

The University of the South Pacific Library
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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Services

The Library welcomes new and returning students and encourages the use of its many services.

The Library website <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=61> is an excellent place to find out about the range of services offered.

The Information Desk is staffed by professional and para-professionally trained personnel who can help you locate relevant information and save you much time. The Library information research skills programme provides one with lifelong learning skills.

Take time to find out about how the Library can assist you get those A grades!

Library Opening Hours

Monday – Thursday	8:00am - 10:00pm
Friday	8:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday	1:30pm - 6:00pm
Public Holiday	9:00am - 6:00pm

Please note that the Pacific Collection & Main Issue Desks close 30 minutes prior to the closing of the Library. This means, for example, that fines cannot be paid nor books issued.

Books may be returned via the After-Hours Book Return after services cease and that a book due that day will incur a fine when returned on the system the next working day.

All Night Reading Room

The All Night Reading Room will be open from Week 2 Monday 29 July with the presence of a full-time USP Security Officer. Hours are:

- Monday – Thursday: 10:00pm – 7:00am
- Friday/Weekends/Public Holidays: Closed

Library Deposit of Published Works by USP Authors

The Library will once again acknowledge USP authors at the VC's Forum which is scheduled to take place on 9 and 10 September at the USP-Japan ICT Theatre.

The Library will include published works of USP student and staff since the last Authors' Cocktail in August 2012. Published works include monographs, book chapters, journal articles and conference proceedings.

Only items deposited with the Library will be listed and displayed during the event. Please send copies of works along with citations to Sharmila Pillay, Librarian Pacific Collection, via email pillay_s@usp.ac.fj by 31 August 2013 for inclusion and recognition at this event.

The Library thanks all those who have submitted publications to date.

Theses Presentation Guide

The *Guidelines for Format and Style for the Presentation of Theses*, accessible at <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=4467> is an important document that postgraduate students should be aware of and familiar with at the very beginning of PG studies as it sets out specific guidelines for thesis that must be complied for quality assurance purposes.

USP Open Day

Open Day this year will be held on Friday 9 August with the theme “**USP – Shaping Your Future**”. The Library will be showcasing its collection to potential students that will be complemented by an exhibition of the rich cultures of the USP regional countries.

Reserve Collection

All textbooks placed on 2 hour reserve are listed in the Library Catalogue. You may search the catalogue by searching using the title or author of the textbook. Bibliographic information about the textbook is detailed in your course outline. Alternatively you may conduct a KEYWORD search using the course code, e.g. UU204 or EC100.

Fire Safety for Library Users

LIBRARY EXIT and ASSEMBLY POINTS

Level A (ground floor)

- under the stairwell
- opposite the Baggage Booth
- on the left towards the swimming pool area
- on the right towards the swimming pool area beside the *Fire Hose Reel* notice

Assembly Point is ex CELT building end of the lower rara.

Level B

- Main Entrance only

Assembly Point is Administration Building end of the upper rara.

Level C

- Go past the Pacific Collection Issue Desk through the two rows of study tables to the exit door and down the stairs.

Assembly Point is Administration Building end of the upper rara (do not congregate in the Car Park).

Tsunami Safety

The same evacuation points as for fire except on Level A where the pool end will not be open.

Assembly point is 9th Hall. This is marked Blue 2 which is the path on the right hand side beside Pride Building as you walk towards the main cafeteria.

Donation of Susan Parkinson's books

Thanks to a generous donation from the family of the late celebrated nutritionist Susan Parkinson, the USP Library has added 661 items to its collection. This includes 131 titles new to our paperback/leisure reading collection on Level B (near the Reference Collection and New Books Display) comprising mystery, science fiction, romance, historical fiction, bestsellers, non-fiction amongst others. If you

haven't browsed the collection in a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised. Come check it out!

Don't be a Victim of theft!

The Library is a public space and users are strongly advised to behave as they would normally in such spaces.

There have been thefts in the Library of laptops, USB drives, pencil cases, wallets and phones. In 99% of the cases of lost items reported, the items had been left on a table or study desk whilst the owner went off elsewhere.

Be careful and DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS UNATTENDED.

Besides this message, a display in the foyer also serves to alert users to thefts.

Staffing: Arrival and Departure

The Library bid **Pamela Bidwell** farewell in late June. Pam was the Coordinator of the Diploma in Library and Information Studies program for nearly five years before she resigned to join the University of New England in Armidale, New South Wales, Australia.

Emi Marama joined the Library on 17 June as a Cleaner. She joins the Library's team of dedicated cleaners made up of three males and four females. She replaces **Esala Dikini Radrodrolagi** who resigned from the Library effective 17 April 2013.

Fane Ravuladinono resigned from the Library as Library Assistant effective 17 July 2013. She worked at the Main Issues Desk & she was a familiar face to patrons and staff who frequent the desk. We thank Fane for her work with the Library and wish her well in her new position with the SPC.

Whilst **Viren Singh**, Library Attendant, is on leave to take his daughter for medical treatment at the Shriners' Hospital in Hawaii, **Lavenita Frances Gock** has been offered a temporary appointment to 21 October.

The Library family fundraised and collected over \$2000 to assist Viren.

Library News is published 6 times a year by the Readers Services section of the Library. Comments and suggestions are welcome.