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Reconciling Libraries (& Librarians) For Truth and Reconciliation: Reviewing the Stacks, Revisiting the Past, To Benefit Our Future

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My research addresses the importance of recognizing Indigenous Identity, specifically as it applies to reconciliation in libraries. Stereotypes learned about Indigenous peoples since colonization are what has been written about us from ‘others’ who are not Indigenous. I believe that if literature and knowledge sharing can form identities for ‘others’, then literature can be a tool for reconciliation within libraries. Indigenous identity can be reformed through literature by hearing what Indigenous voices say. I discuss how libraries can support reconciliation through research and building up Indigenous collections, what reconciliation means and how actions toward supporting Indigenous relationships can be done through library services.