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The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update curates the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society and beyond.

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New from Wisconsin Media Lab: [Wisconsin Biographies!](#)



This collection of free educational, online media resources was developed with educator input to enrich your social studies and literacy curriculum, using the stories of famous people in Wisconsin history.

Educational materials include short animated videos, leveled eBooks and

Let Your Voice Be Heard! Take Our Textbook Survey

Education Services is soliciting your opinion on the award-winning 4th grade textbook, *Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story*. [Take our survey](#) and let us know your opinion! Be entered into a drawing for volumes one and two of "The Slave Families of Thomas Jefferson."



New Historical Essays (Leveled!)

Designed with the reluctant reader in mind, these short biographical essays combine graphics with informational text to present Wisconsin's historical figures to the elementary classroom. Check them out on Education Services new [Scoop.It](#) site.

printable books, cross curricular online activities for students, a gallery of historic images, and teaching tips (short, flexible lesson plans) tied to fourth grade academic standards.

Students can define, analyze, compare and contrast historical figures, time periods, eras and themes, including westward expansion, slavery, women's suffrage, innovation, and civil rights.

Please share this cost free resource with other education professionals.

For twenty-one more streaming multimedia social studies resources, visit WIMediaLab.org!

Celebrate American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

The Wisconsin Historical Society offers numerous quality resources and programs to help Wisconsin educators meet and exceed Wisconsin Educational Act 31.

- Wisconsin Historical Society Press offerings include "Native People of Wisconsin," "Indian Nations of Wisconsin," "The People of the Big Voice," "Wisconsin Indians," "Water Panthers, Bears, and Thunders," and more. Check out the new [Education Services blog](#) for more details!
- The Office of the State Archaeologist offers a hands-on experience at [Pope Farm Conservancy](#) where area 4th graders increase their understanding of American Indians as well as the history of agriculture in Wisconsin.
- Our curated "[Turning Points](#)" collection offers hundreds of eyewitness accounts, pictures, and museum objects along with dozens of essays, lesson plans and reference tools.

Common Core Myth-Busters Edition

New from the Department of Public Instruction, this [handy guide](#) examines and clarifies myths and misunderstandings about the Common Core State Standards.

American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

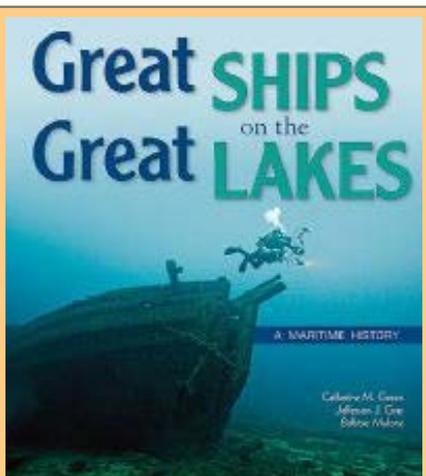
[David O'Connor](#), DPI American Indian Education Consultant

On August 3, 1990, then President George H.W. Bush declared the month of November as American Indian Heritage Month in recognition of the importance of American Indian nations in the history and evolution of the United States.

In Wisconsin, this importance is recognized year-round with the adoption of Wisconsin Educational Act 31, which focuses on Wisconsin's eleven federally recognized American Indian nations. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has developed and/or recommends several accurate and authentic resources.

[Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council](#) (GLITC)

- Native Wisconsin Education Package: www.natow.org
- Discover Mediaworks Act 31 Resources: [Native American Education Series](#) with videos and instructional materials.



"Great Ships on the Great Lakes" tells of the sea battles, treacherous storms, and unexpected tragedies that sent thousands of ships to the bottom of these so-called low seas.

Readers are brought along on miraculous rescues and get to tag along with underwater archaeologists as they dive into the mysteries of Great Lakes shipwrecks.

Designed for the upper elementary classroom with emphasis on Michigan and Wisconsin, "Great Ships on the Great Lakes" includes a timeline of events, on-page vocabulary, and a list of resources and places to visit. More than twenty maps highlight the region's maritime history.

The accompanying [Teacher's Guide](#) includes eighteen classroom activities, arranged by chapter, including lessons on exploring shipwrecks and learning how glaciers moved across the landscape.

[Available now](#) from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press!

[Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission](#) (GLIFWC)

- GLIFWC newspaper Mazina'igan, as well as booklets, written supplements, posters, books, maps, educational media and other educational brochures.

