*The University of the South Pacific Library*
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# *LIBRARY NEWS*

## Library Opening Hours: Public Holidays

**Fiji Day, Thursday 10 October and**
**Diwali, Monday 28 October**
Main Library: 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.
Lower Campus Library - **Closed**

## Extended Library Opening Hours: Study and Exam Weeks

The Main Library will be open for additional four hours to 10:00 p.m. on the following Fridays:

- **18 October**
- **25 October**
- **1 November**

## Use of Mobile Devices & Noise in the Library

As students prepare for exams and tests, we request that you are mindful of the noise.

Users are requested to keep talking and laughter to a minimum close to the Library building and especially in the thoroughfare area during this period when students are completing major assignments/projects and preparing for exams.

Laptops, tablets, MP3 players and mobile phones may be used in the Library provided they are not heard by other users. Ringtones, speaking on the phone and other associated sounds are treated as noise offence and will attract a noise fine of *$40.00*. This restriction does not apply to designated talking areas.

## Student Assistants

The Main Library will employ up to 6 students from 18 November to 13 December 2019 to assist with project work.

Students in their second and third year who are *Fiji citizens* and private students are eligible to apply. 100 application forms will be available from the Main Issue Desk from 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday 8th October. Applications close at 4:00 p.m. on Friday 11th October.

## FEATURE: Exam Papers

❖ **Accessing Past Examination Papers**

- Previous exam papers are a great revision tool.
- The Library provides access to final semester exam papers.
- Electronic copies dating back to 1999 are available via the Library website.
- Print copies dating back 3 years are at the Main Issue desk for 15c per page.
- You need to consult the *Print Exam Papers Listing* located at the Main Issue Desk.

❖ **Accessing Electronic Exam Papers**

- Click **Exam Papers** from the Library web page
- Click **Exam Paper Link** under the USP Exam Papers page
- Double click the Year folder e.g. 2017
- Double click the Semester
- Click on PDFs to view papers

***Note*: Solutions to Exam Papers and Mid Semester Papers Are Not Available**

*The recommended web browser used to view the exam paper is* ***Mozilla Firefox***

***For further information contact:***
**323-2322 or readservices@usp.ac.fj**

## Liaison Librarians

You may wish to liaise with Library Professional staff who can help you with your reading materials to prepare for exams, find sources from the library website, databases or even the Internet, notify you about new library materials of interest, e-resources, OERs or library services! Call 323-2402.

## Leisure Reading Collection

Come and browse our Leisure Reading Collection. Situated on Level B. You can choose from a broad range of genres including contemporary fiction, biography, crime, fantasy, horror and science fiction. These books are there for you! We also welcome donations of books for Leisure Reading.

## One-Stop SEARCH Option

Books, articles, eBooks and more fully searchable in one place.

What is it? USP Library's new discovery tool allows you to search for everything we hold and subscribe to through one user friendly interface.

**How do I use it?** Visit your campus library for a short tutorial demonstrating its main features.

**Why use it?** Our new search tool will better help you locate what you want and quicker. As well as searching the catalogue for books, most of our databases can be searched simultaneously. No more going to *ProQuest* only to find it doesn't have the full-text version and then placing a request. Statistics show that 7 times out of 10 the library does hold what you're looking for, but it was on a different database. Also our new system now unifies the regional libraries as *Search@USP Library* searches all of our campus and centre libraries.

**Why not just use Google?** Google often promises much and delivers little. You find the perfect article but you have to pay for access. *Search@USP Library* provides you with access to everything that your tuition fees have paid for. The content is also highly credible and often has been peer reviewed.

**Can I get help to use it?** Yes. Simply ask at the information desk in your library for help or contact askalibrarian@usp.ac.fj.

## Information Research Skills (IRS)

**IRS tutorials for Post Grad Students Modules 2-4**

These Tutorial sessions are not compulsory however you may wish to attend them if you are struggling to complete the course on your own.

Laucala Campus: Tutorial Sessions during the morning and evenings are held weekly from 11am -1pm (Tue-Thu) at the Library Learning Commons IRS Lab. Do turn up if you need assistance with online modules. Students will be notified via online announcement. The session dates for this month **October: 2/10, 3/10, 8/10, 9/10, 15/10, 16/10 and 17/10.**

For IRS enquiries email Librarian **Ms. Vasiti Chambers** on vasiti.chambers(at)usp.ac.fj or call 323 2291.

## Learning Commons Rooms

*Belo, Kikau, Latui*

The Library provides spaces to facilitate and support student success @USP.

- Student Learning Support

Get help with your assignments, literature reviews, learning skills, reading and writing skills or assistance with research and problem solving or more. Drop by the *One Stop Shop* to visit the Student Learning Support Staff.

- Peer Mentoring

Mentoring is important not only because of the knowledge and skills students can learn from mentors but mentoring also provides professional socialization and personal support to facilitate student success.

Check out *Spaces & Room Bookings* from the LibraryHomepage: https://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=23333
For more information email **Ms. Jade Moore,** Senior Library Assistant on jade.moore(at)usp.ac.fj or call 3231576.

## WiFi in the Library

Wireless services that allow two devices per floor is available on all levels. Signals may not transmit well especially in corner segments of each floor. The labs are not covered as they have PCs.

## Staff

The Library welcomed Deputy University Librarian Ms. Liviana Tabalala; Part-time Accounts Clerk Ms. Navnita Kumar and Cleaner, Ms. Ema Vetenibua.

## Library Social Media

Look us up when you are searching and/or navigating these platforms:

facebook.com/USPlibrary/

Twitter: @ USPlibrary

Instagram: @ USPlibrary

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