caddo
Canela-Krahô
Crow
Dene
Hawaiian
Ho-chunk
Jicarilla Apache
Kickapoo
Koryak
Mescalero-Chiracahua Apache
Myaamia
Nahuatl (Guerrero)
Ojibwe
Paipai
Passamoquoddy/Maliseet
Pawnee
Pemon
Potawatomi
Western Apache
Wyandot

How to access

Sam Noble Museum → Collections → Native American Languages → Research → Collection Database, or Explore Our Collections

http://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/native-american-languages-collections/

For viewing items or getting copies of materials:

- Contact us at 405-325-3332 or language.samnoblemuseum@ou.edu
- Come visit the collection: Sam Noble Museum
  2401 Chautauqua Ave.
  Norman, OK 73072

How to deposit

http://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/steps-to-deposit-materials/

1. Check out our Accession & Reference Guidelines.

(2. Let us know to expect your materials).

3. Download and complete the NAL Depositor Packet.

4. Download and complete the Depositor Metadata Sheet.

5. Send in your materials. What method is most appropriate depends on the types and amount of materials being deposited.

6. NAL sends you copies of anything digitized, and a complimentary year-long membership to the museum!

Item Access Levels

Level 1. Open access. Resources are made available for public viewing and use if users agree to our Conditions for Use of Archived Resources.

Level 2. In-person access. Items at this access level can be viewed by archive users, but they cannot make or download copies of the materials.

Level 3. Access is protected by a time limit. Users may not access the resources until after a specified date. After the time limit passes, access changes to open access (Level 1).

Level 4.The depositor (or someone else) controls access to the resource. The controller must ensure that the appropriate contact information is up to date. If contact information is not up to date, then determinations of permission to access and use the resource revert to the curator of NAL.

Coming attractions

Professional audio/video equipment available for check-out

NAL collection metadata on OLAC

NAL collection metadata on OU library platform and OU ARC

Independent NAL website, with downloadable collection materials (ca. 2-3 years)

OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN

YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR

2 day fair, first week in April

1,363 participants, ~3,000 attendees

41 languages

6 performance categories, 5 material categories

All are welcome!

http://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/oklahoma-native-american-youth-language-fair/

Thank you!

NAL's info:

405-325-7588 for general information

405-325-3332 for accessing the collections

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