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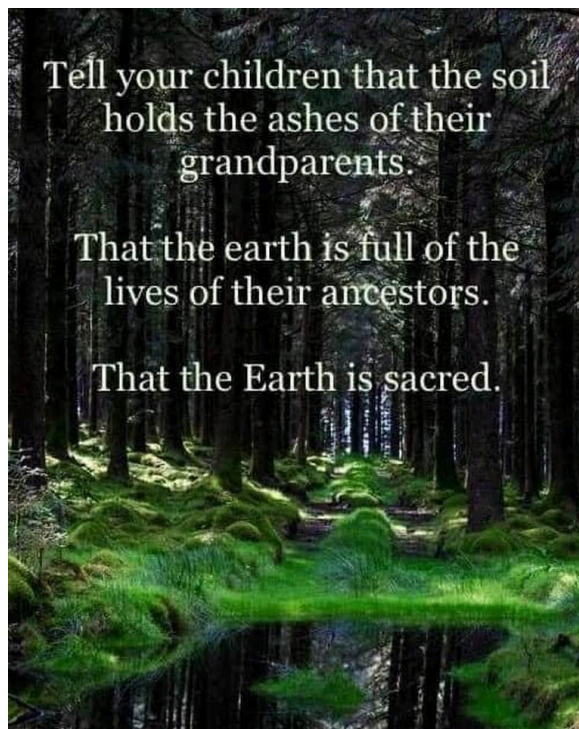
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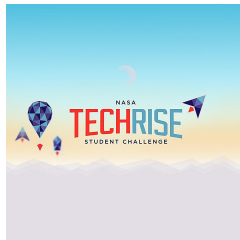
Billy Mills to sign new book, "Wings of an Eagle", at California State Indian Museum



REPORT: Water Study provides a detailed overview of the legal and factual status of California Indian water rights

“California Indian Legal Services has completed a Water Study. The purpose of this Study is to provide a current review of the factual and legal status of water rights possessed by California Indian tribes as well as individual Indians (allottees) with interests in allotted trust lands (allotments). This Study will present a framework for analyzing California Indian water rights and offers suggested strategies for California tribes and allottees on how to protect and secure their rights. The Study also covers new features of California state law that tribes, including unrecognized tribes, may want to participate in, for example, Tribal [Beneficial Uses](#), Integrated Regional Water Management projects, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. ... ” [Continue reading from California Indian Legal Services.](#)

Teachers! Sign up to participate in the NASA TechRise Student Challenge with your students in grades 6th-12th grade. Your school could win \$1500 to build an experiment with engineering support from awesome TechRise mentors and have it launched on a NASA-sponsored high-altitude balloon flight. No experience needed. Proposals are Due by Nov 1, 2024.



futureengineers.org
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CLOSING SOON - Archivist (Vacancy#: VAR002794)

- **Opening Date:** August 6, 2024 **Closing Date:** August 21, 2024
- **OPM Control Number:** 803653700 **Vacancy Number:** VAR002794
- **LC Organization Unit:** Researcher and Collection Services
- **Grade:** GS-09 **Series:** 1420
- **Minimum Salary:** \$68,405.00 **Maximum Salary:** \$88,926.00
- **Availability:** Open to All **Telework Eligibility:** Hybrid

