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**“Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum”
RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES
\$3,000 Grant Will Help the Library Work with Residents on “Cultivating Traditions Through Community Gathering.”**

Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, Bowler, WI— **Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum** has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library to inform the community and the public about our ancestral history through virtual presentations, with the primary goal of increasing the interested and participation in learning the customs and traditions of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

As part of the grant, Arvid E. Miller Memorial Library Museum staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a AN ONLINE conversation with residents about **“Cultivating Traditions Through Community Gathering.”** and use the grant funds for presenters and supplies.

“We are so pleased to be chosen for this opportunity,” said Cultural Affairs Director Heather Bruegl. “This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents better and help us build a happier and healthier relationship with them.”

“Cultivating Traditions Through Community Gathering,” Is in the planning stages at this time so there will be more announcements to come.

Since 2014, ALA’s Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

“Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).”