

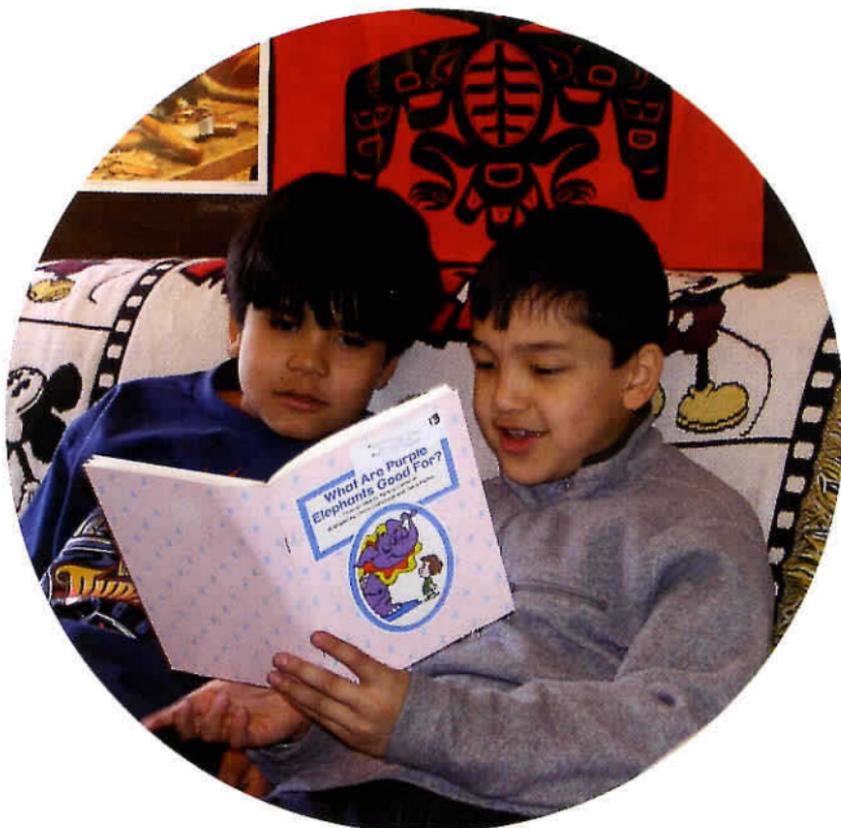
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Indian Tribes of Alaska

READING RESOURCES
FOR
SOUTHEAST ALASKA
TRIBAL CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES





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**DEAR FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS
AND LEGAL GUARDIANS,**

On behalf of the Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) we would like to share some resources with you. We created this listing of books that relate to Northwest Coast tribes and cultures with the hope that you might find these books in your local library or bookstore and share them with your children and youth. We hope that by reading and talking about these books you and your family will learn more about the cultural connections you have with the Tlingit and Haida tribes. The list is by no means complete. Our greatest hope is that you will not limit yourself to the list contained in this booklet, but will seek out other resources over time.

If you have other thoughts for what might help you further your knowledge and understanding of the Tlingit and Haida people, the Child Welfare Team at Central Council welcomes your ideas at any time.

Sincerely,

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How Raven Stole the Sun (Tales of the People)

Author: Williams, Mary

ISBN: 0789201631

Publication information: Abbeville Press. 2003

A beautifully illustrated version of the traditional legend about Raven. It is recommended by the Smithsonian as one of the Tales of the People series about Native Americans.



YOUNG ADULT (Grades 6-10)

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Tlingit Moon and Tide Teaching Resource

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Fairbanks, Alaska: University of Alaska. 1999

A teaching guide for study of the moon and tidal cycles in the context of Tlingit culture. The many, sometimes sophisticated activities incorporate folklore, language and art into Native knowledge of science and ecology.



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Juneau, Alaska: Lapcat Publications. 1996

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