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Creating an Indigenous Health Collection

Using a modified Brian Deer Classification System at McMaster's Health Sciences Library

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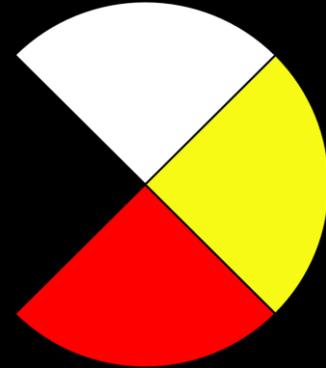
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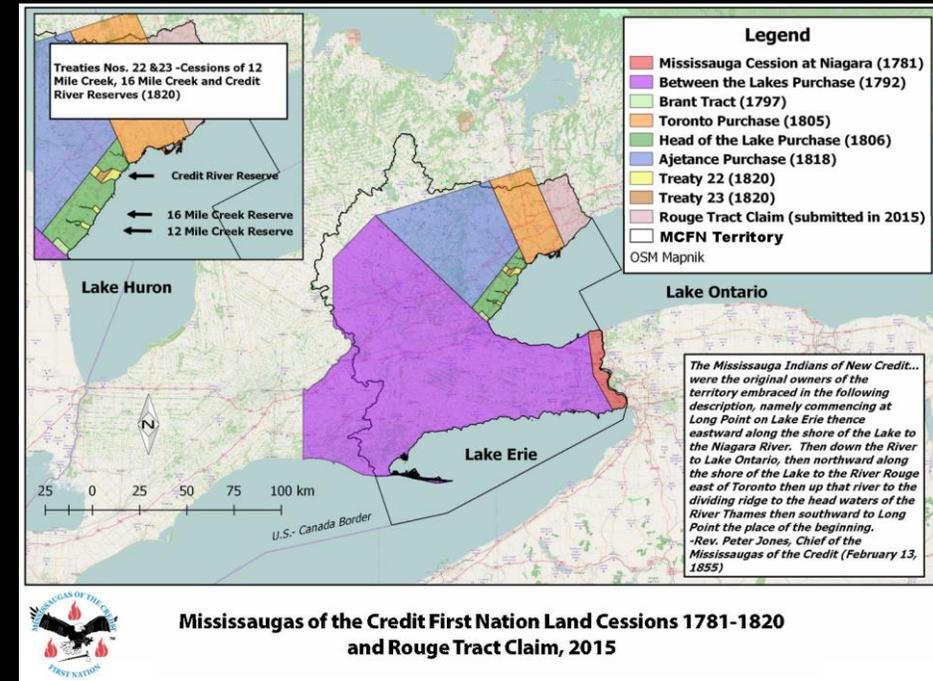
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McMaster University is located on the traditional territory shared between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and Anishinaabe nations, which was acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon Wampum belt.

Source: CBC. (2020). *Boundaries of the Haldimand Tract*. Beyond the barricades. <https://newsinteractives.cbc.ca/longform/1492-land-back-lane-caledonia-six-nations-protest>

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Agenda

- Territorial acknowledgement
 - locating McMaster University
- Guiding documents and bodies:
 - *The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada*
 - *CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Report*
 - Faculty of Health Sciences Indigenous Health Initiative
- Introducing the Health Sciences Library and collections
- Collection analysis
- Outdated and/or offensive terminology
- Consultations
- Classification system
- Identifying gaps
- Space planning
- Next steps

McMaster University

- Founded as the Toronto Baptist College in 1881 and officially incorporated as McMaster University in 1887
- Until 1957 was a Baptist-run institution.
- Motto and Coat of Arms reflects the influence of Western European Christian tradition. Our campus continues to be home to the McMaster Divinity College.



University Library and Health Sciences Library

- Administratively separate but work collaboratively on collections, particularly in interdisciplinary subject areas and programs
- The Health Sciences Library covers the health professions, subjects related to human health and research, and serves as the archives for the Faculty of Health Sciences and Hamilton Health Sciences hospital corporation.
- The University Library covers all other disciplines on campus, is a repository for Canadian government documents, and houses and manages archival materials, maps, and other specialized collections.
- For the past few decades the acquisition units have attempted to minimize duplicate purchases. For example, if a health title was owned by the University Library it would not likely be purchased by Health Sciences.

At first glance it might seem difficult to see how libraries have contributed to Canada's history of assimilation and colonialism. Looking deeper at how books and education were used as tools to force both assimilation and enfranchisement through the Indian Act shows a history of Western systems pushing out Indigenous Knowledge practices. Indigenous ways of knowing, and the transfer of knowledge, were not understood or recognized as legitimate.

