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How often do we reflect or internally evaluate our Library's performance or have external professionals undertake a review?

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Internal reflection may happen more often than external reviews by professionals which can be costly thus they are more commonly undertaken by large national and academic libraries.

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The University of the South Pacific, as the premier provider of tertiary education in the Pacific has as part of its academic requirements regular reviews of academic programmes by external assessors.

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The review requires external assessors to meet with the University Librarian to discuss the range of resources and services owned and offered by the Library in support of a programme and the University curriculum. This is always an opportunity for the Library to self-reflect.

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The last formal review of the USP Library was by consultant, Margaret Trask (RIP) in 1997.

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By the time this edition of PacFika goes to press the external review of the Library conducted from 5-7 March (Laucala Campus) and 10

March 2014 (Tonga Campus Library) led by Professor Gary Gorman, Library Consultant would have been completed with the Library eagerly waiting the outcomes of the Review.

Every library needs to regularly review its resources and services if it is to continue to meet its objectives in an ever-changing information environment. Reviews highlight achievements and give direction and also identify areas needing attention.

Internal reviews require time, commitment and energy and if part of an annual plan may be undertaken in sections so as to remain inexpensive in all aspects.

In Pacific countries where there are professionals who may willing to take on the task 'for love of country/profession' this is also an option.

The value of a review is that it lets a library know where it is at in its development and more so in response to those it serves.

*Elizabeth C, Reade Fong*



## PACIFIC ISLAND ART BOOK WINS MAJOR LITERARY PRIZE

*Art in Oceania: A New History, published by Thames & Hudson, has won the £1,000 2014 Art Book Prize.*

The book was co-authored by anthropologists, art historians and curators of both European and Pacific Islands descent, including Peter Brunt, Nicholas Thomas, Sean Mallon, Lissant Bolton, Deidre Brown, Damian Skinner and Susanne Küchler. It covers Oceanic art, past and present, re-imagined for the 21st century.

Sophy Thompson, newly appointed publishing director of Thames & Hudson described the book as “an ambitious collaborative work that took several years to assemble, involving seven principal authors alongside a team of editors, designers and picture researchers, all coordinated by the book’s commissioning editor, Ian Jacobs. [It] creates ‘a museum without walls’, and makes accessible to a wide public the research and findings of top scholars and academics”.

She added: “In an environment where immediate commercial success is often valued more highly than long-term relevance and scholarship, it is extremely encouraging to receive recognition for the time and effort that this type of publication requires, and we thank the judging panel and the organisers for their support.”

Administered by the Authors’ Club and supported by The Art Newspaper, the Art Book Prize is awarded annually to the best book on art or architecture published in English, anywhere in the world in the past year.

[Source: <http://www.thebookseller.com/news/tb-study-wins-2014-art-book-prize.html>]

## FOUR PRIMARY AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL (FIJI) RECEIVE LIBRARY BOOKS AND MIXED EDUCATION MATERIALS FROM AUSTRALIA.

The Fiji High Commission in Canberra facilitated the 9th shipment of donations comprising 200 boxes of library books and mixed educational material sourced from various schools in Newcastle, Australia.

The donations were shipped on a gratis basis to Fiji by Gibson Freight International and domestically by Bligh Water Shipping.

The newly established Uluivalili Secondary, Qalito District & kindy, Nukubolu Primary & kindy and Naganivatu Primary school outfitted their libraries and classrooms with library books, science books, encyclopedias, teaching aids, educational toys, stationary and sports uniforms.

The High Commission acknowledges the continuing support and assistance of companies and volunteers in the initiative.

[Source: <http://www.fbc.com.fj/fiji/17165/fiji-high-com-in-australia-help-donate-books>]

## GRANT HELPS MARIA ULLOA SCHOOL LIBRARY IN GUAM

Melissa Gentapan, librarian at Maria Ulloa Elementary School, is able to give her students more books to choose from, thanks to a grant from the Lois Lenski Covey Foundation. The \$1,845 grant will be used to purchase books with modern themes that today’s children will relate to or subject matter the school wants to address,

such as bullying.

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation provides grants for the purpose of fostering a love of reading to disadvantaged communities, according to the foundation’s website. With help from another local librarian, Sudi Napalan, Gentapan said she was able to apply for the grant. She wouldn’t have been able to upgrade the library with the funds if not for the network of librarians helping each other on Guam.

Gentapan said she’s also planning to purchase more graphic novels. The children become hooked into reading graphic novels because they think they’re comic books. “Graphic novels take things like history and present it in a way that keeps their attention,” Gentapan said. “Especially with readers that are hesitant. (Graphic novels) have storylines that’s relatable but presented in a fun way.”

The library’s oldest books are more than 10 years old. The grant will help to get new materials that will be helpful to the children at the school. “They love (coming to the library),” Gentapan said. “If I’m away at a meeting, when I come back, they say, ‘You were closed and we wanted to borrow books!’”

