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PI – Primary/Intermediate

GS – General Selection

Books:

A Coyote Solstice Tale

Author: Thomas King

PI 813.54 KIN

All the Stars in the Sky - Native Stories from the Heavens

Author: C. J. Taylor

Since the beginning of time, people have been fascinated by the heavens. North American First Nations People were no exception. From Ojibwa, Salish, Netsilik, to Cherokee, they looked skyward, and weave a lively collection of tales that shine as brightly as the stars that inspired them.

PI 813.54 TAY

American Indian Astronomy (Teacher's Guide)

Author: Priscilla Anoka-Hennepin

This booklet is a series of lessons about the heritage of Indian people and how they connect to Astronomy.

GS 371.3: SD#11

Arctic Sky, The: Inuit Astronomy Star Lore and Legend (Teacher's Resource)

Author: John MacDonald

This is a tour of the arctic universe. Constellations, star lore, legends and mythology. The sun, moon, planets, shooting stars and atmospheric phenomena such as aurora borealis, are explored from a variety of perspectives.

GS 520.8 Mac

Beyond the Northern Lights

Author: Lynn Blaikie

In the remote north, a young girl calls on the raven to take her on a magical journey through the air, under the sea, and finally to a warm fire, where the elders sit and the native spirits dance.

PI 813.6 BLA

Coyote and the Sky: How the Moon, Sun and Stars Began

Author: Emmett "Shkeme" Garcia

This book is a Santa Ana Pueblo legend, the animal's spirit leader created the sun, moon and stars by using woven yucca mats and hot coals. A Pueblo story of the beginning of the stars and the constellations.

PI 398.2 GAR

Coyote Places

Author: Harriet Peck Taylor

Based on a Wasco Indian legend, this story about the origin of the constellations is joyfully retold and vibrantly illustrated.

PI 398.2 TAY

Day the Sun was Stolen, The

Author: Jaimie Oliviero

A Haida legend that talks about the world when it was new and Raven created all the animals. Bear is hot and uncomfortable so he steals the sun.

PI 398.2 OLI

The Earth Under Sky Bear's Feet

Native American Poems of the Land

Authors: Joseph Bruchac and Thomas Locker

PI 398.2 BUR

How Spirit Dog Made the Milky Way – A Retelling of a Cherokee Legend

Author: Michael O'Hearn

A Cherokee couple spends their days fishing and making cornmeal. When a giant dog steals the couple's cornmeal, their neighbors all gather to help. This Cherokee legend explains the creation of the Milky Way.

PI 398.2 OHE

How the Stars Fell into the Sky

Author: Jerrie Oughton

This is a retelling of a legend told to the Navajo Indians by Hosteen Klah, their great medicine man, at the turn of the twentieth century. It is part of the mythology that details the mysteries of Earth in the beginning.

PI 398.2 OUG

In the Beginning there was the First World which was the Star Family

Author: Speck, Wedlidi

PI 745 WED

Inuksuk Book, The

Author: Mary Wallace

An overview which includes legends of the North Star and the Inuksuk in the sky.

[PI 306.08 WAL](#)

Keepers of the Earth: Teachers Guide

Authors: Michael Caduto and Joseph Bruchac

This is a book about living, learning and caring. It features a collection of Native stories and related hands-on activities designed to inspire children-ages 5 through 12. It helps them feel a part of their surroundings. Two Legends:

- How Coyote Was the Moon (ref. pp.111)
- How Fisher Went to the Skyland: The Origin of the Big Dipper (Anishinabe, Great Lakes)

[PI 398.2 CAD](#)

Keepers of the Night: Native Stories and Nocturnal Activities for Children

Authors: Michael Caduto and Joseph Bruchac

This book offers a comprehensive study of important topics in astronomy, nighttime weather, and nocturnal plants and animals from habitats throughout North America. Through traditional Native stories, information, and activities, the world of night comes vibrantly to life.

[PI 398.3 CAD](#)

Kids Book of the Night Sky, The

Authors: Ann Love and Jane Drake

You will discover all the secrets the night sky holds. Play a game of “Night Sky I Spy”; keep an astronomer’s log, read night sky myths and legends from different cultures around the world, including 3 Native American legends. Learn about the zodiac, the northern lights, eclipses and more.

[PI 513.2 LOV](#)

Kwulasulwut: Stories from the Coast Salish

Author: Ellen White

Ellen White, a Salish Elder, recounts the stories of her people. Each story provides readers with the opportunity to travel on a journey through both nature and the supernatural world, and at the end, to discover one of life’s lessons.

[PI 398.2 WHI](#)

Legend of the Seven Sisters, The: A Traditional Aboriginal Story from W. Australia

Author: May O’Brien, Ab. Studies, Canberra

This story explains how the stars came to be where they are. Some stars are grouped together and have special names. This is the story of the stars called the Seven Sisters.

