



Mi'kmaq History and Culture: A Subject Guide

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Purpose

The history and culture of the Mi'kmaq people is a popular subject for students and the general public. The Cape Breton Regional Library is an excellent resource for information on the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq people. Information on this topic is spread throughout various areas of the library and encompasses a number of different topics. The purpose of this subject guide is to assist patrons in locating information on the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq people from the variety of resources available.

Scope

This guide focuses on the language, history, and culture of the Mi'kmaq people. However, some materials with a general focus on Aboriginal Peoples in North America are included. This guide only includes materials published in the last twenty years in order to ensure currency. Materials published before 1988 are available, so please check with your local library branch.

Basic Search Tips

The following are some useful terms for subject searches on the topic of Mi'kmaq history and culture. When using our [catalogue](#), either in the library or from home, simply select "subject" from the drop down menu and enter one of the following as your search term. If you cannot locate what you are looking for, please check with a staff member for further assistance. Do not forget that you can place holds or renew books [online](#).

- ◆ Indians Maritime Provinces
- ◆ Micmac Civil Rights
- ◆ Micmac History
- ◆ Micmac Nova Scotia
- ◆ Micmac Biography
- ◆ Micmac Language
- ◆ Micmac Folklore
- ◆ Micmac Art

- ◆ Micmac Social life and customs
- ◆ Micmac Religion
- ◆ Micmac
- ◆ Native Peoples

Reference Tools

The following books, found in the reference section, may be helpful. The location is listed as AREF. These items cannot be borrowed from the library, but can be photocopied in accordance with Canadian copyright legislation.

- ◆ Lacey, Laurie. *Micmac medicines: remedies and recollections*, **615.899097 LAC**
- ◆ Marshall, Lillian B. *Mi'kimawe'l knukwatiknn aqq ta'n kesi nutm~kl - Mi'kmaw alphabet and the core sounds*, **497.3 MAR**
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Dept. of Education. *Mi'kmaq past and present: a resource guide*, **970.1 MIK**
- ◆ Paul, Daniel N. *We were not the savages: a Micmac perspective on the collision of European and aboriginal civilizations*, **970.1 PAU**
- ◆ Rand, Silas Tertius. *English-Micmac dictionary: dictionary of the language of the Micmac Indians who reside in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton*, **497 RAN**

Adult Collection

Here are some books found in the adult section that may be helpful. The location is listed as ANF. These items can be borrowed from the library. Look for other books on the same topic to be shelved together according to the Dewey number.

- ◆ Allen, Patricia Marlene. *Metepenagiag: New Brunswick's oldest village*, **971.521 ALL**
- ◆ Augustine, Stephen J. *Mi'kmaq & Maliseet cultural ancestral material: national collections from the Canadian Museum of Civilization*, **970.1 AUG**
- ◆ DeBlois, Albert D. *Micmac dictionary*, **497 DEB**
- ◆ DeBlois, Albert D. *Micmac texts*, **497 DEB**
- ◆ Denys, Nicolas. *The native people of Acadia*, **970.1 DEN**
- ◆ Dickason, Olive Patricia. *Canada's first nations: a history of founding peoples from earliest times*, **970.1 DIC**
- ◆ Francis, Daniel. *Discovering first peoples and first contacts*, **971.01 FRA**
- ◆ Gloade, Harold. *From my vantage point*, **921 GLO**
- ◆ Gray, Viviane. *Pe'l a'tukwey: let me-- tell a story: recent work by Mi'kmaq and Maliseet artists*, **704.0397 GRA**
- ◆ Henderson, James Youngblood. *The Mikmaw concordat*, **970.1 HEN**
- ◆ Inglis, Stephanie Heather. *Paqtatek*, **970.1 PAQ**
- ◆ Isaac, Thomas F. *Aboriginal and treaty rights in the Maritimes: the Marshall decision and beyond*, **342.710872 ISA**
- ◆ Iwama, Marilyn Joy. *I got it from an elder: conversations in healing language*, **497 IGO**

