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Indigenous Language Institute



# Documenting Endangered Languages

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## ILI's Mission Statement



- Facilitates innovative, successful community-based initiatives for language revitalization through collaboration with other appropriate groups, organizations and individuals and promotes public awareness of the importance of Indigenous language preservation.

## Guiding Philosophy



- The guiding philosophy behind the Indigenous Language Institute is to “help create speakers” of endangered Indigenous languages while we still have speakers left.

## Board of Directors



- Majority Native board members who are leaders of the language revitalisation movement in their home communities and across North America
- Board President: Jerry Hill (Oneida)
- [www.ilinative.org](http://www.ilinative.org)



- Field Survey Project
  - resulting ILI Handbook Series
- Establishment of the “Language Materials Development Center”  
LMDC
- LMDC Technical Advisory Committee

## Technology Workshops



- Story books and other print materials (desktop publishing)
- Digital stories (audio and movie making)
- Archiving
- Dictionary making
- Regional workshops funded by IBM



Tahlequah Oklahoma Storytelling Workshop, Autumn 2006

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## Workshops



- All workshops are Goal Oriented
- Training the Trainers
- Use of [languagegeek.com](http://languagegeek.com) keyboards and Unicode fonts
  - providing easy and effective ways of typing the orthographies of languages



Seminole Florida Storytelling Workshop, Spring 2007

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