[Source: <http://www.guampdn.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2014301170026>]

## IMLS PROVIDES \$487,158 IN GRANTS FOR PACIFIC TERRITORIES, FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES, AND HAWAII

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) today announced seven competitive grants totaling \$487,158 for the Pacific Territories, Freely Associated States, and Hawaii.

IMLS provides support for Pacific Territories, Freely Associated States, and U.S. Virgin Islands through a competitive process administered by Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL). This year’s grants were awarded to the following:

- Feleti Barstow Public Library – Pago Pago, AS
- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library – Saipan, MP
- FSM National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation – Palikir, Pohnpei, FM
- Guam Public Library System – Hagatna, GU
- Palau Ministry of Education– Koror, PW
- Alele Museum, Public Library & National Archives – Majuro, MH

A seventh award was made through the IMLS National Leadership Grant program to the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning in Honolulu, HI. The \$249,558 grant will support a project-based curriculum that uses the topics of nutrition and cultivation to increase childhood literacy.

“The Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States face unique challenges in terms of connectivity, language, and outreach,” said IMLS Director Susan Hildreth. “While these projects are designed to address local needs, they also offer models of library service for other island nations.”

Source: [[http://www.ims.gov/ims\\_provides\\_487158\\_in\\_grants\\_for\\_pacific\\_territories\\_freely\\_associated\\_states\\_and\\_hawaii.aspx](http://www.ims.gov/ims_provides_487158_in_grants_for_pacific_territories_freely_associated_states_and_hawaii.aspx)]  
*The USP Library Network: Review by External Assessors*

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS



L-R: Prof. Steven Coombs, Prof. Gary Gorman, Mr Howard Amos, Dr.Kesaia Seniloli

## THE USP LIBRARY NETWORK: REVIEW BY EXTERNAL ASSESSORS

The University of the South Pacific network of libraries was externally reviewed in March 2014. The review is part of a plan by the University to review student and academic support services.

The panel was chaired by Professor Gary Gorman, former Professor of Information Management at Victoria University of Wellington and currently a library consultant. The other panel members were Mr Howard Amos, University Librarian, University of Otago; Dr Kesaia Seniloli, Acting Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, USP; and Professor Steven Coombs, Professor of Teacher Education, Faculty of Arts and Law, USP.

The review team looked at all aspects of Library operations, resources and services. It considered the past, present, and planned future performance of the Library taking into account national and international trends, library best practices and the regional environment.

The team visited the Tonga Campus Library as an example of a regional library in the network and consulted with the former Alafua Librarian, Angela Jowitt by skype.

The last review was carried out in 1997 by Ms. Margaret Trask (RIP).

## LIBRARY DISPLAYS WIN 2013 USP OPEN DAY PRIZE



The USP Library, for the second year running won the award for Best Support Services Display on USP Open Day held on Friday 9 August 2013.

The Open Day judging was conducted independently, with the process being undertaken and coordinated by three of USP Open Day's Open Day 2013 major sponsors, ANZ Bank, HFC and Courts assessing the many display boards and booths on Open Day.

The criteria addressed six key areas: Relevance to the theme, USP – Shaping your future, information, effort, attractiveness, innovation and presentation. (<http://www.usp.ac.fj/news/story.php?id=1345>)



The library as usual was buzzing with visitors. Sections' displays were expressions of creative talents and skills. Library staff created and showcased visual images and messages that show the value of information and knowledge to learning and development.

An internal library display competition was held and the winners were the Regional Libraries and Training Section which shared the first prize.

## USP ALAFUA OPEN DAY

The Alafua library display was on the theme "Shaping your Future" and also a holistic approach to education and healthy lifestyles such as balancing study with eating healthily and taking care of your fitness and wellbeing. The display also featured book covers for new books held in the library on growing fruit and vegetables. The display was created by library staff Lina Solomona with help from Betty Pinati and Alakalaine Alatise. (Angela Jowitt, Senior Librarian, USP Alafua)

## VIRTUAL TOUR EXPERIENCE FOR USP FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS (FYES)

The USP Library purchased 2 iPads and 8 Androids for use in the self- directed virtual tour of the library by First Year Experience Students (FYES).

The programme comprises a self-directed virtual tour intended to introduce FYES to the use of mobile technologies in learning and knowing about services in the library with the second on emergency procedures on video.

# TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

## TRAINING FOR LAUTOKA CAMPUS LIBRARY STAFF

USP Library Laucala Campus Systems Analyst Programmer, Gyaneshwar Narayan and Librarian, Regional, Vilimaina Vakaciwa conducted training from Monday 09 – Friday 13 December 2013 at the USP Lautoka Campus.

Gyneshwar worked on Athena, the Library Management System and solved software application problems experienced by users and IT personnel. Vilimaina provided Athena operational training to the three library assistants - Siwagami Devi, Shain Kumar and Jacqueline Waqasobasoba.

The library staff also used the opportunity to address administrative matters with Vilimaina.

