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Indigenous Language Institute

Documenting Endangered Languages

Durham, New Hampshire
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• 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.
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
• 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 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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