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The D. A. Hurd Library offers this Maine Wabanaki Dawnland Confederacy land acknowledgement as a sign of respect to elders and ancestors of the Indigenous people both past and present on whose land this library is located and recognize their relationship to this land. The Maine tribes, the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, are now known collectively as the Wabanaki, "People of the Light" or "Dawnland."

The Negutaquet River flows through North Berwick, the town where our library is located. The Negutaquet River has different spelling variations such as Neoutaquet River. "Neoutaquet River (Maine, York Co.) said to be from Abenaki (Algonquian name meaning 'at the solitary river' (Huden 1962.))*

As we live and recreate on this land and water, we remain mindful of the history and respectful of our relationship to it. We encourage you to join us in our journey as we continue learning. Resources and links are provided below. Borrowing and reading some books and videos available at the D. A. Hurd Library or through inter-library loans may also be helpful.

[An indigenous peoples' history of the United States for young people Mendoza, Jean](#)

[Everything you wanted to know about Indians but were afraid to ask : young readers edition / Treuer, Anton.](#)

[We are still here! / Sorell, Traci](#)

[We Are Grateful Otsaliheliga / Traci Sorell](#)

[Fry Bread](#)

[Firekeeper's daughter by Bouley, Angeline](#)

[Braiding sweetgrass : indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teachings of plants by Kimmerer, Robin Wall](#)

[Dawnland / an Upstander Project film](#)

Resources:

<https://www.abbemuseum.org/about-the-wabanaki-nations>

<https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/wabanaki-confederacy/>

<https://www.mainewabanakireach.org/>

<https://www.nonprofitmaine.org/answer/land-acknowledgements/>

*from "[Native American Placenames of the United States](#)" by William Bright" page 322