

La Retama Central Library invites you to celebrate Native American Heritage

NATIVE AMERICAN *Event Series*

The Corpus Christi Public Libraries presents a vibrant series of Native American programs. This engaging lineup includes an exploration of Pow Wows, film screenings, cultural celebrations, book signings, and a panel discussion - all designed to honor, explore, and share the rich heritage and living traditions of Indigenous communities.

POW WOW 101

Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:00PM

Discover the rich cultural traditions and significance of Pow Wows, including proper etiquette and the stories behind various dances. Hear directly from local Native voices as they share how Pow Wows play an important role in their communities and personal success. This program offers a unique chance to deepen your understanding and appreciation of Native American culture.



PANEL TALK

Discovering the Past, Honoring the Present: A Conversation on Archaeology and Native Communities

Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 2:00PM

This thought-provoking panel explores the role of archaeology in understanding and honoring Native American communities in the Coastal Bend. Moderated by **Dr. Peter Moore**, Professor of History at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the conversation brings together diverse voices and perspectives.

Panelists include **Dillon Beal**, Curator at the Corpus Christ Museum of Science and History, and **Kim Cox**, an avocational archaeologist, who will share insights from their research and discuss how archaeology connects to the stories and legacies of Indigenous and Native Texas peoples today. **Love Sanchez**, a representative of a community group named Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend, will offer a vital perspective on the contemporary significance of these histories. **Dr. Moore** will frame the conversation through the lens of Native American history and the evolving relationship between archaeology and Native communities.

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Hands-on History: Pinch Pottery

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 2:00PM

Explore the ancient art of ceramics through this interactive, family-friendly workshop. Participants will learn the fundamentals of pinch pottery – a simple yet timeless technique used by cultures throughout history. Using air-dry clay, you'll shape, mold, and personalize your own creation while learning about the archaeological roots of pottery and developing foundational art skills.

Presented in partnership with the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

Native American Film Series

Select Fridays in November at 11:00AM

Corpus Christi Public Libraries presents a three-film series highlighting Native American stories, culture, and identity. Featured films include *Flowers of the Killer Moon*, *Dances with Wolves*, and *Smoke Signals* – each offering a distinct lens on Indigenous experiences.

November 7: *Flowers of the Killer Moon*

November 14: *Dances with Wolves*

November 21: *Smoke Signals*

November 28: LIBRARY CLOSED

Be Brave! Story Time & Book Signing with Local Author, Anthony Falcon

Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 2:00PM

Local author Anthony Falcon shares the powerful true story behind *Be Brave*, recounting the birth of his son Lakota during the harrowing days of Hurricane Harvey. Through this deeply personal tale, Falcon reflects on fatherhood, resilience, and the importance of passing down his Native American heritage. Story time will be followed by a Q&A with the author and a book signing. Signed copies of *Be Brave* will be available for purchase during this event.

Author Talk & Book Signing: *Lipan Chief Castillo 1854: My Ancestral Journey* with Thomas "Bear Claw" Castillo

Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00PM

Local author Thomas "Bear Claw" Castillo shares the powerful story behind his book *Lipan Chief Castillo 1854: My Ancestral Journey*. Blending personal narrative with rich cultural history, Castillo traces his roots and reflects on identity, legacy, and the enduring strength of Native heritage. Following the talk, guests are invited to meet the author, ask questions, and purchase a signed copy of the book.