[PI 398.2 OBR](#)

Missing Sun, The

Author: Peter Eyvindson

Emily and her mother move to Inuvik where Emily has a hard time believing her mother’s claim that the sun is going to disappear for many days. [PI 398.2 EYV](#)

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Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters - A Mi'kmaw Night Sky Story

Authors: Lillian Marshall, Murena Marshall, Prune Harris and Cheryl Bartlett

The story of Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters is a very old Mi'kmaw legend. It happens in the North Sky as the stars that show the story of Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters move around Tatapn, the North Star. [PI 398.2 MAR](#)

Native Universe: Voices of Indian America (Teachers' Resource)

Author: Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

Features the works and stories of many indigenous writers, scholars and teachers. How our universe and traditional knowledge shapes our world.

[GS 970.004 NAT](#)

Northern Lights Dance (Our Stories help the)

Author: Richard Van Camp

[PI 813.54 VAN](#)

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trails

Author: Michael Kususgak

Their scientific name is Aurora Borealis. We call them Aqsalijaat, the trail of those playing soccer. On Baffin Island, they are known simply as Aqsarniit "Soccer Trails". They like to come out when the sky is crisp and clear and the stars are twinkling brightly in the heavens.

[PI 813.54 KUS](#)

Raven's Light

Author: Susan Shetterly

Raven, the trickster of the Northwest Coast created the world, and stole the light for his own world.

[PI 398.2 SHE](#)

Sharing the Skies: Navajo Astronomy A Cross-Cultural View

Authors: Nancy C. Maryboy, Ph.D & David Begay, Ph.D

[GS 520.8 MAR](#)

SkySisters (Anishinawbe Ojibway)

Jan Bourdeau Waboose

[PI 813.54](#)

Skywatcher's Companion: Constellations & Their Mythology

Author: Stan Shadick/Heritage House Publishing

A starry, starry night discovery book.

[PI 513.2 SHA](#)

Skywoman: Legends of the Iroquois

Authors: J. Shenandoah & Douglas M. George

When Skywoman falls from the upper world, the birds and animals living in the watery place below must catch her and create ground on which she can stand. Thus Turtle Island, the earth, is born. In this beautifully illustrated book, two Native American writers tell the ancient stories of the Iroquois peoples. [GS 398.2 SHE](#)

Star Boy

Author: Paul Goble

This is a story of how the sacred knowledge of the Sun Dance was given to the Blackfoot people. The full story was recorded in the Blackfoot Lodge Tales.

[PI 398.2 GOB](#)

Star Man, The – Other Tales

Author: Basil H. Johnston (Rana First Nation)

The Star Man brings together legends told by current narrators. The stories and art reveal the power of Objibway myth making and a world of star visitors, magical thunderbolts, thunder people, sea serpents and mermaids.

[GS 398.2 JOH](#)

Star Navigation Reader, The

Author: A. Blue, A. Amatunak, J. Phillip, D. Anrew-Ihrke

The Star Navigation Reader is a collection of personal accounts and traditional Yup'ik stories. It is designed to accompany the module Star Navigation: Explorations into Angles and measurement from the series Math in a Cultural Context.

Star People, The: A Lakota Story

Author: SD Nelson

Drawing upon traditional Lakota Art, SD Nelson's illustrations bring to life a memorable new legend about the Star People. [Grades 2 to 4]

[PI 813.6 NEL](#)

Stars Above: Earth Below (Teacher's Resource)

Author: Marsha C. Bol

A series of essays which describe how American Indians think of the natural world.

[304.2 BOL](#)

Sun Moon and Stars Theme (Teacher's Guide for the "Stolen Sun" by Ellen White)

Author: Donna Klockars

A resource manual that integrates First Nations content across the curriculum.

[371.3 KLO](#)

Taan's Moons- A Haida Moon Story

Author: Alison Gear

[P.I. 813.54 GEA](#)

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Ten Legends Workbook: Ojibwa and Iroquois Legends

Author: Ningwake Learning Press

Legend: The Dancing Stars (ref.pp 75-90)

GS DVD 371.3 NIN

They Dance in the Sky: Native American Star Myths

Author: Jean Monroe and Ray A. Williamson

Legends of the first Americans, including stories from the Plains, California, and Pawnee Indians.

GS 398.2 MON

Thirteen Moons on the Turtle's Back, The

Native Reflections (Legend series)

PI 418

When Seagull Stole the Sun

Author: Mabel Mitchell

PI 398.2 MIT

Aboriginal Astronomy Resource Kit

Includes books/DVD/student activities/teacher resource, *Surrey School District #36*

DVDs:

Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters – in Mi'kmaw/English/French

Mi'kmaw Elders

Raven Tales: How Raven Stole the Sun DVD 25 Minutes

Raven is joined by his brother Eagle and the mysterious Frog. Together they will learn the secret that will release light into the world.

Raven Tales: Starlight, Star Bright DVD 25 minutes

Eagle tells a story about how the old man and his daughter, who lost the light of the sun to Raven, were victims of another trickster – the Coyote.

Raven Tales: Musicians of the Sun DVD 25 minutes

Frog tells the story of when the Great Spirit sent Raven to free the Musicians of the Sun to bring light and music into the world.