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The Wisconsin Historical Society Educator Update contains the most current education-related news from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

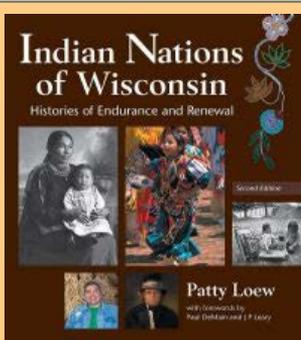
Education Services

[Kurt Griesemer](#), Director of Education Services

Welcome back, educators! Let's have a wonderful and productive 2013-2014 school year.

Education Services: New Name; New Facebook

The Office of School Services is now Education Services. All other contact information remains the same. Sign up for our new [Facebook page](#) to see highlights and tips for educators.



Indian Nations of Wisconsin REVISED 2nd Edition

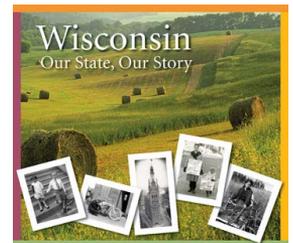
From origin stories to contemporary struggles over treaty rights and sovereignty issues, the best-selling "Indian Nations of Wisconsin: Histories of Endurance and Renewal" explores

Coming Soon! New Interactive Whiteboard Materials

Created for use with Patty Loew's "Native Tribes of Wisconsin," use these panels to enhance your students' understanding of the historic and current status of Wisconsin's American Indian tribes. Contact [Education Services](#) for more information.

Looking for Focus Groups

There's still time to share your opinion of the 4th-grade textbook, 'Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story.' Whether your district adopted the textbook the first year it came out or just recently, your opinion matters! Please contact [Kurt Griesemer](#) for more information.



Wanted: Interactive Whiteboard Users and/or Future Movie Stars

Education Services is looking for teachers and students that would like to be filmed using the interactive whiteboard resources developed for the 4th-grade textbook. Please contact [Kurt Griesemer](#) for more details.

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.

Coming soon: An educator's guide to using "Indian Nations of Wisconsin" in the secondary classroom.

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

Banned Books Week

Celebrating the Freedom to Read: Sept. 22 - 28, 2013

[Kurt Griesemer](#), Director of Education Services

"Something will be offensive to someone in every book, so you've got to fight it." - Judy Blume

[Banned Books Week](#) is an annual campaign centered around two main ideas: intellectual freedom and open access to information.

Started in 1982 as a response to an increase in the number of challenged books nationwide, Banned Books Week is supported by the American Library Association, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, and many other notable organizations.

Books are challenged for a variety of reasons, from sexually explicit material to offensive language. In schools, books with mature themes are often challenged as being age-inappropriate.

For many books such as "Huckleberry Finn" (Mark Twain) and "Catcher in the Rye" (J.D. Salinger) time and changing societal values often lead to a general acceptance of formerly objectionable content. Others, such as "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" (Sherman Alexie) and "The Kite Runner" (Khaled Hosseini), continue to land at the top of banned or challenged book lists.

Visit the [American Library Association's website](#) to learn more about Banned Books Week.

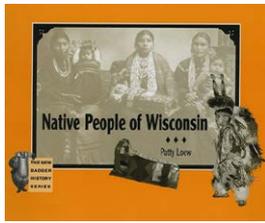
Highlights from the Sites

Wisconsin Historical Museum

[Beth Lemke](#), Museum Educator

The Wisconsin Historical Museum is pleased to host [Sisters in Spirit: Native American Stories in Rocks and Beads](#) through November 2, 2013. This exhibit showcases Geri Schrab's petroglyph- and pictograph-inspired watercolors, and Karen Ann Hoffman's traditional Iroquois bead work. Viewed together, their work presents a compelling glimpse of the continuing influence of Native Americans on contemporary Wisconsin art.

For educators who schedule a [Native People of Wisconsin](#) guided field trip during the exhibit run museum education staff will incorporate this



added content into the student experience.

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

New from Old World Wisconsin! Self-Guided Field Trip Day

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

Attend [Old World Wisconsin](#) for a special self-guided field trip day **Wednesday, October 16, 2013!** Make your reservation now to explore this new idea at Old World.

For one day only, you and your class can tour at your own pace, arriving and departing as you choose. Based on feedback from teachers like you, your visit is self-guided, allowing you more flexibility than our standard field trip options.

Tailor your trip to match your curriculum and class learning goals. Meet with period-clad interpreters and enjoy the same activities featured in our structured elementary field trips. Visit your choice of areas including the Crossroads Village as well as the German, Norwegian, Finnish, Danish, African-American and Polish areas. Explore the wonderful building exhibits and see what life was like for the people of Wisconsin in the late nineteenth century.



With over 600 acres (approximately 600 football fields!) of historic farm and village life to explore, don't expect to see it all in one trip! But with some careful planning and a quick step, you and your students can get a sample of just about everything Old World Wisconsin has to offer.

We recommend touring in groups of 10 students with a minimum of one chaperone per group of 10.

Don't forget, we continue to have our great staff-led programs in the fall and spring. So click over to our [website](#) and hit 'Field Trips' to start the reservation process.

National History Day in Wisconsin

[Sarah Klentz](#), National History Day Coordinator

National History Day in Wisconsin is preparing for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Join the over 200 educators and 10,000 middle and high schools students in Wisconsin who work with the program. For more information, [sign up for free curriculum materials](#).

Contact State Coordinator, [Sarah Klentz](#), with questions.



The Museum Archaeology Program (MAP)

[Denise H. Wiggins](#), Laboratory Coordinator

The Museum Archaeology Program, or MAP, is an active field research program within the Wisconsin Historical Society. We assist the Society in documenting over 12,000 years of Wisconsin's history. The MAP also aids other state and federal agencies to comply with historic preservation legislation by investigating archaeological sites and historic buildings prior to public works projects such as highways, airports and park developments. This research has produced fascinating new insights about our state's past and raised intriguing questions.



We take seriously the need to share Wisconsin's rich history for everyone. Information derived from our field research has been incorporated into many of the Office of School Services materials, including the 4th-grade textbook. We collect and preserve archaeological objects and data, and so have helped build a museum collection which illustrates the history of Wisconsin from prehistoric times to the present. With the support of the Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, MAP has produced traveling exhibits and permanent outdoor displays.

Additionally, MAP and the Wisconsin Historical Museum maintain [archaeology activity boxes](#) for loan to classrooms. Materials are targeted to students in the 4th grade, but may be adapted for students in other grades.

- Wisconsin Archaeology activity box. These materials cover basic archaeological concepts, including field mapping and lab analysis.
- Wisconsin Native American Pottery activity box.
- Wisconsin Faunal Analysis (animal bones) activity box.



Each activity box includes a selection of books and/or posters, reproduction artifacts, tools, instructions, and worksheets for completing the activities. Materials are available on a first-come, first-served basis for a loan period of up to 4 weeks for \$25.00. If materials are shipped instead of picked up, there will be an addition outgoing shipping fee of \$10.00 and the

borrower will be responsible for return shipping costs. The Pottery and Faunal activities cannot be shipped at this time but can be picked up in Madison.

Also MAP archaeologists are available in the Dane County area to provide [fourth grade classroom presentations](#) on general Wisconsin archaeology and presentations to older students on archaeology as a career.

For more information, please contact [Denise Wiggins](#) (608) 261-2464.

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

Sincerely,

[Kurt Griesemer](#)

Director of Education Services
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