Collection analysis

- Titles of subdivisions were reviewed, and ranges identified that are relevant to Indigenous Health topics in LCSH Class R and NLM Classification W
 - Example: WF 200-415 Tuberculosis
- A list of keywords were identified to search for Indigenous materials within these ranges.
 - Similar term list for INDIGENOUS: Métis, Inuit, Cree, Aboriginal...
 - Key terms in Indigenous Health research: Trauma informed, Social Determinants of Health, Sweat Lodges...
- Lists were created for titles matching the keywords in field 245
- Matches were captured including relevant fields: call number, location, record number, 245, 650, etc.
- Other searches ran in 'non-medical' LCSH ranges using a list of key terms in Indigenous Health research:
 - E 75-99 Indians of North America

Examples of ranges identified:

Range	Subdivision name	# Results
W 20.55.H9 - 20.55.T7	Human experimentation. Research subjects.	0
WA 110 - 115	Prevention and control of communicable diseases. Transmission of infectious diseases	0
WA 300 DC2	Health issues of special population groups - Canada	4
WA 305 DC2	Mental health issues of special population groups - Canada	1
WA 31	Social medicine. Medical sociology.	3
WA 310 DC2	Maternal welfare. Maternal and child welfare. Maternal health services - Canada	2
WA 541 DC2	Regional health planning - Canada	0
WA 546 DC2	Local health administration. Community health services - Canada	2
WB 105	Emergency medicine. Medical emergencies	0
WB 925 -940	Herbal medicine. Phytotherapy. Homeopathy. Naturopathy.	1
WC 160 - 169	Syphilis	0
WC 355	Epidemics	0
WC 503 - 503.8	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. HIV infections	21
WF 200 - 415 (to 449)	Tuberculosis	5

Range (Class R)	Subdivisions	# Results
RA421-790.95	Public health. Hygiene. Preventive medicine	126
RA790-790.95	Mental health. Mental illness prevention	8
RC306-320.5	Tuberculosis	3
RC554-569.5	Personality disorders. Behavior problems Including sexual problems, drug abuse, suicide, child abuse	9
RC620-627	Nutritional diseases. Deficiency diseases	1
RC86-88.9	Medical emergencies. Critical care. Intensive care. First aid	0
RC955-962	Arctic medicine. Tropical medicine	2
RG138	Sterilization of women	0
RG940-991	Maternal care. Prenatal care services	2
RJ101-103	Child health. Child health services	1
RJ206-235	Nutrition and feeding of children and adolescents	0
RJ245-247	Nursing of children. Pediatric nursing	0
RJ251-325	Mental disorders. Child psychiatry	0
RJ52-53	Therapeutics	0
RJ59-60	Infant and neonatal morbidity and mortality	1
RM146-146.7	Misuse of therapeutic drugs. Medication errors	0
RT1-120	Nursing	3
RV1-431	Botanic, Thomsonian, and eclectic medicine	0

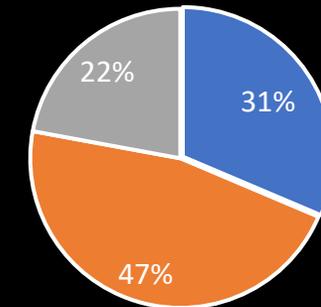
Example results:

