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TRAILS FUNDED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Studies has been awarded a contract to assist American Indian and Alaskan Native communities in providing tribal members with library services. This program will operate under the acronym TRAILS: Training and Assistance for Indian Library Services. Specific activities currently being conducted by TRAILS include the implementation of short-term training programs for native Americans, the development of training models for public libraries serving Native Americans, and counseling tribes in ways to develop new library services or improve already existing library services and programs.

TRAILS is staffed by two professional librarians: Dr. Lotsee P. Smith (Comanche) former Associate Professor in the School of Library Science at Texas Woman's University and Dr. Richard Heyser who formerly served as Director of the Cultural Resources Department of the Navajo Nation at Window Rock. Their efforts are supported by Mrs. Phyllis Furr, secretary.

Tribes may use TRAILS services free of charge by writing TRAILS, School of Library & Information Studies, University of Oklahoma, 401 West Brooks, Room 123, Norman, Oklahoma 73019.

UPDATE ON LSCA TITLE IV
U.S. Department of Education
Library Services & Construction Act

The 1985 basic grant awards have gone out to 130 American Indian and Alaskan Native communities. The grants totaled \$3,498 per tribe. Eighteen additional communities have special projects which were funded including the following: Assiniboine-Sioux of Fort Peck, Confederated Salish & Kootenai, Havasupai, Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa, Lummi, Miccosukee, Navajo Nation, Port Lions Native Village, Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of San Juan, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Rosebud Sioux, San Carlos Apache, St. Regis Band of Mohawks, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and the Yavapai--Prescott. The awarded funds ranged from as low as \$3,000 to over \$300,000.

December 6 is the deadline for the 1986 basic grants which will be awarded in March of 1986. Special project applications for 1986 are due by February 24, 1986, and the appropriate application packets will be available by the end of November 1985.

Those who need further information should contact either Beth Fine or Frank Stevens, U.S. Department of Education, Library Development Staff, Library Programs/OERI, Washington, D.C. 20208. This office may also be reached by telephone at (202) 254-5090.

NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY

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Native American Rights Fund

The National Indian Law Library of Boulder, Colorado, is in its fourteenth year. The Carnegie Corporation

of New York in providing a three-year development grant to the Native American Rights Fund in May 1972 satisfied a very real practical need of attorneys in the area of Federal Indian Law. This need manifested itself in the following manner: Standard commercial reporting systems failed to reflect major portions of Federal Indian Law, resulting in little or no method for keeping up-to-date in this rapidly growing area of the law; further, many practitioners working on reservations and in rural Indian communities lacked access to law libraries housing the legal resources required in their work; and finally there was no central location where current litigation in Federal Indian Law was being collected and made available to attorneys.

Today, the National Indian Law Library continues to serve as a clearinghouse for legal materials dealing with Federal Indian Law. The National Indian Law Library Catalogue, An Index to Indian Legal Materials and Resources reflects the Library's current holdings which include cases, briefs, pleadings, orders, legal opinions, rulings, memoranda, treatises, studies, books, articles, reports, and legislative histories pertinent to Federal Indian Law. The National Indian Law Library Catalogue is arranged by subject, author, title, a table of cases and NILL Number. It will be published every five years. The next edition is to appear in 1987; updated by supplements, the 1985 supplement will be ready for mailing this winter.

Currently the National Indian Law Library is staffed by four full-time employees, who also maintain a separate general research law library for the Native American Rights Fund attorneys. Users of the National Indian Law Library have been identified as Native American Rights Fund attorneys, tribal offices, tribal advocates, tribal court judges, law students, libraries, and those members of the general public interested in Federal Indian Law. Requests for materials from the collection are handled in one of several methods: photocopying the requested information at ten cents per

page plus a postage charge, loaning the requested information for a thirty-day period, or referral to a source where the requested information may be purchased.

Further information may be obtained by writing directly to the National Indian Law Library, Native American Rights Fund, 1506 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80302-6296.

CALL FOR NEWS ITEMS

AILN would like to receive short papers for forthcoming issues. We wish to know about events. Profiles of collections, Indian libraries, or cultural facilities are welcome as are short select bibliographies.

Deadlines are as follows:
Winter--Nov.1; Spring--Feb. 15;
Summer--May 15; and Fall--Aug. 15.

