

**Convening Culture Keepers:
Gathering of
Wisconsin Tribal Librarians, Archives, and Museum Curators
Green Bay, Wisconsin
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Reflections

Drives on wet roads, sleep number beds, and signs brought us here.
You ate, you shared, you laughed. Some of you know how to line up
according to our mo and date of birth.

The opening prayer reminds us that we are given responsibilities.

You brought your minds together as one. You came to agreement.

You reminded us of important lessons: that the ancestors knew that
culture will bring us back. Stars will bring lots of things. Everyone has a
piece of the puzzle.

Dr. Robbins let us know that those from the School of Library &
Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin- Madison have
learned so much and have much more to learn.

We Piecemeal our culture back together. It is important to our spirit.

Unless tribes join together and work together, things will become more
fractured. We have to create value in our communities

Settings merge and transcend into what a single
library/archives/museum would be: a cultural center.

Your work is important. You are cultural records, almost back to the Civil War. This calls on each of us to be mobile and flexible. We stretch-- writing curriculum, providing outreach, pursuing ways that Native languages can be connected.

Omar Poler, as the Master of Ceremonies, announced that it happened and people showed up. It was a success: more than eight to ten Indians participated. They shared Individual and institutional experiences and considered what they want the next five gatherings to be like. They also started to explore ways to work together beyond the conferences. As the group comes together, they start to define their work and points of convergence.

They left the meeting with ideas for continuing, communicating, sharing (no fighting), hands-on training on many topics and tool kits, connecting, expanding the circle, building skills and sharing skills.