

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

### **Extended Opening Hours to 10.00pm**

Exams are just around the corner! Are you ready?

To assist students in their studies and exam preparations, the Library will extend opening hours, from the usual 6.00pm close, to 10.00pm on Friday 8 and 15 November.

### **Vacation Opening Hours**

The vacation period begins on 23 November, immediately after the last day of exams. Library vacation hours are:

#### **MAIN LIBRARY**

##### **23 Nov – 24 December 2013**

- Mon & Wed: 8.00am - 4.30pm
- Tue & Thu: 8.00am – 6.00pm
- Fri: 8.00am – 4.00pm
- Sat & Sun: closed

##### **25 December 2013 – 15 February 2014**

- Mon - Thu: 8.00am - 4.30pm
- Fri: 8.00am – 4.00pm
- Sat/Sun/Public Holiday: closed

Issue desks close 30 minutes prior to Library closing.

#### **LOWER CAMPUS (PIMRIS) LIBRARY**

##### **23 November 2013 – 15 February 2013**

- Mon - Thu: 8.00am - 4.30pm
- Fri: 8.00am – 4:00pm
- Sat/Sun/Public Holiday: closed
- 27 – 31 Dec: closed

### **Free Access to the 2013 Nobel Laureates Most Cited Articles**

Free access to the prominent findings of the 2013 Nobel Laureates in the fields of medicine, physics, chemistry and economics is available on ScienceDirect, via the Library's online databases page at <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=14359#S>

### **Library Vacation Work: 2 - 20 December, 2013**

One hundred application forms were up for grabs from Monday 14 October with applications closing on Friday 1 November.

The library is now processing applications and the names of successful students will be placed on the Library Verandah Notice Board by 3pm on Friday 15 November.

### **TEEAL Database**

USP Library Laucala is pleased to announce the recent installation of TEEAL on a PC located at the Information Desk as it is not an online database but CD based.

TEEAL, or The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library, is a database of complete articles from more than 275 science journals specializing in agriculture and a wide range of related disciplines. It is produced by Cornell University's Albert R. Mann Library in Ithaca, New York, USA in cooperation with over 80 publishers.

To learn more about TEEAL, visit their website at <http://www.teeal.org/teaching-and-learning/tutorials>

### **Revamped Online Databases Page**

The Library has revamped its online databases webpage. The redesign is aimed at increasing access to and usage of the valuable resources available to students and staff to enhance research and the quality of learning and teaching at the USP.

Please refer to

<http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=14482>.

Library databases may now be accessed using the following methods:

1. Select a subject area to see a list of relevant databases for that subject. There are 35 academic subjects (derived from the USP Handbook and

- Calendar) to choose from and two additional subjects (health and medicine, and sports).
2. Select and search popular databases. Nine popular databases are listed.
  3. Select and search databases by format or resource type. This method is employed to highlight format specific databases such as databases for e-books, images or statistic.
  4. Browse, select and search from the A-Z database list. This is similar to the previous way of searching.

Users are also referred to the Library Research Guides to find out which databases are relevant to their subject.

Other information provided includes:

- instructions for off campus use;
- passwords for special databases;
- terms and conditions for acceptable use.

## Past Years Exam Papers

Past examination papers are a useful popular revision tool for many students.

Electronic copies of USP final exam papers dating back to 1999 are accessible at <http://exampapers.library.usp.ac.fj/>

Print copies of the most recent past three years exam papers (no model answers) are sold from the Main Issue Desk. Consult the *Exam Paper Catalogue* kept at the Main Issue Desk for what the Library has for the period 2010-2012.

## The LIBRARY – a Public Space!

The Library is a PUBLIC SPACE. DO NOT LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS UNATTENDED.

In a recent incident, vigilance and teamwork from both Library Security & Campus Security saw the detainment of a USP student who was caught stealing another student's laptop in the Library.

Users are reminded that the Library takes no responsibility for the safety of personal items (*USP 2013 Handbook & Calendar, p. 478, item 3.4*).

## Smokers

Smokers must observe the rule of maintaining a 10m distance from a building to avoid penalties.

## Reduce Noise Levels in Spaces Surrounding the Library

In consideration of those preparing for exams, students/visitors walking past the Library along the footpaths surrounding the building and especially close to the Baggage Booth and locker area outside TOK Space are asked to maintain reasonable noise levels.

Excessive noise moves upwards and disturbs users by the windows on Levels B & C and certainly on Level A. Staff members in offices located directly above the Baggage Booth are also disturbed.

## Staff Arrivals

The Senior Library Assistant position, a fixed term position for three years, was recently advertised internally. **Lavenia Sau**, currently the Library Assistant working in the Pacific Collection, has accepted the position of Senior Library Assistant effective 8 November 2013.

**Jade Moore**, who has worked previously in the Reader Services section, has recently joined the Library as a Library Assistant. Jade needs no further introduction as she has worked many semesters serving students and staff at the Main Issue Desk.

Congratulations to **Lavenita Gock** who has been appointed to the position of Library Attendant. She took on the fulltime position from 22 October.

We warmly welcome **Alanieta Valuvou** who joined the Library as a Cleaner on 28 October. She previously worked at the Fiji National University.

## Wishes for a Safe Festive Season

As this is the last edition of Library News for 2013, the management and staff of the Library wish everyone a safe, joyous and peaceful festive season.

We take this opportunity to wish our patrons who come from our neighboring countries safe travels back to your shores.

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