



**Minnesota Humanities Center
Distributes Native American Lives Series Books**

For Immediate Release

February 19, 2026—ST. PAUL, MN— The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces the distribution of additional books in the Native American Lives Series at no cost to Minnesota schools and libraries.

Minnesota public schools' staff and public libraries can request a copy of the latest three books in the Native American Lives Series and accompanying educator guide on [MHC's website](#) until March 13. Classroom teachers, public librarians, media specialists, American Indian Education Staff, curriculum and instruction specialists, principals, and district leaders can submit a request.

The books, intended for a 4th – 8th grade audience, tell the stories of George Morrison, Marie Louise Bottineau Baldwin, and Sharon Day. Each story, created by Dakota and Ojibwe authors and illustrators, uplifts the brilliance, creativity, and enduring leadership of Dakota and Ojibwe people. The Native American Lives Series is supported by MHC and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community through its Understand Native Minnesota Campaign; and is published by Lerner Publishing Group.

About the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC)

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at www.mnhum.org.

About Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to create the Legacy Fund – 19.75% of the Legacy Fund is dedicated to the arts and cultural heritage fund.



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