



A lot has happened in the past month! We've received so much wonderful input and feedback from you, so we wanted to thank those who put in time to reach out to us and help improve this digest.

We appreciated hearing from one of our elders and language teachers how not everyone might connect with the term 'language warriors' and how it may not be as relevant to everyone. As such, we will refrain from using the term in our language digest, as this is a statewide digest intended to connect and share information with all Alaska Native groups.

Thanks to Dr. Alice Taff, we've also changed the following section's title from "the last month" to "the past month". In her words, Dr. Taff pointed out that "We have so many Last and Death and Only and End Of... in language continuity efforts that it's a good practice to think carefully about how we use such death-knell words. These are someone else's wishes, not ours." We hope that 'past' will be a positive reminder of language which connects us to our ancestors.

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and feedback.

### ***The past month in language revitalization***

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ANLPAC's biennial [report](#) continues to receive statewide media attention. Recently articles appeared in the [Fairbanks Daily News Miner](#), advocating revitalization efforts, and the [ADN](#), emphasizing the need to take action now.

Raymond Ipalook Edwards asked us to share with you his new Facebook page that is about stories and teachings from elders of the North Slope. You can find it by searching [Puiguitkaat: The Things We Cannot Forget](#). It's amazing how much each person can do.

The [Tlingit Language Learners group](#) meets every Monday at 6pm in Juneau's Public Downtown Library. Truly awesome to see community language groups hard at work!

### ***Statewide Upcoming***

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First Nations Development Institute will [award](#) about 12 grants of up to \$90,000 each to build the capacity of and directly support Native language-immersion and culture-retention programs through its Native Language Immersion Initiative. Learn more [here](#).

First Alaskans Institute (FAI) announced its [2018 Summer Internship Program](#) to place Alaska Native, American Indian and rural undergraduate and graduate students into organizations around Alaska to provide dynamic leadership development and employment experience.

The Endangered Language Fund has put out a call for proposals: they provide grants for language documentation and revitalization, and for linguistic fieldwork. The deadline is March 15—apply [here!](#)

The Department of Education is hiring a [Tribal Education Liaison](#), with applications due March 1!

The Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) is hosting two workshops in New Mexico. From April 9-11 they are hosting [Developing Relevant Language Teaching Guides, Activities and Materials Workshop](#), and from March 19-21 they are hosting a [Practicing Immersion: How Do We Do It? Workshop](#). For more information you can contact [Veri!](#)

The application deadline for [Doyon Languages Online II Project Manager](#) is extended to February 8th.

## ***Sweet Resource***

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Keri Eggleston has asked us to share an online Tlingit verb dictionary, containing 1,100 conjugated verbs that has been updated and made available [here](#). This is a project spanning 12 years, completed by Keri through consultation with over 30 fluent elders, and funded by a number of local and federal organizations. Congratulations to Keri and all those who made this possible!

## ***Last tidbit***

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Something cool happening in your community? Language resources others should know about? Let us know! We'll send it out.

## ***About the Digest – What is this and why am I getting it?***

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This mailing is our attempt to connect Alaskans who are invested in Native language revitalization. Periodically, we send out a short mailing including relevant news articles, stories from around Alaska, and anything else we, or you, find meaningful and inspiring. You are always welcome to contribute — just reply to this message. You can see our past digests [here](#).

If you know someone who should be getting this but isn't, also let us know.

And last, let us know if you wish to unsubscribe. We'll take you off.

## ***Who are we?***

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We are a loose group of individuals passionate about Alaska Native language revitalization. We want to connect people across the state to share experiences, challenges, and successes. We want to spread best practices. Most of all, we want to see our Alaska Native languages thrive once more.

## ***Contributors***

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