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Title: Find Your Language in Archives

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Biography: Jessie Loyer is Cree-Metis and a member of Michel First Nation. She is a librarian at Mount Royal University.

Abstract: Many Indigenous language programs don't have enough resources written in the language, so teachers are often kept busy creating workbooks, readers, and recordings for their students. But archives, museums, and libraries have many historic materials that could be used to support language learning. Often, we simply need to know how to ask for them! In this session, we'll discuss the history of cultural memory institutions collecting language materials, show examples of how these materials have supported language revitalization projects across North America, and participants will be given an opportunity to identify who holds their language materials and search those collections.

Learning Objectives: Participants will:

- Analyze the history of cultural memory institutions (like libraries, museums, and archives) collecting materials in Indigenous languages;
- Compare the role of historic materials in language revitalization projects across North America;
- Develop search strategies to help them find materials in their language; and,
- Search museum, archive, and library collections for materials in their language with guidance from a librarian.