Useful resources relating to Aboriginal language revitalisation

State Library's language resources

The Library hold an extensive Indigenous languages collection. The Rediscovering Indigenous Languages project aimed to make accessible some of the oldest languages in the world by locating, digitising and providing access to Indigenous word lists, language records and other cultural documents. Some items in the Library’s collections are the only known surviving records of these particular Indigenous languages and they can be vital resources in assisting Indigenous communities, linguists and teachers in language revival. Visit the project website to access the archival documentation of Indigenous languages.

Additional resources for teachers

The following list of resources is for background reading for teachers. Some of the resources will be suitable for your students too, e.g. links to video clips of children across NSW who are learning Aboriginal languages. The resources are grouped according to languages represented on the NSW State Library My Weekend with Pop – stories in Aboriginal Languages website, and the list starts with some maps and general information about keeping languages strong throughout Australia. Some of the resources in the list are books which may only be available through specialised libraries. Some are more easily accessible. Teachers do not need to read all of these books to be able to implement the Stage 2 teaching and learning activities suggested in this guide.

Maps and keeping languages strong


Bundjalung


Dharawal and Dhurga
• Besold, Jutta. (2013). Language Recovery of the New South Wales South Coast Aboriginal Languages. (PhD), Australian National University.

Gamilaraay and Yuwaalaraay

• Giacon, John. (2002). Gamilaraay, Yuwaalaraay, guwaaldanha ngiyani: We are speaking Gamilaraay and Yuwaalaraay. Tamworth, NSW: Coolabah Publishing.
• Yuwaalaraay gaay Gamilaraay garay website http://yuwaalaraay.org/ [25]

Gumbaynggirr

• Mayalambala teaching resource http://www.muurrbay.org.au/muurrbay-resources/courses/ [31]
• Muurrbay Aboriginal language and culture co-operative http://www.muurrbay.org.au/ [32].
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Paakantyi


- Paul, Margaret & ABC radio. (2013). Learning Paakantyi with Isobel Bennett. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwpXm_T0gY


Wiradjuri


- ABC Open and First Languages Australia. Language legends series: Diane McNaboe. https://languagesmap.com/profiles/120


• Wiradjuri songs and animations:
  - https://vimeo.com/140564543 [53]
  - https://vimeo.com/140564544 [54]
• Wiradjuri Kids http://www.wiradjurikids.com.au/ [56]

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