



**LIBRARY WORKSHOP** — Yakima Indians spent a day in the Yakima Valley Regional Library Friday learning how to operate a library and learning other aids in getting more books to the Toppensish and White Swan CAP Centers. From left,

*Local History*

Mrs. Ramona S. James, Mrs. Jeannette Cheng, a librarian trainee at the regional library; Alex Johnley (seated), Julian Pinkham, and Assistant Librarian Mrs. Kenneth Harleman of the library's branch department.

## Indians studying library

The "Now Indian" who wants greater access to books — especially books about his own Indian heritage — has knocked at the doors of the Yakima Valley Regional Library.

A delegation of Yakima Indians, representing the Toppensish and White Swan Community Action Program (CAP) Centers, explored the library Friday in an all-day workshop. They learned how to process some 100 books in the Center libraries and the various avenues through the Washington State Library and the regional

system for bringing greater library facilities to them.

The state library was represented at the workshop sessions by Mrs. Susan Downer, Olympia. Mrs. Ted Rosenfelt of the White Swan Public Library, and Mrs. Joann Bailey, assistant librarian of the Toppensish Public Library, along with Mrs. June Thurston, regional librarian, and her staff, offered various suggestions from extended bookmobile service to assisting with special collections, cataloging books as well as setting up children's

story times and adult history sessions.

"We want to read more and more," said Julian Pinkham, head spokesman for the Indian delegation. "We need greater access to books, to know what we can do with our own small library as well as what the library system may do for us."

"The Indian has read a few books on his heritage — and wants to read more," said Mrs. Virginia Martin, a secretary at the Toppensish Center. The Yakima Tribal Council has sanctioned the move to greater

library access and currently is sending Mrs. Martin and five others to take the Yakima YWCA Dale Carnegie course.

"This is all a part of our helping others understand our culture as well as to have greater understanding of all other cultures," said Mrs. Martin.

The all-day workshop included a vivid display of the library's collection of Indian books, the showing of films and a tour of the library.

"This is only the beginning of a long-time cooperation and series of meetings," said Mrs. Thurston.

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