- ◆ Joe, Rita. *We are the dreamers: recent and early poetry*, **819.154 JOE**
- ◆ Kerr, W. P. *Port-Royal Habitation: the story of the French and Mi'kmaq at Port-Royal, 1604-1613*, **971.601 KER**
- ◆ Knockwood, Isabelle. *Out of the depths: the experiences of Mi'kmaw children at the Indian residential school at Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia*, **371.9 KNO**
- ◆ Knockwood-Morris, Rose. *The stick people*, **398.2 KNO**
- ◆ Lackenbauer, P. Whitney. *Aboriginal peoples and military participation: historical perspectives*, **355.0089 ABO**
- ◆ Lackenbauer, P. Whitney. *Aboriginal peoples and military participation: Canadian and international perspectives*, **355.0089 ABO**
- ◆ Leavitt, Robert. *Maliseet & Micmac: first Nations of the Maritimes*, **970.1 LEA**
- ◆ Marshall, Murdena. *Mi'kmaq hieroglyphic prayers: readings in North America's first indigenous script*, **242.8 MIK**
- ◆ McBride, Bunny. *Our lives in our hands: Micmac Indian basketmakers*, **970.1 MCB**
- ◆ McEwan, J. Richard. *Memories of a Micmac life*, **921 MCE**
- ◆ McKenna, Mary Olga. *Micmac by choice: Elsie Sark: an island legend*, **971.7 McK**
- ◆ McMillan, Alan D. *First peoples in Canada*, **970.1 MCM**
- ◆ Nash, Ronald J. *Melanson: a large Micmac village in Kings County, Nova Scotia*, **970.1 NAS**
- ◆ Neu, Dean E. *Accounting for genocide: Canada's bureaucratic assault on aboriginal people*, **323.1197 NEU**
- ◆ Dickason, Olive Patricia. *Canada's first nations: a history of founding peoples from earliest times*, **970.1 DIC**
- ◆ Pacifique, père. *The Micmac grammar of Father Pacifique*, **497.3 PAC**
- ◆ Paul, Daniel N. *We were not the savages: a Mi'kmaq perspective on the collision between European and native American civilizations*, **970.1 PAU**
- ◆ Rand, Silas Tertius. *English-Micmac dictionary: dictionary of the language of the Micmac Indians who reside in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton*, **497 RAN**
- ◆ Ray, Arthur J. *I have lived here since the world began: an illustrated history of Canada's native peoples*, **970.1 RAY**
- ◆ Reid, Jennifer. *Myth, symbol and colonial encounter: British and Mi'kmaq in Acadia, 1700-1867*, **971.5 REI**
- ◆ Reid, John G. *The "conquest" of Acadia, 1710: imperial, colonial, and aboriginal constructions*, **971.601 CON**
- ◆ Ricker, Darlene A. *L'sitkuk: the story of the Bear River Mi'kmaw community*, **970.4 RIC**
- ◆ Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology. *Mikwite'lmanej Mikmaqi'k - Let us remember the old Mi'kmaq*, **970.1 ROB**
- ◆ Robinson, Angela. *Ta'n teli-ktlamsitasit - Ways of believing: Mi'kmaw religion in Eskasoni, Nova Scotia*, **970.1 ROB**
- ◆ RunningWolf, Michael B. *On the trail of elder brother: Glous'gap stories of the Micmac Indians*, **398.2 RUN**
- ◆ Sanger, Peter. *The stone canoe: two lost Mi'kmaq texts*, **398.2 STO**
- ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *The old man told us: excerpts from Micmac history, 1500-1950*, **970.1 WHI**
- ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Six Micmac stories*, **398.2 WHI**
- ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Stories from the Six Worlds: Micmac legends*, **398.2 WHI**

- ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Tracking Doctor Lonecloud: showman to legend keeper*, **921 LON**

Children's Collection

Here are some books found in the children's collection that may be helpful. The location is listed as JNF. These items can be borrowed from the library. Look for other books on the same topic to be shelved together according to the Dewey number.

