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Library

The NAIA Library, created from the gifts of our members, features a collection of books and research materials relevant to the Native American experience, both historical and contemporary. Our library catalog includes a collection of genres including primary genealogy documents, fiction, non-fiction, maps, and film. Our library is designed for the use of both our members and our guests as a valuable resource at our community center, with tea, coffee, and a free Wi-Fi connection available.

Workshops

NAIA offers many workshops such as traditional Native jewelry making, sweet grass and birch bark basket making, quilting, drum making, traditional dance and regalia making, storytelling, and more. Please visit our website to be placed on our mailing list and check out our Facebook page to stay informed of our events.

Native Hands Gallery

The NAIA gallery features authentic and traditional Native American cultural material as well as Native-themed items such as: traditional corn and wild rice, fabric, beads, beadwork, and beading supplies, dream catchers, books, recorded music, authentic handcrafted jewelry, raw materials, and a large selection of greeting cards and memorabilia.

Shop our online market at:

mkt.com/naia

Visit us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/naia.detroit>



Celebrating 75 years

Serving the Native Community of Metro Detroit

Our Mission

Our mission is to promote self sufficiency for North American Indians through education assistance, employment training and awareness of available human services, as well to foster and preserve North American Indian culture and heritage.

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Monday-Friday
9 a.m.—3 p.m.

NAIA History

The North American Indian Association of Detroit is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States, founded in 1940 by Scott Peters and a group of North American Indians as the North American Indian Club. The NAI club soon became the Detroit Indian Center, and later the North American Indian Association of Detroit, Inc. (NAIA).

NAIA's expansion and specialization took place in 1973, when NAIA became a non profit 501© (3) charitable organization. This meant that NAIA could now obtain funds through federal, state, and municipal grants.

Today we maintain the vision upon which we were founded. The primary purpose NAIA's origin was to bring people together for a social club and share Native culture, providing opportunities for American Indian people to meet and enjoy social, recreational, and cultural activities such as sporting events, dinner dances, and pow-wows, as well as to provide educational and employment services.

Since we have been granted our 501 © (3) status, we've expanded our services and programs to better serve the urban Native American community.

WIA-INAP

The North American Indian Association of Detroit (NAIA) is a contractor for the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), delivering Employment and Training Services and Education Services under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA-INAP), providing assistance to Native Americans in our designated service area.

NAIA has had a long and successful relationship with the USDOL, beginning under Manpower, then JTPA, and currently under WIA-INAP.

Eligibility Requirements:

Participants must be able to prove residency in Wayne County, must be able to document a minimum of ¼ Blood Quantum of Native American or Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian ancestry from a U.S. Federally recognized tribe or historically recognized tribe, or have a band letter or status card from a First Nations, i.e., Canadian tribe. Additionally, the following items are required to initiate participation:

- Photo Identification
- Social Security Card
- Tribal Letter / Status Card
- Selective Service Card (if 26 years of age or below)
- Proof of Residency
- Proof of Income or income tax paperwork

Intake by appointment only. Call: 313-535-2966.

Elder's Program

Our Elders gather here everyday for the Food and Friendship lunch provided by the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA), as well as participate in daily classes and activities. As part of the DAAA criteria, our qualifying elders must be at least 60 years of age to participate, or be 18 years or older with a disability. DAAA asks for an *optional* \$2 donation. Our Food and Friendship Luncheon is served from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of NAIA observed holidays. The Elder's Group shares in the daily activities listed below, as well as ongoing NAIA workshops, Pow Wows, our Summer Arts Program, craft fairs, volunteering and service learning opportunities, fundraising, crafts, bake sales, container gardening, monthly pot lucks, ice cream socials, and field trips. Come on out and join the fun! Volunteers are always welcome!

Daily Elders' Program

- Monday:** Relaxation and Movement Class
- Tuesday:** Tai Chi, Diabetes Education
- Wednesday:** Bingo, Relaxation and Movement Class
- Thursday:** Healthy Eating, Crafts, and Jewelry Making Classes.
- Friday:** Relaxation and Movement Class

We are always adding new events and classes to provide fun experiences for our Elders. We encourage our Elders to come to the center daily for the Food and Friendship Luncheon and our daily programs offered Monday through Friday. If you are looking for a friendly senior community to participate in, please join us!