

# NOVEMBER 2023 | CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICANS

This month's newsletter explores some wonderfully illustrated books centering around Native American Heritage Month that Sarah found to be worth the read. Check out their picks below!

It's always possible to join the Rowley Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, available through Beanstack. Getting a head start on your child's reading can give them the boost they need before entering school. Now they can earn prizes as well!

Help them get a jump on things by picking up one of these books today!

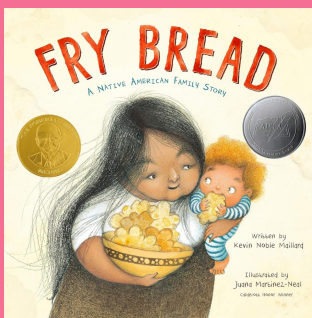
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## SARAH'S PICTURE BOOK CHOICES



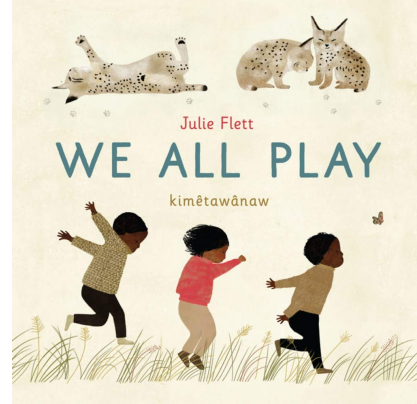
### Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent.

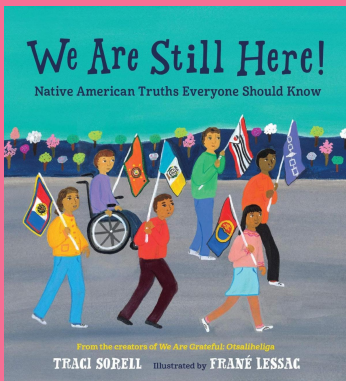
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## We All Play by Julie Flett

This picture book, with gorgeous images and sweet simple text, is a marvelous celebration of the interconnectedness of all creatures and includes some Cree phrases. It is based on the Cree teaching of wahkohtowin, interconnectedness, and play and includes as well the English and Cree names of the animals in the book.



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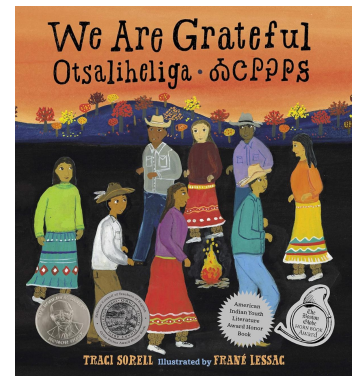
## We Are Still Here! by Traci Sorell

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents twelve historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here.

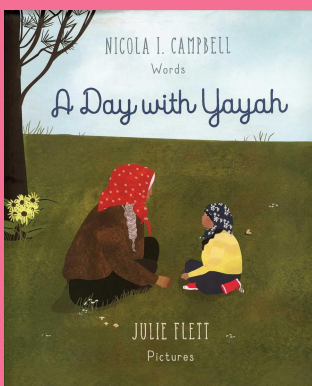
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## We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell

Otsaliheliga is a Cherokee word that is used to express gratitude. Journey through the year with a Cherokee family and their tribal nation as they express thanks for celebrations big and small. This book presents a look at modern Native American life as told by a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.



[Find We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga in the MVLC Catalog](#)



## A Day With Yayah by Nicola Campbell

On an outing in Nicola Valley, British Columbia, a Native American family forages for herbs and mushrooms while the grandmother passes down her language and knowledge to her young grandchildren. Includes glossary.

[Find A Day with Yayah in the MVLC Catalog](#)

## NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

In addition to being Native American Heritage Month, November is also the month of giving back. In the spirit of giving, please consider teaching your kids about the following local non-profits that many residents use every month.



## GIVE LOCALLY TODAY!

### Rowley Food Pantry

- Provides families of Rowley with food and personal care products at no charge when they are in need.

### Community Giving Tree

- Located in West Boxford, this non-profit collects gently used clothes and baby equipment for those in need.

### Our Neighbors' Table

- Located in Amesbury, this non-profit welcomes 150 guests to our Wednesday Meal each week and provides groceries, fresh foods, and toiletries to more than 300 households from 12 cities and towns a week.

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