Select comments from my research community after reading the first draft of this article.

Bob: I’ll start the dialog - so what do you, as part of my “research community” think about the process we’ve just done - that of open peer review? –Bob

Anon 1: My suggestion is to prune down the long quoted passages. They tend to make my eyes glaze over like a Voodoo Donut¹. And then wrap it up with more emphasis on using indigenous methods in a library setting...perhaps some examples of research that has done this ("Studying Students" by Susan Gibbons, et. al.) or suggestions of how library researchers might apply these techniques beneficially

Bob: I like your idea of looking at applications, prior or potential for librarians, but fear this article is getting longish. So I invite readers to offer up some suggestions in the comments section below of librarians who have written articles that either use critical or Indigenous research methods, or are about using them.

I’m not sure about trimming the quotes, I like hearing other, original voices mixed with my words – I’ll have to think on that one.

Anon 2: I like this method – this is an opportunity for you to seek out indigenous scholars to get their feedback too.

Bob: Good point!

¹ http://voodoodoughnut.com/index.php
Rebecca Jackson: Unfortunately, I have not had the chance yet to read the first part of this article. However, what I’m seeing here is very interesting to me—a new way to look at research. I found the paragraph which starts “Looking at Table 2, at the column for an indigenous people. . . .” I wrote in the margin that I thought this paragraph very helpful in terms of explaining the idea of Indigenous research being so enmeshed with relationships. Also, in the section you quoted from Mary Hermes’ research, I found a strong parallel in Tom Wolfe’s concept of New Journalism, which included the writer being involved in that which he reported. Finally, your quote from Margaret Kovach near the end and the paragraph after it led me to think of the concept of Indigenous cultures to include Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants and, because we have a number of new, new librarians and have perceived their often very different understandings of the working world, some kind of indigenous culture going on there (not quite sure how to state this, but hope you understand). Anyway, thanks for the opportunity to review.

I found this really interesting. One thing I forgot to add at the end is the Indigenous research method’s relationship to ethnography. Old freshman English comp instructor that I used to be, I couldn’t help getting out my blue pen; I’ve downloaded the paper to Word and put in a grammatical notes and some other comments. At the end, I’ve done a little commentary. As you can tell, your essay did provoke some associations for me. I’m glad I was just under the wire because if I’d been too late, I probably wouldn’t have read it—that would have been unfortunate for me.

Anon 3: Thanks for offering this piece the library community. I read it with great interest, but as I’m just getting started in thinking about indigenous ways of research I don’t have any comments.
Bob: Good – glad that it’s getting you thinking!