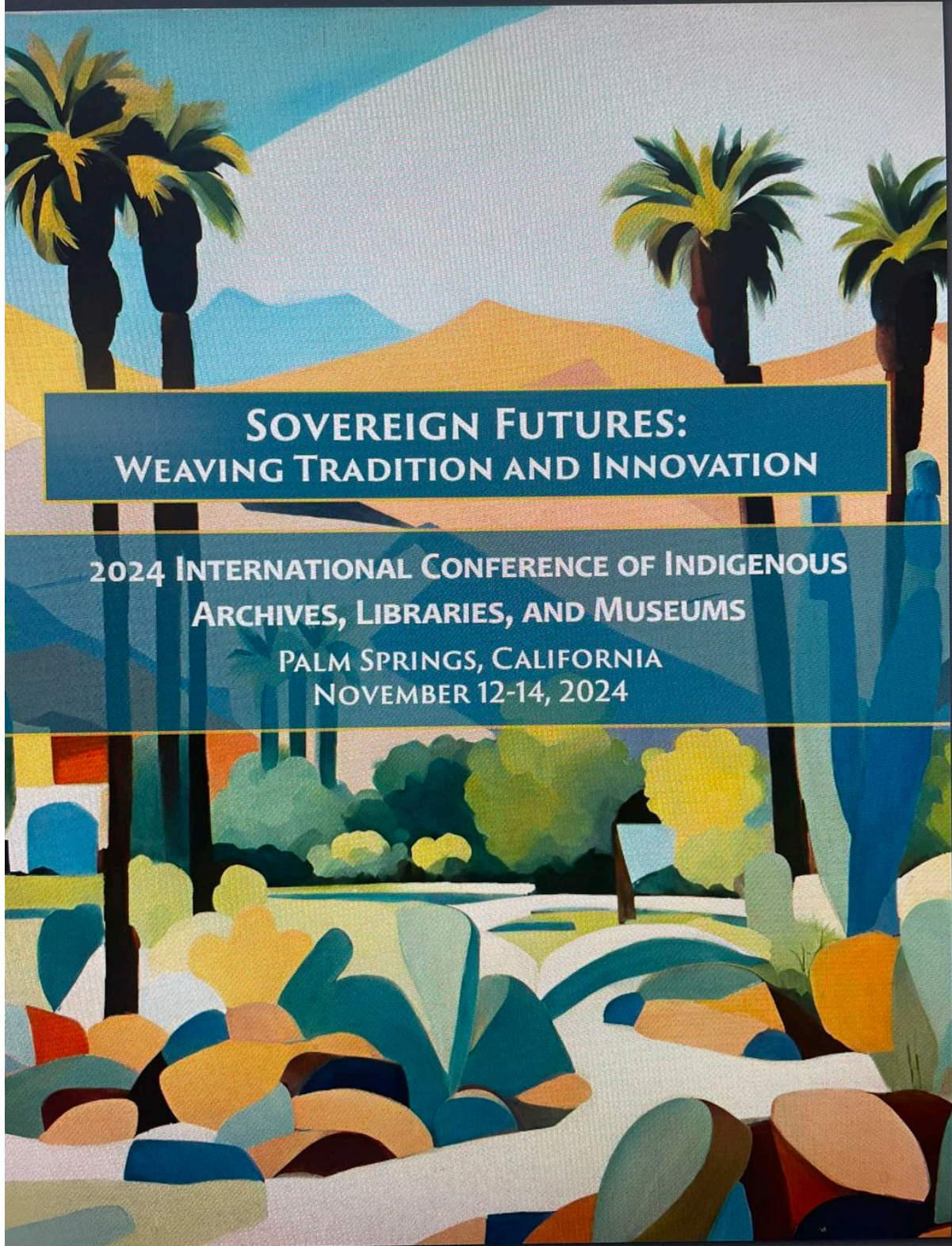
This position is located in the American Folklife Center (AFC), Special Collections Directorate, Researcher and Collection Services (RCS) in the Library Collections and Services Group (LCSG). [Click here for more information.](#)

Dehumanizing presentation by “history expert” from commander’s church infuriates Sioux officer

https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2024/8/15/2263369/-Dehumanizing-presentation-by-history-expert-from-commander-s-church-infuriates-Sioux-officer?detail=emaildkre&pm_source=DKRE&pm_medium=email

SOVEREIGN FUTURES: WEAVING TRADITION AND INNOVATION

2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDIGENOUS
ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 12-14, 2024



Poll shows cigarette smoking at [80-year low](#).



[Slice of Life](#)

"A few weeks ago, I started the '**I need' box in my class**, a way for my students to ask for help without having to come directly to me. They write their needs on a card and leave it in the box. The first week, two boys let me know about a bullying situation. We got it taken care of. The next week, I changed the format a little and started having EVERY student put a card in the box every day. They didn't have to write on it, but every student visits the box daily. Since then, I've had a plethora of 'needs' submitted. They range from specific supply needs, seat changes, special handshakes when entering class, after-school help, bullying situations, and even hugs.

What's even better is students are starting to come to me directly with issues/challenges they are having bypassing the box completely. I've been teaching middle school for 15 years, and I can honestly say this is the best thing I've ever done to reach my kids this early in the school year."
Credit: Julia Brown



[Jeanette Allen is feeling blessed.](#)

Best way to end the summer. I was so blessed to be able to attend the Shoshoneana Reunion in Ft Hall.

