



## News Release: TRL Celebrates Native American Heritage Month with New Library Card Design

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*A young patron shares her new library card.*

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, TRL has unveiled a new, custom-designed library card created by Ovila Mailhot, a Coast Salish (Sto:lo and Nlaka'pamux Nations) graphic artist and designer. The card is available at all locations while supplies last.

Originally from Seabird Island Reserve in British Columbia, Mailhot lived in the Fraser Valley (Coast Salish Territory) his entire life, until recently moving to the Midwest. He comes from a long line of creative people who shaped Indigenous art, literature, scholarship, activism, and representation.

The first in his family to take up graphic art and design, Mailhot's work carries a stylistically Salish level of simplicity, he wrote in the biography provided to TRL.

"My art is meant to add to a continuum within Coast Salish culture, one so rich and expansive that it still hasn't been fully actualized within or received by mainstream culture," Mailhot wrote.

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) is celebrating Native American Heritage Month this November by placing a spotlight on materials that honor and celebrate the histories, diverse cultures, and accomplishments of Native people.

Throughout the month, **[TRL.org](https://www.trl.org)** and each library location will feature staff-selected materials and resources highlighting the voices and perspectives of Native people.

Patrons can search "Native American Heritage" in the online catalog to find books, movies, and other materials available for checkout.

For more Native American content, patrons can use their TRL library card to access these online resources for free:

**[Kanopy](#)**  
**[PressReader](#)**  
**[Washington Rural Heritage Project](#)**  
**[HeritageQuest Online](#)**  
**[Northwest Digital Heritage](#)**  
**[OverDrive Digital Collection](#)**

Those interested in learning more about Coast Salish people can visit [BurkeMuseum.org](https://burkemuseum.org).

For additional resources and information on Native American History Month, visit the **[TRL.org Celebrations page](#)**.



**Timberland Regional LIBRARY** provides for the entertainment, information, and lifelong learning needs of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston county residents at 27 community public libraries and six library service partner locations. The library system is funded mainly by local property taxes, timber tax, fundraising efforts of TRL Friends of the Library, and generous donations by individual supporters.

All Timberland library programs are free and open to the public. Anyone needing special accommodations to participate in a library's programs may contact the library one week in advance. For more information visit [TRL.org](https://www.trl.org)



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