The Native American Languages Collection
Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
University of Oklahoma
Native languages in Oklahoma


- 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
Exhibits
Physical collections space
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
### Primary materials on NA languages:

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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)
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://samnobleuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/native-american-languages/oklahoma-native-american-youth-language-fair/
Thank you!

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