

## **Montana Indian Language Preservation Program Background**

- The MILP was established under MCA20-9-537 in 2013.
  - Administered by the Department of Commerce from 2013 to 2021.
  - Administration transferred to the Office of Public Instruction in 2021.
  - Montana Historical Society's role defined as:
    - Collaborating with the administrative agency to create program guidelines.
    - Collecting tangible goods produced under the program.
  - Cultural and intellectual property rights for materials created through the MILP program belong to the Tribe that created the materials.
- MHS holds 11 linear feet of materials from MILP.
  - The following Tribes have deposited materials at MHS from 2016 to present:
    - Blackfeet Indian Confederacy
    - Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation
    - Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
    - Crow Tribe of Montana
    - Fort Belknap
    - Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation
    - Little Shell
    - Northern Cheyenne
  - Materials deposited include:
    - Records – primarily teaching materials
    - Audio and video recordings of lessons, community classes, and events
    - Printed materials
    - DVDs, CDs, USB drives, and hard drives
    - Interactive digital content available online
  - Since 2016 records from the MILP Program have been requested and used 23 times.
    - 2016 – 0 requests
    - 2017 – 2 requests
    - 2018 – 1 request
    - 2019 – 11 requests
    - 2020 – 7 requests
    - 2021 – 2 requests
  - All records stored at MHS can be accessed on site or through a remote request (phone or email). Materials can be duplicated if there are no intellectual or cultural property rights, or any third-party copyright materials involved.
    - Accessible in our public reference room, Tuesday - Friday 9-12 and 1-4 or users can call for an appointment.