

Resources For Teaching Aboriginal Languages in the Northwest Territories An Annotated Bibliography



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This annotated bibliography was created to document and catalogue the many resources that have been produced and published in the aboriginal languages here in the Northwest Territories. Aboriginal language groups from throughout the Northwest Territories were invited to submit their resources. The only qualifier was that the resource must be written in a northern aboriginal language. This collection represents the aboriginal language books published in six aboriginal languages: Cree (nehiyawin), North Slavey, South Slavey (Dene Yatıe), Chipewyan (Dëne Sułın Yatı), Tłıchǫ and Gwich'in. Altogether almost 500 books, CD's, DVD's, kits and posters have been catalogued for this bibliography. This in itself is a reason to celebrate and is an indication of the commitment shown by Teaching and Learning Centers and various Community Language Groups in creating and publishing quality aboriginal language resources for use in the communities in support of aboriginal language programming.

This resource will be updated in an electronic format as new books and kits are published and submitted for review. Several organizations have created links to this electronic resource through their web sites including the following:

The South Slave Divisional Education Council - www.ssdec.nt.ca
Yamózhá Kúé Society (Dene Cultural Institute) - www.deneculture.org
Education Culture and Employment - GNWT - www.ece.gov.nt.ca/index.htm

This resource is intended to serve many purposes. For the aboriginal language teacher, this resource, especially in its easy-to-search electronic format, provides information about the many quality resources written in the language they are teaching. Publisher information included in this resource will assist the teacher in accessing these resources for use in the classroom. Leaders of the various Community Language Groups throughout the North may find that this publication fosters dialogue, cooperation and a sharing of resources among the groups and, perhaps, spawns some publishing partnerships. Finally, for the parent and child, this resource points to the many quality aboriginal language books available from various sources. Through publisher contact or the NWT Library Services, these books may serve as a catalyst for inviting the aboriginal languages into the home once again.

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Key to Icons



The resource is written only in the Aboriginal language.



The resource has both English and the Aboriginal text on the same page.



The English and Aboriginal text appear on different pages.

L1

Level 1 - The text is written in a simple format with easy to read words, larger type and page-to-page picture support. The book may feature repetitive text and predictable outcomes. The content is appropriate to a younger reader.

L2

Level 2 - The text is more complicated with multiple sentences appearing on the same page. Generally there is picture support and the content is appropriate to both younger and older readers.

L3

Level 3 - The text is challenging and may be written in paragraph form. There is limited picture support and the content is generally of interest to the more mature and advanced reader.

LR

Reference - This resource is intended to be a reference guide suitable to all.



The resource includes a CD or DVD for aboriginal language support in an audio-visual format.



The text features repetitive sentence patterns and is appropriate to someone just learning the aboriginal language.

Publisher Information

The following organizations and agencies have published the aboriginal language resources catalogued in this publication. For further information about a specific resource, please contact the publisher directly. Many of these books and resources are part of the NWT Library Services collection and can be accessed through an inter-library loan. You can search the collection through the online catalogue at following web site:

http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/Public_Library_Services/NWT_PLS_OnlineCatalogue.html

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