- ◆ Davis, Stephen A. *The Micmac*, **971.5 DAV**
- ◆ Julian, Mary Rose. *Wiklatmu'j: The little person*, **497 JUL**
- ◆ Julian, Mary Rose. *Jipjawej keska'tek: When Robin got lost*, **497 JUL**
- ◆ Lacey, Laurie. *Micmac medicines: remedies and recollections*, **615.899097 LAC**
- ◆ Leavitt, Robert. *Mi'kmaq of the east coast*, **970.1 LEA**
- ◆ Meuse, Theresa. *The sacred herbs* **970.1 MEU**
- ◆ Norman, Howard. *How Glooskap outwits the Ice Giants: and other tales of the Maritime Indians*, **398.2 NOR**
- ◆ Sark, John Joe. *Micmac legends of Prince Edward Island*, **398.2 SAR**
- ◆ Silvey, Diane. *The kids book of Aboriginal peoples in Canada*, **970.1 SIL**
- ◆ Spicer, Stanley T. *Glooscap legends*, **398.2 SPI**
- ◆ Webster, Christine. *The Mi'kmaq*, **970.1 WEB**

Government Documents

The following materials found in the government documents section may also be helpful. The location is listed as GOVF, GOVP, or GOVM. The collection is separated according to the level of government that has published the item: federal, provincial, or municipal. The vast majority of these items can be borrowed from the library.

- ◆ Gordon, Joleen. *Construction and reconstruction of a Mi'kmaq sixteenth-century cedar-bark bag*, **746.412 GOR**
- ◆ Moore, Carla. *A framework and action plan for the investigation and resolution of human rights complaints from Mi'kmaq and other aboriginal people in Nova Scotia: a report*, **323.1197 MOO**
- ◆ Nova Scotia. *Reports of the Nova Scotia Advisory Committees on Constitutional Issues*, **342.7103 REP**
- ◆ Nova Scotia. English Program Services. *Foundation for Mi'kmaw/Miigmao language curriculum*, **497.3 FOU**
- ◆ Orr, Jeff. *Mi'kmaq studies 10*, **970.1 ORR**

Vertical File

Here are some items found in the vertical files that may be helpful. The location is listed as NSVF or VF. The collection is divided into Nova Scotia specific items in the Nova Scotia Vertical File and generic items in the regular Vertical File. Items from the Nova

Scotia Vertical File cannot be borrowed from the library. Many items from the generic Vertical File can be borrowed from the library.

- ◆ Aboriginal Peoples (VF)
- ◆ Biography (VF)
- ◆ Mi'kmaq (NSVF)
- ◆ Membertou (NSVF)
- ◆ Membertou Trade and Convention Centre (MTTC) (NSVF)

Nova Scotia Collection

Here are some items found in the Nova Scotia Collection, located at the McConnell Library, that may be helpful. The

location is listed as NSC. These items cannot be borrowed from the library, but many can be photocopied. We sometimes have two copies of a book, with one located in the Nova Scotia Collection and one located in the regular Adult Collection. The copy in the adult collection can be borrowed from the library.