It was awesome. Attendance was huge: Eastern n Western Shoshones; Northern, central, Southern Paiutes; Comanches. The theme "Our Language is Strong We are Strong". It brought back memories that I was taught and also provided me with new ideas on language/cultural teaching skills. My hope is to be able to share this or even bring a spark back to our elders so they can start to remember "Oh Yeah I remember that" The Language/culture is even brought into the church with their songs.

"If you always put a limit on everything you do, physical or anything else, it will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them." – [Bruce Lee](#)

SMART Scholarship

The SMART Program is a unique education and workforce development opportunity for aspiring leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). SMART scholars receive comprehensive support, including full tuition, annual stipends, and guaranteed civilian employment with the DoD upon graduation. By providing a pathway to education and a fulfilling career, SMART empowers the research leaders of tomorrow to focus on their passions.



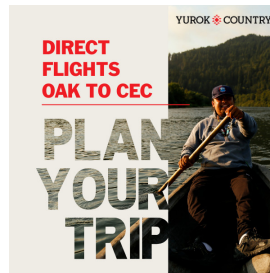
SMARTSCHOLARSHIP.ORG

[DoD SMART Scholarship](#)

[Step into the SMART World: Where STEM Futures Are Made](#)

[Visit Yurok Country](#)

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Arizona: US Air Force avoids PFAS water cleanup, citing supreme court’s Chevron ruling
“The US air force is refusing to comply with an order to clean drinking water it polluted in Tucson, Arizona, claiming federal regulators lack authority after the conservative-dominated US supreme court overturned the “Chevron doctrine”. Air force bases contaminated the water with toxic PFAS “forever chemicals” and other dangerous compounds. Though former US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials and legal experts who reviewed the air force’s claim say the Chevron doctrine ruling probably would not apply to the order, the military’s claim that it would represents an early indication of how polluters will wield the controversial court decision to evade responsibility. It appears the air force is essentially attempting to expand the scope of the court’s ruling to thwart regulatory orders not covered by the decision, said Deborah Ann Sivas, director of the Stanford University Environmental Law Clinic. ... ” [Read more from The Guardian.](#)

Four Colorado River states, feds ramp up negotiations over water conservation credit program

“Colorado River officials in four states, including Colorado, are negotiating a new agreement with the federal government to conserve water and get credit to protect against possible cutbacks in the future. Water conservation is a big issue in the Colorado River Basin, where prolonged drought, a changing climate and overuse have strained the water supply for 40 million people. Currently, water conserved on a farm simply reenters streams and can be used by anyone downstream. The negotiations aim to set up a program to track, count and store that water so it can benefit the four Upper Basin states — Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Coloradans have asked for a conservation credit program, and this is a way of addressing that feedback, said Commissioner Becky Mitchell, Colorado’s representative on the Upper Colorado River Commission. ... ” [Read more from the Colorado Sun.](#)

Colorado water rights: A complex system and pricey process

“Colorado water rights are a complex subject. How it’s sold and what happens to it thereafter can be as dizzying a process to understand as it is to trace. All water in Colorado is public in that it must be used for a beneficial purpose. Speculation is against the law, which is to say you can’t look to develop new water without first having an intended use for it. You can buy and sell existing water rights, even those you don’t actually own as yet. And who owns the water can mean everything, especially in a state where the high-plains desert accounts for a large percentage of water consumption. ... ” [Read more from the Denver Gazette.](#)

Bureau of Reclamation releases finding of no significant impact for final environmental assessment for proposed water conservation agreement

“The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a finding of no significant impact for a final environmental assessment of action proposed as part of a system conservation implementation agreement between Reclamation and the Imperial Irrigation District. The agreement is funded by the Inflation Reduction Act and supports voluntary system conservation to protect Colorado River reservoir storage volumes amid persistent drought conditions driven by climate change. Under the proposed temporary voluntary water conservation agreement, the Imperial Irrigation District proposes to conserve up to 300,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water annually from 2024 through 2026, up to a cumulative total of 700,000 acre-feet of water, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit the Colorado River System and its users. ... ” [Continue reading from the Bureau of Reclamation.](#)

Commentary: A long-term solution must be based on existing law, water rights, and conservation efforts expanded to all Colorado River states

