

The University of the South Pacific Library
Laucala Campus
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LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Hours: Fiji Day & Diwali

Fiji Day	Thu 10 October	9am – 6pm
Diwali	Mon 4 November	9am – 6pm

Library staff and management wish all students and staff a patriotic Fiji Day and a wonderful Diwali filled with peace and hope.

Authors Celebration

The Library will acknowledge USP authors and celebrate their published works on Friday 4 October during the Vice Chancellor's Learning and Teaching Forum at the Japan-Pacific ICT Multipurpose Lecture Theatre from 10.05 – 11.15am.

On display will be published works of USP students and staff from August 2012 - August 2013 that includes monographs, book chapters, journal articles and conference proceedings.

Library Vacation Work: 2 - 20 December, 2013

The Library will be shortly offering vacation work (Monday - Friday) during the Christmas vacation period from 2 - 20 December, 2013 targeting second and third year *private* students who are Fiji citizens.

100 application forms will be available from the Main Issue Desk from **9.00am** on **Monday 14 October, 2013**. Applications close on **Friday 1 November at 4pm**.

Subject Research Guides & Citations at <http://usp.ac.fj.libguides.com/index.php>

Subject research guides are available online to assist you with your research needs.

Having trouble with referencing? Check out the various citation style guides – APA, Harvard and MLA.

Library Use

All members of the USP community with valid ID USP cards are eligible to use Library services.

Adult members of the general public may use the open collections and join as External Borrowers. However, due to licensing agreements external borrowers do not have access to subscribed online databases.

Members of local and overseas institutions with which USP has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are eligible to use Library services. Licensing rules apply also.

Form 7 secondary school students are not permitted to use the Library (Ministry of Education agreement) but via their school libraries may use the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service. Infants and children are not allowed in the Library.

New Furniture in TOK Space

The Library recently received new furniture under USP Capex for TOK Space to brighten up the area and provide students with a more comfortable and relaxing ambience for discussion, study and relaxation. Take time out to test the comfortable sofas and ottomans on your next Library visit!

Upgraded MFD Equipment

Fuji Xerox Business Centre has been reappointed as the university-wide service provider for photocopying, printing and scanning machines, more commonly known as MFDs (Multi Functional Devices).

New models of MFDs have been placed on Levels B and C. Due to extreme under usage (no use for April - June 2013) of the MFD on Level A, such that the University was paying Fuji Xerox to host it, the MFD was removed.

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 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's has for the period 2010-2012.

Use of Technology for Non-academic Purposes

One of the most common issues raised by users via the *Library Suggestion Box* is the use of information technology for non-academic purposes.

The University recognizes that Facebook and other social media sites do contain academic content. However, if a student is observed by another clearly using a PC in the student labs on Level B for non-academic purposes s/he should alert the library staff member at the Information Desk who will approach the student and politely ask them to give up the space.

Students are also advised to draw this misuse of learning technology to the attention of the Students Association, Laucala.

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.

Reduce Noise Levels Outside the Library Building

In consideration of those studying in the Library, 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.

OHS – Repair of Library Walkway

The replacement of the block pathway leading from the Japan-Pacific ICT building to the Library main entrance by Properties & Facilities will take place at the end of the semester. It was felt that to have it replaced at this point in time would cause too much of an inconvenience to students and staff.

Use of Washrooms

Washrooms are available on Levels B and C for the different sexes.

When visiting the washrooms, if the presence or behavior of a person causes discomfort or is inappropriate, please inform a library staff member at once.

Staff: Graduation, Arrival and Departure

Congratulations to library staff **Caroline Nand** who graduated recently with a Bachelor's in Commerce, and **Lavenita Frances Gock** and **Abane Makei** who graduated with Certificates in Basic Library and Information Studies. Well done!

Taufa Domona, Senior Library Assistant who has served with the Laucala Library for over 30 years has been appointed, on secondment, to the position of Senior Library Assistant with the Republic of the Marshall Islands Campus for three years from November 2013. Congratulations Taufa on this wonderful opportunity to serve the region.

Alitia Nasila, Library Attendant, resigned from the Library effective 26 September 2013 after eight months to join the USP Central Records and Archives Unit. Her pleasant personality will be missed.

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