



**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Mziniganan-gamigoon  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries  
2015 annual report**

## **Kinomaagewin Enaagijigadek**

Anishinaabe Kinomaagewin Bimiikmaajik shpindaanaa'aa weweni kina gego wii kinomaagaaziwad Bimaadzidjik ezhi kendasaang nakaaswinan wii nenakaasiwad gewiinwa pane wii shpindimowad miinwaa wii gwekwendimowad waani zhi-shpigaabwewad maanda naakidowad Anishinaabemowin miinwaa Anishinaabe Bimaadsiwin.

## **Education Department Mission Statement**

The Tribal Education Department is committed to developing educated, confident, competitive, proficient citizens who excel in any venture they pursue while maintaining their rich Anishinabe culture and language.

## **Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries scope of work**

The Tribal Libraries provide a variety of services and resources to the membership and reservation community. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Library, and Saginaw Chippewa Academy Library provide tangible and electronic resources including popular materials, Ojibwe culture and language materials, Native American focused resources, professional materials, and curricular support materials. Satellite collections at Andahwod Senior Care and Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center provide popular and culturally relevant materials appropriate to and requested by those audiences. The Tribal Libraries provide access for patrons to check out resources, enjoy the use of library spaces, make use of the library staff's expertise and assistance, and utilize equipment and services including computers, printers, copiers, scanners, and laminators. The Tribal Libraries website and online catalog are accessible 24/7 for patrons wherever internet access is available. The Tribal Libraries cooperate with other departments and strive to focus on the culture and language in all aspects of library services.

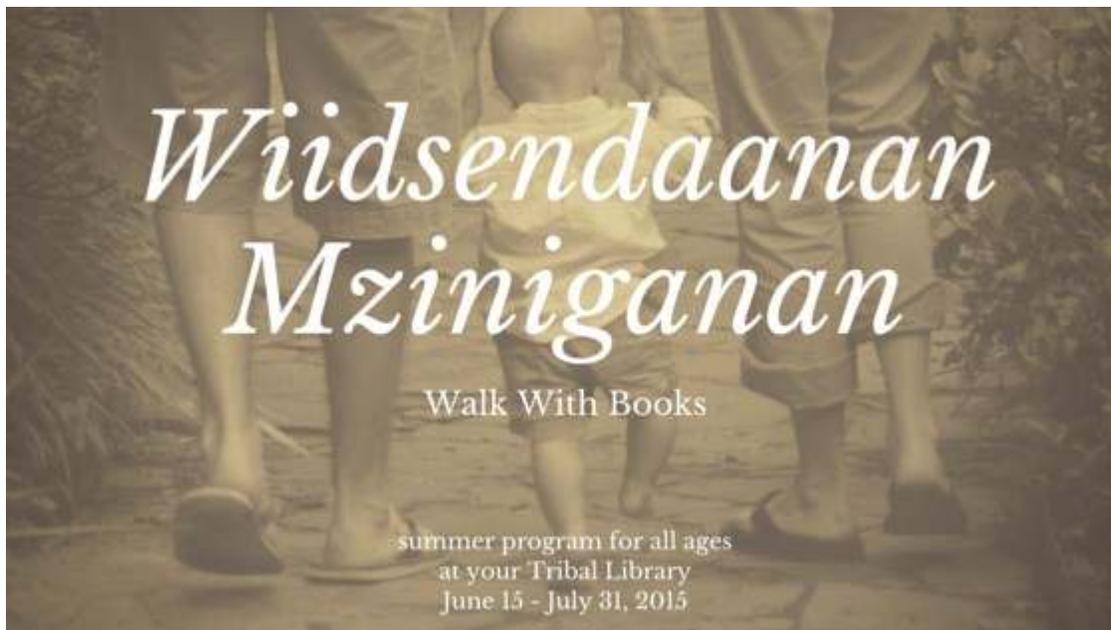
## **Continuing to build and grow**

2015 saw the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries continue to build and grow our collections and services. Library staffing continues to consist of one Tribal Education Librarian and two Library Assistants, who divide their time between the three library locations. This minimal staffing means that progress continues to happen slowly and that the more we succeed in increasing use of the libraries, more time is devoted to direct patron service and less to the planning, maintenance, and rebuilding that is also crucial.