Imperial Valley H2O writes, “The Law of the River, a sizable body of compacts, statutes, court decisions, and priority rights, represents more than 100 years of established law. As such, it provides the most solid foundation for a stable future that avoids litigation in the midst of decreasing hydrology and low reservoir conditions. It’s equally important to note that in August of 2023, all three Lower-Basin states – Arizona, California, and Nevada – signed a joint letter agreeing that the Law of the River must be the starting point for a long-term operations plan ... It is clear from the last several years of drought, challenging weather conditions, and sacrifice by farms, families, businesses, and tribes in all seven Basin states, that the need for swift action is

great. And the quickest way to a long-term plan begins with the Law of the River. Ignoring it only guarantees chaos and years of court battles that will do nothing to help the millions who rely on the river or protect the health of the river itself and its surrounding environment. ... ” [Read more from the Desert Review.](#)

Live — and dead — trees help restore Klamath River

“More than native plants are being planted where reservoirs created by the Klamath River dams once stood. As part of the years-long restoration, crews are planting thousands of live trees. And they’re also using dead trees, which are referred to as “large wood” in river restoration jargon by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, which is overseeing the removal of the dams and restoration. Dead trees are being placed in tributaries to the Klamath. The tree planting will happen November through January 2025, then resume in November 2025. Helicopters placed about 60 large wood trees in the Spencer Creek area south of Keno in the footprint of the John C. Boyle Dam on Monday and in the Beaver Creek [tributary](#) below the former Copco 1 Dam on Tuesday. Placing of the large wood trees at other tributaries to the Iron Gate Dam and areas exposed by the now free-flowing river is expected to be completed this week. ... ” [Read more from the Herald & News.](#)

TRPA employs ‘fire, aim, ready’ approach to managing Tahoe, say critics

“The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, which is failing, by its own admission, to meet the milestones of its plan to reduce automobile traffic, is spending \$24 million in federal funds to add 1.7 miles of trail to the lake’s remote and undeveloped east shore, a move destined to bring more visitors to the area – primarily by car. An initial three-mile stretch of trail connecting Incline Village and Sand Harbor, once considered an impossible feat, cost more than \$40 million and opened five years ago. “The narrow, two-lane Nevada State Route 28 is the only road around Lake Tahoe’s eastern shore and is critical for everything from emergency vehicles to tourists – on an average summer day over 2,000 people access this area for recreation,” Nevada’s U.S. Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen, who helped secure the funding, said in news releases last month. “The lack of parking and connecting paths has created serious congestion and safety concerns.” ... ” [Read more from the Nevada Current.](#)

National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call: August 20, 2024

EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next [National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call](#) taking place on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time). These calls are free and open to the public. Also please mark your calendars for upcoming calls on September 17th and October 15th.

Registration Link: https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_XIgAdMDiSnuzJAIQGTZ6rA

Tentative Agenda:

Community Spotlight

Inflation Reduction Act Roadshow Update

Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Regulatory Updates

EJScreen 2.3 Update and Demonstration (Part 2)

Community Change Grants Technical Assistance and Resources

The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates.

**It was never a secret
that children went
"missing", you just
weren't listening.**



The Real History Behind ‘Killers of the Flower Moon’

Martin Scorsese’s 2023 film revisits the murders of wealthy Osages in Oklahoma in the 1920s.

Smithsonian Magazine

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[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-real-history-behind-killers-of-the-flower-moon?](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-real-history-behind-killers-of-the-flower-moon?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us)
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Bus Status! Congrats, Larissa

Travis Blue shared a memory ·

Always a favorite post to mark a favorite day. I started keeping a record of questions and answers with Grandpa at a time I worked in the archives of the cultural center. Discussions often followed with, "go ask your Grandpa". After a collection of post it notes began to grow, I took a journal and named it my "Grandpa Says" book. I couldn't say it was all true, but it is what Grandpa says. Unfortunately, I only had a few months of this before he passed away. I noted his passing and continued to make entries as I spoke with others.

It seems like a different world as I think of the time in which Grandpa was born. He'd told me he was born at his grandma's house on what is now John Brown Rd. He was only 5 when the finger incident happened. His memories of his brother Harvey included riding on his back like a horse. He was able to go through the third grade before he had to work as was common in those days. The loss of his fingers kept him out of WWII. If not, we might not be here. He married Grandma in 1933 and started a family of 7 children, with 25 grand and 30ish great grand children in his lifetime. Living to nearly 95 makes one a witness to a great deal...from riding in a wagon to riding on airplane. It sounds like I need to write a book. I'll add it to the list.
Happy 117 Grandpa!



My grandpa is the infant. Taken approximately 1907-1908.

