



CILLDI

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Dear 2009 CILLDI Student,

We are very pleased that you have registered for the 10th annual Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute. This annual summer school, sponsored by the University of Alberta, is committed to the revitalization of First Peoples' languages through language documentation, teaching, and literacy. Our purpose is to support Indigenous language activists at the community level by providing basic training in linguistics, native languages, second language teaching methodologies, curriculum and resource development, and other aspects of professional enhancement. Our goal is to provide practical training to our students that can be directly implemented back in the community. After coming to Edmonton for CILLDI, most students acquire a sense that there is a large network of people facing similar challenges of Indigenous language maintenance around Western Canada (and beyond!) and we are pleased that we have so many returning students each year.

The 2009 Institute will be held on the 2nd floor of the Education North Building (our classrooms circle the large Multi-Media Lecture Theatre in Room 2-115) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton from Monday, July 6th to Friday, July 24th. Each class meets a little over 5 hours per day, and the courses are divided into 2 blocks (Block I: July 6-15; Block II: July 15-24).

When to arrive

We will be holding an information, orientation, and registration session for Block I students on Monday, July 6th from 8:00-9:00 am at the U of A in front of the Multi-Media Lecture Theatre (Room 2-115) on the second floor of Education North. Please refer to the enclosed map (we will also put up a lot of signs around campus). If any adjustments to individual student registrations are required, we can do them at this time. At this session you will receive a schedule of courses with instructor information, time, and room number. We will have a similar registration session from 12:00 noon-1:00 pm on July 15th for Block II students. Block II students that have already taken a course in Block 1 will not need to attend this session. Most students will receive all materials for both Blocks during the first registration session.

Housing & Meals

If you have not already made arrangements, you will need to book accommodations with Lister Centre at (780) 492-6056 or guest.services@ualberta.ca. Please indicate that you are part of the CILLDI Summer Institute. Not including tax, rooms in Schaffer Hall cost \$65.00 per day. These rooms are single rooms and include a bathroom, high-speed internet (though you will need your own ethernet cable), and a hot buffet breakfast. A phone is available in each room with free local calling. There is a coin laundry on each floor and bedding and towels are provided. Check-in time is anytime after 4 pm and check out time is by 11 am.

CILLDI will provide catered lunches on Monday, 6th July; Wednesday, 15th July; and Friday, 24th July. In addition, our annual Language Festival and Banquet will be held the evening of Wednesday, 15th July, at the University of Alberta Faculty Club. Unless you are a CLC or Landrex Bursary student, you will need to make arrangements for all other meals. Some students buy meal cards (approximate cost: \$25-30 per day) for use at a limited number of university dining halls. There are numerous venues on campus but the hours are variable, particularly on weekends. There is also the option of eating breakfast, lunch, and supper (or some combination of these meals) at St. Joseph's College, a residence hall located next to Education North where CLC and Landrex Bursary students will be staying. St. Joseph's needs advance notification if a large number



of students will be taking meals there. If you'd like to sign up for meals at St. Joseph's and eat with other CILLDI students, Elders, and instructors, the cost is \$25 per day or \$4 for breakfast, \$6 for lunch, and \$15 for supper. Meals can be purchased individually, but you will need to reserve and pay for all meals in advance. Please contact Kristina Geeraert (contact information below) if you would like us to reserve you a space in the St. Joseph's dining hall. You will need to pay for these meals upon arrival in Edmonton.

What to bring

We ask all students to bring the following items:

- the confirmation letter you received from the University of Alberta with the list of courses you will be taking. (You need this letter plus your student I.D. number and Photo I.D. to get a *OneCard*. This card gives you access to the library, computers, and to the fitness center/swimming pool. It also allows you to make photocopies at a reduced fee.)
- for returning students, bring your *OneCard* from last year (if you still have it)
- dictionaries and grammars of the language you speak or wish to work on
- text material including posters and any Indigenous language children's books
- other language materials including old cassette recordings of family or community members (we will show you how to preserve these materials in a more stable and archive-quality format)
- historical or contemporary photographs of your community or family
- written stories from your community or family
- walking shoes
- rain gear
- formal/traditional dress, if culturally appropriate (for opening ceremony and CILLDI Language Festival and Banquet on July 15th)
- headphones/microphones—necessary for students enrolled in these courses: Techniques for Endangered Language Documentation (INT-D 318); Phonetics of Indigenous Languages (LING 211); and Special Topics: Best Practices for Recording and Digitizing Speech (LING 311).
- blank CD-ROMs and video tapes (optional)
- laptop computer (optional) [our computer labs support PC and Apple computer platforms]
- any traditional craft items you wish to display or sell (at the CILLDI Language Festival and Banquet)
- \$40 maximum for course materials (ex. course packs)
- a folding chair could be useful for outdoor events

We are very excited about our program for this year's Institute and have planned special events and invited speakers. If you require further information or assistance, please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton very soon.

Sincerely,

The 2009 CILLDI Planning Committee