



LIBRARY WILL HOST THE NANTICOKE INDIAN DANCE TROUPE

Vibrant collective of Native American dancers will bring their rich culture to life

MILLSBORO, DE – November 13, 2024 – The Millsboro Public Library is pleased to host the Nanticoke Indian Dance Troupe at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 23.

Rooted in the heart of Millsboro, this vibrant collective of Native American dancers will bring their unique dance styles to life in the library's multi-purpose room. With every performance, they proudly share the significance of their diverse traditions, weaving together the rich tapestry of their culture through dance, enchanting flute music, and captivating storytelling.

The Nanticokes have been on the Eastern Shore, dating back centuries before European settlers arrived. The tribe, which had settled in Maryland's lower counties, spent warm months near water, including the Nanticoke River, and inland to hunt during cold months.

Their European contact was with Capt. John Smith in 1608 as he explored the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. By the end of the 17th century, only the Nanticokes and Choptank remained in the area. After failed treaties, their land was seized by settlers and some Nanticokes left the area, but others moved east near Indian River, where the largest concentration of Nanticokes still live.

In 1881, the tribe was recognized by the state, and in 1922, the association was granted nonprofit status, the year after it was formed. They also had their own school. Today, some 700 Nanticokes live in the area and throughout the eastern United States and Midwest.

"By celebrating their heritage with us, their stories connect us all in the community," said Assistant Director Anthony Connolly.

The tribe operates a museum, resource and cultural center and Indian Mission United Methodist Church. Plans are underway to enlarge and renovate the center and museum. Their annual Powwow at Hudson Fields near Milton attracts thousands of spectators.

[About The Millsboro Public Library](#)

The [Millsboro Public Library](#) opened on December 6, 1973 and is located on West State Street in Millsboro. The library serves Millsboro and surrounding communities with an annual circulation of 74,504 items. The library hosts popular, weekly programs such as StoryTime and yoga along with several monthly programs including book clubs, and chess club. Hours are Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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