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Literature

Visit your local library for a wide selection of Native American literature Favorite authors include:

Joseph Bruchac* (Abenaki; poetry, novels, short stories, folktales, children's books)

Louise Erdrich (Ojibwe; novels, poetry, children's books)

Sherman Alexie (Spokane; novels, short stories, young adult, poetry, film)

Margaret Noodin* (Ojibwe; poetry and language)

Navarro Scott Momaday (Kiowa; novels, essays, short stories, poetry)

*Work featured in the Rye Poetry Path

Placees to Visit

National Museum of the American Indian (Manhattan, Bowling Green) Institute for American Indian Studies (Washington, Connecticut) Lenape Nation of PA Cultural Center (Easton, PA)

the arts

Ramapo Munsee Heritage Gallery (online and by appointment, Stony Point, NY) Lenape Center (Sponsors arts initiatives throughout the NYC region, website is lenape.center)

Lotus Music & Dance (Drums Along the Hudson on June 2nd, other events regionally)

Film/Television

Visionmakermedia.org, a nonprofit dedicated to Native American films
Facinghistory.org has a list of 7 Must-See Native American films
Popular films/series include Reservation Dogs, Smoke Signals, Killers of the Flower
Moon, and the documentary Spirit Game: Pride of a Nation

Sports/Hobbies

Lacrosse is a Native American sport with rich culture and history. Joseph Bruchac's children's books, The Warriors and Children of the Longhouse, are great resources to learn more, along with the documentary Spirit Game: Pride of a Nation.

Skateboarding - Native American skateboarding companies include Dead Pawn, DALONE, Apache, and Bronx-based Indigenous Skateboards

Native American Olympic athlete Jlm Thorpe has been the subject of biographies and films for his athletic accomplishments

Native American sports and hobbies include kayaking/canoeing, archery, darts, track and field events, dance, and others