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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Libraries receive \$55,244 grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce that they have received funding in the amount of \$55,244 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries will act as a catalyst for a series of multi-faceted, collaborative programs designed to encourage resilience through culture while empowering community members to live "bimaadiziwin," the good life.

The project includes collaborations with other departments to offer programs that promote literacy and lifelong learning through home libraries, and enhance collections to support and encourage connection with traditional culture and language. "We are tremendously excited that the Tribal Libraries will be able to work with other Tribal departments and organizations to offer great programs for the community", states Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann. "In receiving this grant we can ensure that programs will be offered for nearly two years and they will promote "bimaadiziwin". "Even more exciting is that the programs will be based on ideas that come directly from the community. We have various ideas that are already brewing and we would be delighted to hear of any other suggestions that the community would like to contribute."

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. The agency's mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

"As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences, and humanities. They serve as vital spaces where people can connect with each other," said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. "IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant making as they inform and inspire all in their communities."

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