[Wisconsin Media Lab](#) (WML)

- [The Ways](#) - a series of 5 minute videos featuring the American Indian nations in Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Biographies [Chief Oshkosh: Leader in Troubled Times](#), Hometown Stories, and ENGAGE State-Tribal-Local-Government.

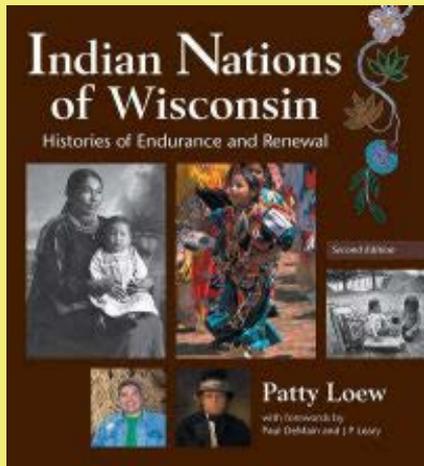
[Wisconsin Public Television](#) (WPT)

- Resources include "Investigating Wisconsin History," videos about several Wisconsin tribal nations, an image gallery, various maps and outreach activities.

[Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#) (DPI)

- Classroom Activities on Chippewa Treaty Rights and Classroom Activities on Wisconsin Indian Treaties and Tribal Sovereignty are two American Indian Studies program documents published by DPI.
- There are also a number of other quality instructional materials developed by the American Indian Studies staff that are available from DPI Publications Sales.
- [The American Indian Studies webpage](#) includes general announcements, an event calendar, the wi-aislist - Wisconsin American Indian Studies e-mail discussion list, various instructional resources, web links for American Indian education as well as downloadable versions of the American Indian Studies Program information packet and the bibliography series for American Indian Studies.

For questions regarding American Indian Studies in Wisconsin, please email [David O'Connor](#).



Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal

Wisconsin Historical Society Museum

[Jennifer Kolb](#), Museum Director

The [Wisconsin Historical Museum](#) is always interested in learning about teacher and student reactions to our programs. During 2012-13 the Museum took part in a national program (American Association of State and Local History Visitors Count) to

From origin stories to contemporary struggles over treaty rights and sovereignty issues, the best-selling "Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal" explores Wisconsin's rich Native tradition.

This long-awaited revised edition includes new material reflecting contemporary historical events and initiatives of the twenty-first century, covering the economic, social, and environmental advancements of the Native communities.

New chapters are devoted to discussions of urban Indians and the Brothertown Indian Nation. Lavishly illustrated with maps and more than 140 photographs, Indian Nations of Wisconsin is indispensable to anyone interested in the region's history and its Native peoples.

[Available now](#) from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press!



evaluate how well our museum is meeting the needs of students and teachers. The program involved collecting feedback directly from 119 teachers and 299 students. Museum Educators now have that data and are

working to incorporate the feedback to better meet the needs of teachers and improve the experience for their students.

If you are interested in making reservations for a fall of 2013 or spring of 2014 Wisconsin Historical Museum field trip please [email](#) Museum Education staff or phone 608-264-6557.

You can review your visit options by checking out the Wisconsin Historical Museum's [Printable Field Trip Catalog](#). Museum Education staff look forward to working with you to identify your group needs and tailor a program to enhance your museum visit.

New at Old World Wisconsin

[Jennifer Van Haften](#), Curator of Interpretation

NEW! Heritage Arts Workshops - Escape the Holiday Bustle and Make a One-of-a-Kind Gift

Teachers: treat yourself and become a student with us. Share the secrets of many of the crafts and trades you've witnessed on site in our historic workshops every Saturday in November. Make a memorable gift for giving, or make your gift that of time shared together, cooking on a wood stove or learning a new skill, in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Just in time to get you into the spirit of the holiday season!

[2013 Heritage Arts Workshops](#) - Every Saturday in November:

- Blacksmithing (FULL):
Beginning and
Intermediate October
26, November 2, 9, or 16



- Woodstove Cooking: Choose from Polish, German, Finnish, Irish, or Danish menus November 2, 9,16, 23 or 30
- Photography: November 2
- Spoon Carving: November 9
- Polish Paper Cutting: November 16
- Rosemaling: November 23
- Crochet Ornament: November 30

Reservations required; class sizes are limited.

[Register online](#) or call 262-594-6301

A Great Way to Spend Time With Someone Special!

Thank you for reading our newsletter. See you next month!

Sincerely,

[Kurt Griesemer](#)

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