The Tribal Libraries' current primary focus is on continuing to bring the three library sites up to speed, including inventorying all the collections and reorganizing the spaces for optimal patron access. This inventory process is a lengthy one and continued throughout the year. In 2015, we also added many titles to our collections through the purchases made as part of the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Enhancement Grant which provided \$51,383 for new materials. Selecting, purchasing, cataloging, and processing nearly 3000 new items occupied a major portion of staff time in 2015. This grant also provided funding to replace the outdated and worn chairs and printers at the Tribal Library.

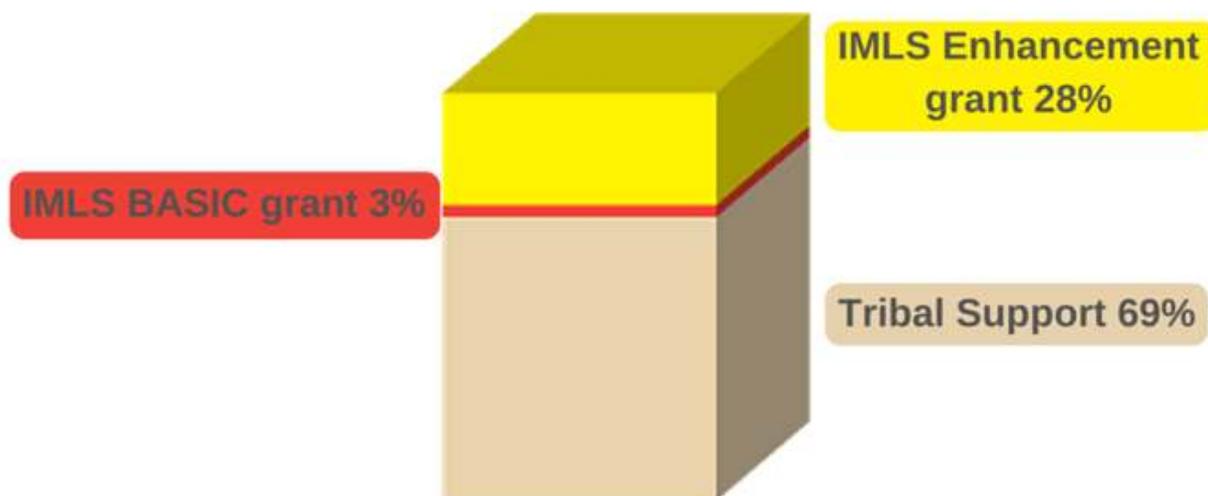
Despite the challenge of limited time and resources, the Tribal Libraries also expanded our programming in 2015, including outreach in the Tribal community. At the Tribal Library, we celebrated Money Smart Week by highlighting financial resources for check-out and presenting a variety of programs including a storytime featuring financial information for kids featuring vocabulary in the language provided by the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, an open house with a free packet and information provided by the Housing Department, giveaways, daily financial trivia, and money tips via email each day.

2015 was the first year for our own home-grown Summer Reading Program: *Wiidsendaanan Mziniganan*, Walk With Books. This program focused on the culture and language along with encouraging folks to read throughout the summer. Participants enjoyed the Seven Grandfather Teachings scavenger hunt and won prizes donated by Tribal Departments and members of the community. Library staff also presented storytimes at the Native Farmers Market throughout the summer. The Tribal Libraries also provided copies of *Boozhoo*, a board book presented to each child at the Baby Celebration at Seventh Generation.



Given continued funding, staffing, and support, we can expect to see modest improvements during these building years. More significant improvements will come later, after the foundation has been solidified. We are on our way!