- ◆ Brand, Johanna. *The life and death of Anna Mae Aquash*, **970.1 BRA**
- ◆ Canada. Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans. *Mi'kmaq fisheries, netukulimk: towards a better understanding*, **333.95 MIK**
- ◆ DeBlois, Albert D. *Micmac texts*, **497 DEB**
- ◆ Denys, Nicolas. *The native people of Acadia*, **970.1 DEN**
- ◆ Gloade, Harold. *From my vantage point*, **921 GLO**
- ◆ Gordon, Joleen. *Mi'kmaq textiles twining: rush and other fibres BkCp-1 site, Pictou, Nova Scotia*, **970.1 GOR**
- ◆ Gray, Viviane. *Pe'l a'tukwey: let me-- tell a story: recent work by Mi'kmaq and Maliseet artists*, **704.0397 GRA**
- ◆ Henderson, James Youngblood. *The Mikmaw concordat*, **970.1 HEN**
- ◆ Hornborg, Anne-Christine. *A landscape of left-overs: changing conceptions of place and environment among Mi'kmaq Indians of Eastern Canada*, **970.1 HOR**
- ◆ Inglis, Stephanie Heather. *Paqtatek*, **970.1 PAQ**
- ◆ Iwama, Marilyn Joy. *I got it from an elder: conversations in healing language*, **497 IGO**
- ◆ Joe, Rita. *The Mi'kmaq anthology*, **819.08 MIK**
- ◆ Kerr, W. P. *Port-Royal Habitation: the story of the French and Mi'kmaq at Port-Royal, 1604-1613*, **971.601 KER**
- ◆ Marshall, Murdena. *Mi'kmaq hieroglyphic prayers: readings in North America's first indigenous script*, **242.8 MIK**
- ◆ McEwan, J. Richard. *Memories of a Micmac life*, **921 MCE**
- ◆ Nash, Ronald J. *Melanson: a large Micmac village in Kings County, Nova Scotia*, **970.1 NAS**
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- ◆ Rand, Silas Tertius. *English-Micmac dictionary: dictionary of the language of the Micmac Indians who reside in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and*

- Cape Breton*, **497 RAN**
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 - ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Tracking Doctor Lonecloud: showman to legend keeper*, **921 LON**
 - ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Nova Scotia: the protohistoric period 1500-1630: Four Micmac sites : Oak Island: BICu-2,3 Northport: BICx-1 Pictou: BkCp-1 Avonport: BgDb-6*, **970.1 WHI**
 - ◆ Whitehead, Ruth Holmes. *Micmac, Maliseet and Beothuk collections in Europe and the Pacific*, **745.5074 WHI**
 - ◆ *Mi'kmaw resource guide*, **970.1 MIK**

Videos and DVDs

Here are some videos and DVDs found in the audiovisual collection that may be helpful. The location is listed as ADVD, AVID, JDVD, or JVID depending on if the item is an adult or a children's video and if it is in VHS or DVD format. These items can be borrowed from the library. Look for other videos on the same topic to be shelved together according to the Dewey number.

- ◆ Martin, Catherine. *Mi'kmaq family - Migmaoei otjiosog*, **970.1 MIK**
- ◆ Martin, Catherine. *The spirit of Annie Mae*, **921 AQU**
- ◆ Martin, Catherine. *Kwa'Nu'Te': Micmac and Maliseet artists*, **709.01 KWA**
- ◆ National Film Board of Canada. *Song of Eskasoni*, **819.154 SON**
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Education Media Services. *Mi'kmaq*, **970.1 MIK**
- ◆ Nova Scotia. Office of Aboriginal Affairs. *Wabanaki: people of the dawn*, **970.1 WAB**

Websites

Here are some websites that you may assist you in your research (the library is not responsible for the content of external websites).

- ◆ Aboriginal Peoples: The Mi'kmaq: Newfoundland and Labrador Heritage
<http://www.heritage.nf.ca/aboriginal/mikmaq.html>
- ◆ Carved in Stone - Mi'kmaw Petroglyphs
<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/imagesns/petroglyphs/index.html>
- ◆ Government of New Brunswick - Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat
<http://www.gnb.ca/0016/Wolastoqiyik/history-e.asp>
- ◆ Info Sheet - The Mi'kmaq
<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/arch/infos/mikmaq1.htm>
- ◆ Kids' Stop - Languages (Mi'kmaq)
http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ks/5050_e.html
- ◆ Mi'kmaq Portraits Collection
<http://museum.gov.ns.ca/mikmaq/>
- ◆ Mi'kmaq Resource Centre - Cape Breton University
<http://mrc.uccb.ns.ca/>
- ◆ Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management - Mi'kmaq Holdings Resource Guide
<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/virtual/mikmaq/>