Include?	Call # Range	RECORD #(BIBLIO)	CALL #(Item)	LOCATION	LOCATION2	245
o	WA 300 DC2	b24025550	WA 300 DC2 .D479 2015		hsrsv	Determinants of indigenous peoples' health in Canada : beyond the social / edited by Margo Greenwood, Sarah de Leeuw, Nicole Marie Lindsay, and Charlotte Reading.
o	WA 300 DC2	b24026001	WA 300 DC2 .O627 2012		hsrsv	Oppression : a social determinant of health / edited by Elizabeth A. McGibbon.
o	WA 305 DC2	b15924476	WA 305 DC2 .H434 2009		hsrsv	Healing traditions : the mental health of Aboriginal peoples in Canada / edited by Laurence J. Kirmayer and Gail Guthrie Valaskakis.
o	WA 310 DC2	b10402019	WA 310 DC2 .L766A 1996	hsbk		An annotated inventory of maternal and child health programs delivered by Medical Services Branch to First Nation communities / Abby Lippman, principal investigator Brenda Hemmelgarn, Kate Frohlich.
o	WA 310 DC2	b21237207	WA 310 DC2 .U61 2006	hsrsv		Until our hearts are on the ground : Aboriginal mothering, oppression, resistance and rebirth / D. Memee Lavell-Harvard and Jeanette Corbiere Lavell, editors.
o	WA 546 DC2	b10183395	WA 546 DC2 .G946 1992	hsbk		A Guide for First Nations in developing a community health needs assessment.
o	WB 925 -940	b1199230x	WB 925 .C678H 2003	hsbk		Honoring the medicine : the essential guide to Native American healing / Kenneth Bear Hawk Cohen.
o	WC 503 - 503.8	b12043357	WC 503.2 .I45 2002	hson	hsbk	Indigenous South East Asian herbal remedies : symptomatic relief for people with HIV/AIDS / compiled by Marissa Marco ... [et al.].
o	WC 503 - 503.8	b13710862	WC503.4 .DC2 B274E 2003 EB	on		Examining HIV/AIDS among the Aboriginal population in Canada in the post-residential school era [electronic resource] / by J. Kevin Barlow.
o	WC 503 - 503.8	b15228678	WC503.4 DC2	hson		Understanding the HIV/AIDS epidemic among Aboriginal peoples in Canada [electronic resource] : the community at a glance.
o	WC 503 - 503.8	b1650415x	WC503.7 B275R 2008 EB	on		Relational care [electronic resource] : a guide to health care and support for aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS : final report 2008 / principal investigators, J. Kevin Barlow, Charlotte (Loppie) Reading.

Monographs are spread out in various locations at McMaster Libraries:

Health Sciences	Health Sciences Library Books (Lower Level)	hsbk	28
	History of Health & Medicine Room (Lower Level)	hshm	18
	History of Health & Medicine Rare Book Room (1B32)	hshmr	1
	Health Sciences Library Reserve Room (Upper Level)	hsv	7
			54
Thode	Thode Bookstacks	tlstk	80
			80
Mills	Mills Bookstacks	mlstk	37
	Mills Service Desk (First Floor)	mlmda	1
			38
			172

Where are the physical titles located?



■ Health Sciences
 ■ Thode
 ■ Mills

Outdated/offensive terminology

WZ 80.5.I3 .L131M 1977	hsh	Micmac Indian medicine : a traditional way of health / by Laurie Lacey.
WZ 80.5.I3 .V879A 1990	hsh	American Indian medicine / by Virgil J. Vogel.
WZ 80.5.I5 .B278H 1800-1969	hsh	Health and disease of American Indians north of Mexico : a bibliography, 1800-1969 / compiled by Mark V. Barrow, Jerry D. Niswander and Robert Fortuine.
WZ 80.5.I3 .K54I 1844	hsh	On the intellectual character of the Esquimaux / by Richard King.
WZ 80.5.I3 .G861S 1983	hsh	The shaman : patterns of religious healing among the Ojibway Indians / by John A. Grim. --
WZ 80.5.I3 .G479M 1955	hsh	Medicine men of Hooper Bay : or, the Eskimo's Arabian nights / by C. E. Gillham. [Illustrations by Chanimun]

- A list of outdated/offensive terms were searched in the identified ranges similarly to how searches were conducted for identifying collection titles

“List of statements on bias in library and archives description”

<http://cataloginglab.org/list-of-statements-on-bias-in-library-and-archives-description/>

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State Library of Western Australia

Source: State Library of Western Australia. *Catalogue*. <https://encore.slwa.wa.gov.au>

Materials in this collection and the language that describes them may be harmful.

Libraries and archives collect materials from different cultures and time periods to preserve and make available the historical record. As a result, library materials, such as those presented here, may reflect racist and misogynoir views that may be harmful and difficult to view.

The content featured in this collection explores linkages between Black women's suffrage and other social causes of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (anti-slavery, anti-lynching, education reform and civil rights) as well as racism within the Suffrage Movement. These materials are presented here to recognize and celebrate the important contributions of Black women and their resiliency in the face of ongoing racism and exclusion.



— Frequently asked questions

Where does this content come from?

Digital Public Library of America collects and makes freely available materials from thousands of libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural heritage organizations across the United States. Each institution or contributor shares materials with the DPLA according to its specific policies and objectives.

Why does this potentially harmful content exist?

The Black Women's Suffrage Collection includes depictions and records of people experiencing trauma and harm. These materials are collected and preserved as part of the American historic record. Librarians and archivists must balance preservation of this history with sensitivity to how it is presented to users.