**Tribal Libraries funding increased 32% in 2015, despite a 4% decrease in Tribal Support, due to winning a competitive IMLS Enhancement Grant.**



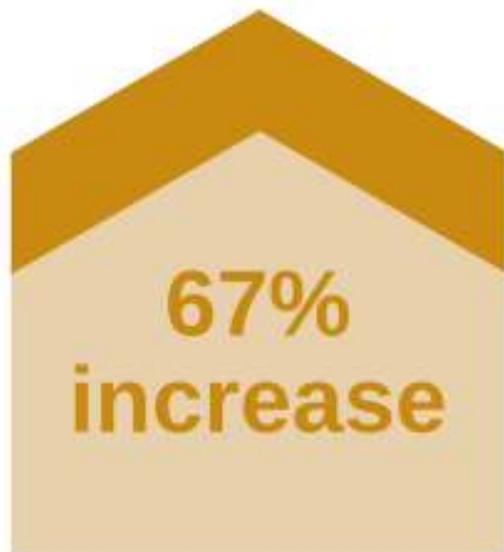
**Tribal Libraries staffing stayed static:  
1 full-time Tribal Education Librarian  
2 full-time Library Assistants**



6829 visits to the public Tribal Library



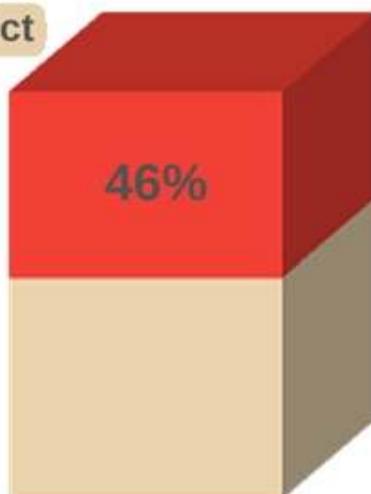
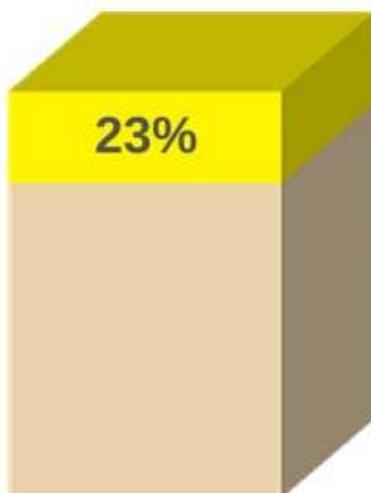
995 program and class attendees at the public Tribal Library



1713 hold requests filled

1,658 Tribal Members living in the Isabella District

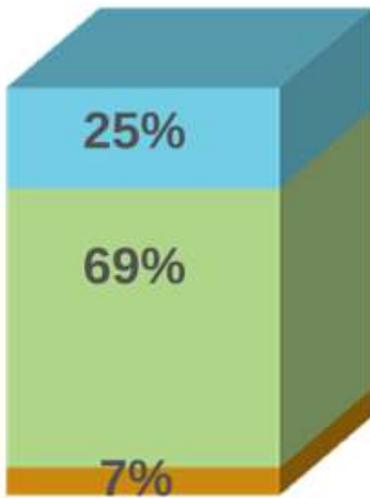
46% have a Tribal Libraries library card



757 Tribal Libraries library card holders

172 new library card holders in 2015

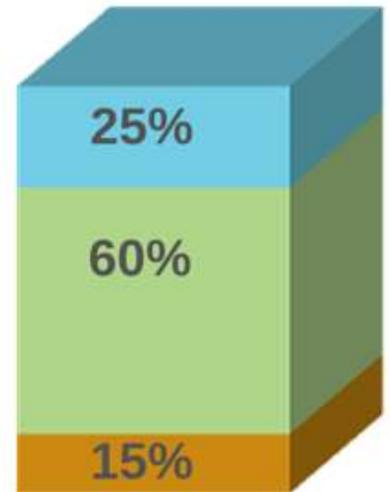
- Tribal Library**
- Academy Library**
- College Library**



**collection size**  
27,594 items



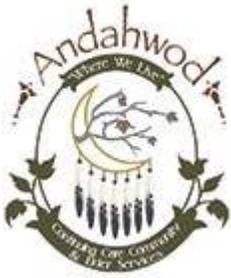
**check-outs**  
27,594 items



**collection value**  
\$544,017

**6,236 items added**  
**10% of items added were donated**

# partnerships and memberships



CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY  
www.crdl.org



Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative

