

Athabaskan

REFERENCE BOOKS

Alaska reference books are indicated by AK-R and are for in-library use only. Four standard titles for research on Alaska Native groups are:

<i>Handbook of North American Indians</i>, volume 5	AK-R 970.00497 HANDBOO
<i>History, Ethnology, and Anthropology of the Aleut</i>	AK-R 572.8 JOCHELS
<i>Native Cultures in Alaska</i>	AK-R 306.089 NATIV
<i>The Native People of Alaska</i>	AK-R 306.089 LANGDON

BOOKS

Alaska books that can be checked out have an 'N' in the call number and a ● 'blue dot'

[**Athapaskan Adaptations : Hunters and Fishermen of the Subarctic Forests.**](#)

Explores the subsistence base, social institutions, religion, and culture of Athabaskan Indians.

N 970.3 VANSTON

[**Athapaskan Clothing and Related Objects in the Collections of Field Museum of Natural History.**](#)

Presents an analysis of Athabaskan clothing construction and adornment.

N 301.208 VANSTON

[**The Athabaskans : People of the Boreal Forest = Ts'ibaa laalta hut'aana.**](#)

Contains excellent information about traditional life, kinship, clothing, shelter, knowledge of the environment, and village life.

N 970.00497 NELSON

[**The Athapaskans : Strangers of the North.**](#)

Includes photos of Athabaskan clothing, hunting and fishing implements, baskets and beadwork, with a brief overview of traditional and seasonal Athabaskan lifestyles, ceremonies, trade, and missions.

N 970.004 NAT

[**Bakk'aatugh Ts'uhuniy = Stories We Live By.**](#)

Traditional Koyukon Athabaskan stories are grouped into five categories: power and compassion, power, love and jealousy, death, and war.

N 398.20899720798 ATTLA

[**A Dena'ina Legacy : The Collected Writings of Peter Kalifornsky = K'tl'egh'i sukdu.**](#)

In this important contribution an Alaska Native writes down the oral literature of his people.

N 398.2097983 KALIFOR

[**The Ethnography of the Tanaina.**](#)

Provides detailed information on food, dress, shelter, travel, implements, war, arts and amusements, religion, and mythology.

N 970.3 OSGOOD

[From Skins, Trees, Quills and Beads : the Work of Nine Athabascans.](#)

Connects the personal stories of the craftspeople with the natural material and processes used in their work.
N 745.51 FROM

[A History of Alaskan Athapaskans.](#)

The author has taken some of the sub-groups of the Athabascans and written about them specifically. Photos are black and white with some excellent line drawings throughout.
N 979.800497 SIMEONE

[Make Prayers to Raven : A Koyukun View of the Northern Forest.](#)

The author lived among the Koyukon people of western Alaska while studying their intimate relationship with the animals and the land. He writes an eloquent account of the relationship between the people and their surrounding world.
N 304.209798 NELSON

[Northern Athapaskan Art : A Beadwork Tradition.](#)

This work is illustrated with colorful photos of the beadwork and costume ornamentation.
N 746.508997 DUNCAN

[On the Trail of Eklutna.](#)

Tells the history of the Tanaina Athabaskan village of Eklutna, northeast of Anchorage.
N 979.830497 CHANDON

[Rifles, Blankets, and Beads : Identity, History, and the Northern Athapaskan Potlatch.](#)

Discusses life in the village of Tanacross, historically as well as contemporarily, as it relates to the potlatch.
N 979.8004972 SIMEONE

[Tales From the Dena : Indian Stories from the Tanana, Koyukuk, and Yukon Rivers.](#)

Tells of the life, tribal subdivisions, religion, shamanism and storytelling of the Dena Indians, strikingly illustrated with woodcuts by Dale DeArmond.
N 398.2089 TALES

SEARCH THE CATALOG

To find additional titles, try these subject headings:

- Athapascan Indians
- Indians of North America – Alaska – Art

For more results, try a keyword search on these variant spellings and subgroup names:

- Ahtna
- Athapaskan
- Athabaskan
- Athabascan
- Dena'ina (Tanaina)
- Gwich'in (Kutchin)
- Ingalik
- Koyukon
- Tanana
- Upper Tanana

Some authors who have written about the Aleut:

- John W. Chapman
- Richard K. Nelson
- Cornelius Osgood
- William E. Simeone
- James W. VanStone
- Velma Wallis

MAGAZINES & JOURNALS

These are good sources for Alaska Native information:

- *Alaska Journal of Anthropology*
- *Anthropological Papers of the University of Alaska*
- *Arctic Anthropology*

COMPUTER DATABASES

- For full-text documents as well as other formats, search *EbscoHost*, *Gale Resource Center*, or *Facts on File News Digest* online databases.
- For Alaska newspaper articles search the *Anchorage Daily News Archives* (1985-present) or *NewsBank Inc.* for Alaska newspapers (Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau)

ALASKA VERTICAL FILES

The Alaska Vertical Files located in Loussac Library's Alaska Collection-Level 3, is an additional source of information.

- Look under files "Indians of North America—Alaska"

MEDIA

[Hitting Sticks, Healing Hearts](#). [Video]

VHS 979.8600497 HITTING

[Make Prayers to the Raven](#). [Video] Five volume videocassette set.

VHS 304.209798 MAKE

[Matter of Respect](#). [Video]

VHS 979.800497 MATTER

[Songs in Minto Life](#). [Video]

VHS 979.800497 SONGS

[Tubughna, the Beach People](#). [Video]

VHS 970.4983 TUBUGHN

[Two Old Women](#). [Sound cassette] *not held at Loussac*

TC N 398.2089972 WALLIS

SELECTED INTERNET SOURCES

Alaska Digital Archive: Alaska Native History & Cultures

<http://vilda.alaska.edu/>

Alaska Humanities Forum: Athabascans
<http://www.akhistorycourse.org/articles/article.php?artID=193>

Alaska Native Knowledge Network: Athabascan
<http://ankn.uaf.edu/ANCR/athabascan.html>

Alaska Native Heritage Center: Athabascans
http://alaskanative.genclik.ca/en/main_nav/education/culture_alaska/athabascan/

Alaska Native Languages
<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages.html>

Alaska/Polar Periodicals Index via University of Fairbanks Goldmine Library Catalog
<http://goldmine.uaf.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/0/49/>

Alaskool (Institute of Social & Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage)
<http://www.alaskool.org/alaska.htm>

National Science Foundation – Dena’ina Qenaga
<http://qenaga.org/index.cfm>

SLED – Alaska Native and Indigenous Peoples
<http://sled.alaska.edu/native.html>

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History - Crossroads of Continents
<http://www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/features/croads/>

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