Roseman University's EMPOWERED Program Expands to Northern Nevada to Support Pregnant and New Mothers Using Opioids and Stimulants: Roseman University's EMPOWERED program has expanded to Northern Nevada, including Reno, to support pregnant and new mothers with opioid and stimulant use disorders. The program offers comprehensive services without the need for insurance or referrals. (nevadabusiness.com)

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*Just an interesting story (but another great example of how “Indigenous knowledge” was used)*

<https://newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/when-mussolini-stiffed-gloucester-mass-for-1-million/>

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At Southern Nevada Water Summit, leaders share hope for Colorado River

“Two years after Lake Mead hit an all-time low and concern swelled for the Colorado River’s long-term sustainability, water managers and lawmakers generally see a healthier basin. But that didn’t come without sacrifice in Las Vegas. U.S. Rep. Susie Lee, D-Nev., brought together federal, state and local leaders at Springs Preserve on Wednesday for her second annual Southern Nevada Water Summit. Decision-makers painted a hesitant, yet more hopeful view for the river that provides drinking water for 40 million people across seven states, Native American tribal lands and parts of Mexico. Since the founding of the Southern Nevada Water Authority in 1991, the state, which is afforded the smallest portion of the river by far, has emerged as a leader in the West in conversations about how cities can reduce their usage through aggressive policies. ... ”

[Read more from PhysOrg.](#)

Federal official: Nevada, Lower Basin states meet key Colorado River water goals ahead of schedule

“A plan from water officials in Arizona, Nevada and California to cut back on the amount of water those states use from the Colorado River in exchange for money with hopes of saving 3 million acre-feet of water over three years is meeting conservation goals, a top water official said Wednesday. The 2023 agreement has already seen 1.7 million acres of improvement less than one year into the effort, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton said. She says she believes the states are on pace to reach their original goal. “There is proof here that we can take on these hard moments, but we have to do it together,” said Touton, who spoke during a summit hosted by U.S. Rep. Susie Lee, D-Nev., at Springs Preserve. “We’ve been able to stabilize the system in the short term, and now we are focused on what this river looks like for the future.”

... ” [Read more from the Las Vegas Sun.](#)

SEE ALSO:

- [Water Summit highlights Nevada leadership on Colorado River issues](#), from KLAS
- [Commentary: Time is now for a new Colorado River Basin process to bring together and engage sovereigns and stakeholders](#), from the Colorado Sun

Despite recent water supply improvement, more cuts expected for Colorado River, feds say

“After Lake Mead hit an all-time low two years ago, the Colorado River’s water supply is in a much better position this summer, but it hasn’t improved enough to prevent further cuts this year. While conservation efforts and two hardy winters have improved the short-term outlook for the Colorado River, Lake Mead is currently at 33% of capacity, meaning cuts this summer are likely, said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton in Las Vegas Wednesday. “Where we’re going to be, most likely, is in a tier reduction. But the good news is it’s not where we were two years ago, and the lake is in a better place,” Touton said. In 2021 and 2022, Lake Powell and Lake Mead — the two largest reservoirs in the nation — both fell below critical thresholds, triggering emergency water cuts in Nevada, Arizona, and California and federal action to protect the lakes. A historic and extended drought on the Colorado River has severely impacted regional water supply, but recent conservation efforts have federal, state and local leaders cautiously optimistic. ...” [Read more from the Nevada Current.](#)

More Colorado River news in the regional section below. [Take me there!](#)

STATE INDIAN MUSEUM
Meet & Greet

Olympic Gold Medalist
BILLY MILLS

BOOK SIGNING
August 17, 2024
11 am - 1 pm

Join us as we celebrate the release
of Mr. Mills inspirational new children's book:

Wings of an Eagle:
The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills

Meet and talk with Billy and get your own copy!
Also makes a great gift!

THIS IS A FREE PUBLIC EVENT
There is a separate charge
to visit the State Indian
Museum.

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Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota, Olympic 10,000 meter run gold medal winner and author, will be at the State Indian Museum on August 17th, from 11am to 1pm, signing copies of his new children’s book, *Wings of an Eagle*. Mr. Mills will have just returned from the Olympics in Paris and is eager to share his incredible journey with you.

Meet and talk with him and get your book (or your gift book) signed by the author (while supplies last)!

This is a free public event hosted by our non-profit partner, the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation. Admission to the State Indian Museum is not included. [#castateindianmuseum](#) [#castateparks](#) [#sacramento](#) [#midtownsac](#) [#hereinsac](#) [#olympics](#)