The Black Women's Suffrage Digital Collection

Source: Black Women's Suffrage. *Harmful Language Statement*.
<https://blackwomenssuffrage.dp.la/harmful-language-statement>

- A batch upload mapping to the 'Note' field could be applied to identified records in Sierra

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Consultations

- Indigenous Health Learning Lodge
 - Indigenous faculty, FHS
 - Student town hall (September 2021)
- Faculty of Health Sciences Indigenous Knowledge Helpers
 - Elders on campus
- Six Nations Polytechnic

Classification system

CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Call to Action #5:

Decolonize Access and Classification by addressing the structural biases in existing schemes of knowledge organization and information retrieval arising from colonialism by committing to integrating Indigenous epistemologies into cataloguing praxis and knowledge management

Brian Deer Classification System (BDCS)

- Kahnawá:ke librarian Brian Deer (d. 2019) developed his classification scheme to adequately describe and organize Indigenous materials
- He implemented his classification at numerous libraries during his career
- A great strength of BDCS is its ability to be modified to meet both the needs of individual collections, and specific geographies and Indigenous groups
- UBC's Indigenous Librarianship LibGuide (<https://guides.library.ubc.ca/Indiglibrarianship/briandeer>) lists articles about implementing Brian Deer at several institutions

Source: Weihs, J. (2019). A Tribute to Brian Deer. *Technicalities* 39(3), 11-12.



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A	REFERENCE MATERIALS	
AB	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - GENERAL	
ABA	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - ARCHIVES & MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS, INVENTORIES	
×ABC	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - CATALOGUES & UNION LISTS	
ABP	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - IMAGE, PHOTO COLLECTIONS	
?ABT	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - THESES & DISSERTATIONS	
ABV	BIBLIOGRAPHIES - VIDEO, FILM CATALOGUES etc.	
AD	DIRECTORIES	
AE	ENCYCLOPEDIAS, HANDBOOKS AND GUIDES	
AED	GLOSSARIES & DICTIONARIES	
AF	ATLASES & MAPS	
AFA	GAZETEERS & PLACE NAMES	
AG	GENEALOGY	
×AH	FUNDING GUIDES & SOURCES - GENERAL	
×AHS	FUNDING GUIDES & SOURCES - STUDENTS	
×AHT	FUNDING GUIDES & SOURCES - BUSINESS	
AJ	STATISTICS - MANUALS, GUIDES, METHODS	
AJA	STATISTICS - POPULATION	
AJB	STATISTICS - POPULATION PROJECTIONS	
AJE	STATISTICS - SOCIO - ECONOMIC CONDITIONS	
AM	LEGAL CASES	
AP	STATUTES	
AS	DICTIONARIES RESEARCH GUIDES ETC STYLE GUIDES	
B	HISTORY - BC	B HISTORY - ONTARIO
BA	HISTORY & CULTURE - BC FIRST NATIONS	BA HISTORY & CULTURE - ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS
BB	NATURAL HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY - BC	BB NATURAL HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY - ONTARIO
BC	HAIDA	BC HAUDENOSAUNEE(Iroquoian)
BD	TSMISHIAN	BDA (C3149)

Source: Xwi7xwa Library. (2013) *Xwi7xwa Classification*
www.library.ubc.ca/xwi7xwa

Identifying gaps

- Background searching on Indigenous Health topics and locally relevant keywords
- Reviewing Indigenous presses and publishers
- Looking at other Library collections (example: Indigenous Health Collection at the University of Manitoba)
- Faculty requests and emails from library patrons
- Consultation process!
- Collection policies and dedicated funding

Space planning

CFLA-FCAB Truth and Reconciliation Committee's Call to Action #6:

Decolonize Libraries and Space by recognizing and supporting Indigenous cultures, languages and knowledges through culturally appropriate space planning, interior design, signage, art installations, territorial acknowledgements of geographic-specific traditional territories and public programming in collaboration with local Indigenous stakeholders



X̱wi7x̱wa Library
University of British Columbia

Source: <https://xwi7xwa.library.ubc.ca/>



Wii ghoss (Birch Bark Centre)
Millennium Library
Winnipeg Public Library

Source:
<https://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/ourservices/IndigenousServices.asp>



Indigenous Health Collection
Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library
University of Manitoba

Source: <https://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/indigenoushealth>

Next steps...

Marsi

Miigwetch

Mîkwêc

Naqumik

Niá:wen

Merci

Thank you!

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