Please write the editor: Thomas J Blumer, European Law Division, Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

LITTLE KNOWN FIRST FACTS

1587. Chief Manteo of the Hatteras Indians became the first American Indian to be baptised as a Protestant.

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1758 The first state Indian reservation was established in New Jersey for 200 Lenape and Unamis Indians.

AMERICAN INDIAN LAW: RESEARCH AND SOURCES

Marie-Louise H. Bernal
Law Library, Library of Congress

Anyone doing research on the American Indian should take note of a new valuable reference tool entitled Legal Reference Services Quarterly (v. 1-, 1981-) published by the Haworth Press in New York. Issue No. 4 of its first volume contains an article by Susan Lipton on "American Indian Tribal Codes," a topic which well complements the article under review, "American Indian Law: Research and Sources" by Nancy Carol Carter. The latter focuses on the body of law by which the federal government regulates its relationship to Indian tribes and citizens.

Professor Carter is the Director of Research of Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco, where she also teaches the subject of American Indian Law. Her work is a 70-page comprehensive study which covers the primary sources of Indian law (treaties, statutes and legislation, case law, Indian claims, executive actions, and administrative law); secondary sources (treaties and book, periodicals and looseleaf services, encyclopedias, annotated reports, practice materials and formbooks, symposia and surveys, and bibliographies); and, finally, a chapter on collateral sources for Indian law research and information (documents archives, collections of materials, statistical information, directories, organizations and resource centers, libraries and special collections, and a listing of law firms specializing in Indian Law). Basic research instruction and background explanations are given along with the sources. In her study the author strongly promotes an interdisciplinary approach to research on the American Indian, emphasizing the fact that to fully comprehend the

legal issues involved, the researcher has to analyze them within the framework of their time and place. Briefs often contain long historical narratives and nonlegal sources are frequently used. Ms. Carter quotes, "Indian law and Indian history truly are a seamless web... Indian history defines Indian law and Indian law dominates Indian history."

Professor Carter's study deserves attention from a wide audience also beyond the strictly legal field. Hopefully, she will expand it into a monograph to facilitate its use and allow it to become a prime tool for doing research on Indian law.

Carter, Nancy Carol. "American Indian Law: Research and Sources," Vol. 4, No. 4 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 5-71 (1984/1985).

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS

Pennsylvania State University is offering graduate fellowships to American Indian students interested in working with mentally and physically handicapped American Indian children. The deadline for submitting applications for the 1986 fall semester is April 15, 1986.

Established in 1983, through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the American Indian Special Education Teacher Training Program offers a specific course of study. Participants in the program receive a monthly stipend of approximately \$600, a waiver of tuition, and a textbook allowance.

Fellowship

For more information, write to Dr. Anna Gajar, American Indian Special Education Teacher Training Program, Pennsylvania State University, 226B Moore Building, University Park, PA 16802 or call (814) 863-2438.

RED LAKE CHIPPEWAS PRESERVE PAST

Roger Jourdain, chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, was recently presented with a check by the Minnesota Historical Society.

The award is to provide partial funding for a historic preservation project initiated by Jourdain and the tribal council in 1984. The Chippewa Archives is to gather and preserve all the tribe's records, historical and contemporary, and preserve them for future generations.

Jourdain is enthusiastic about the archival project and said, "The time has come for our enrolled members to have access to material that researchers have had access to for years... and for Red Lake Band to have a historical account that is from other than a white non-reservation perspective. We have a unique reservation and in the annals of tribal history this project will emphasize that fact as well as instill in Red Lake people a sense of pride in our history."

AMERICAN INDIAN INDEX

Arrowstar Publishing, an American Indian owned company, has announced the publication of The American Indian Index. The Index contains over 6,000

Indian country contacts and provides one of the most comprehensive directories of American Indian and Alaskan Native arts and crafts wholesale and retail outlets available.

The Index also contains a list of tribes and communities, educational programs, pow-wows, employment agencies, and social services. The Index may be obtained by writing to Arrowstar Publishing, 10134 University Park Station, Denver, Colorado 80210 or by calling (303) 692-6579.

AMERICAN INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION: MID-WINTER MEETING PLANNED

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) will meet during the American Library Association's (ALA) Mid-winter Meetings in Chicago, Illinois. Joint meetings for AILA and the OLOS Committee on Library Services for American Indian People have been tentatively scheduled. Meetings are scheduled on Sunday, January 19, 1986 and Monday, January 20, 1986 from 2-4pm.

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