## USP LIBRARY STAFF PLAN THE WAY FORWARD AT THE WARWICK FIJI RESORT



With Incentive Funding from the University, all the full-time permanent staff of the Library of the University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus attended a two day Library Workshop at The Warwick Resort from 29-30 November 2013. It was the first time ever that the Library was able to do this.

The objectives of the two day workshop were to prepare for the Library review in March 2014 and to provide input into the Library's Strategic Plan, 2013-2018 and section Annual Plans. Staff were divided into groups representative of the various levels to discuss issues pertaining to the six strategic areas of the Plan namely Customer and Information Services; Information Resources: Collection Development; ICT and Equitable Access, Physical and Work Environment, Partnerships and Quality Assurance.

A professionally and socially rewarding time for all staff.

## USP LIBRARY PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP FOR SUPPORT STAFF



Leading up to the library staff two-day workshop at the Warwick Resort was a preliminary one day Workshop for Intermediate and Junior (I&J) Staff and Permanent Hourly Paid (PHP) held on Wednesday 27 November at the USP Laucala Lower Campus.

The workshop was coordinated by the two Senior Librarians, Ms Judith Titoko and Ms Ela Qica. The Workshop set a platform for staff to learn, share and voice their thoughts about work related issues such as job satisfaction and job effectiveness.

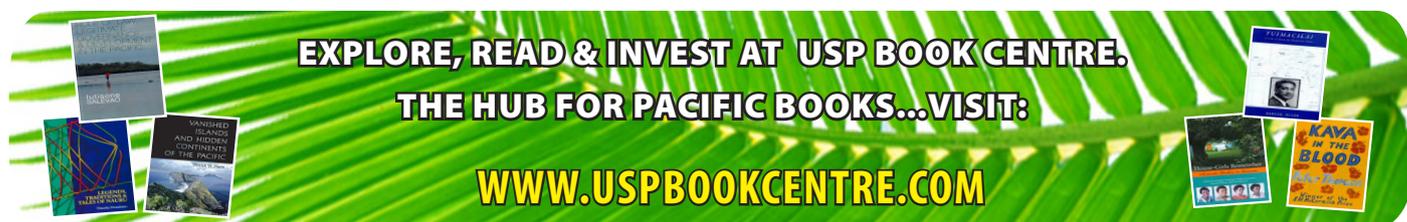
Included here are statements on staff views of the two workshops attended.

“The Preliminary Workshop for I&J & PHP staff is very good because it helps and encourages participants to openly express how we feel in the workplace. It is very participatory and I hope that we will have more of this in future The all staff workshop at Warwick is also good, I personally feel involved.”

“The Preliminary Workshop is a very good platform for us to voice issues affecting us in the workplace. Warrick Workshop is an eye opener because it helps us understand and being part of the planning of the Library's Strategic Plan 2013-2018.”

“Both workshops encourage exposure and involvement.”

“The Warrick Workshop provides a golden opportunity for us to come together, socialize and learn from one another regardless of whom and what you are in the library. The library needs to run this type of workshop often like every year.”



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**WWW.USPBOOKCENTRE.COM**

# CONFERENCES

## LIANZA CONFERENCE 2014 ANNOUNCED

LIANZA has announced the details of the LIANZA Conference 2014 to be held at the SkyCity Convention Centre in Auckland, New Zealand from the 12-15 October.

The Conference theme is Pou Whakairo - Connect and Thrive.

A pou whakairo is a high quality wood, shaped into a post and elaborately decorated by a master carver to portray the stories of the past and present for people to connect with the future.

As a nation, New Zealand connects with our past to help shape and develop a thriving future. As library and information specialists we bring different perspectives and skills to connect with each other, our communities, our environment and changing technologies in order to understand and evolve into the future.

Each year the LIANZA Conference showcases the considerable talent and diversity within our profession and we invite our international colleagues to join us in Auckland. Professionals and practitioners with an interest in how information in all its forms is captured, stored, accessed and used are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration. For details on the abstract submission process, see the Conference website - <http://lianzaconference.weebly.com/>

To contact the Conference team or find out more visit the event website (<http://lianzaconference.weebly.com/get-in-touch.html>) or go to the LIANZA Conference 2014 Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/LIANZAConference2014>).

## PEOPLE



Ms SHAIN PRASAD

Ms Shain Prasad has joined the Lautoka Campus as a full time Library Assistant.



Mrs ROSHINI SHARMA

Mrs Roshini Sharma joined USP Library Laucala campus as a library assistant on Monday 27 January 2014 and has been assigned to the Main Issue Desk. Mrs Sharma is from Ba and worked with the FNU Library in Ba.



Mrs ANGELA JOWITT

Angela Jowitt returned to her home country New Zealand after serving USP Alafua Campus as Senior Librarian for five and half years. Angela introduced many new initiatives and changes that resulted in improved library services at Alafua and Savaii.



Mr SAMEER NARAYAN

Sameer Narayan, Systems Technician left USP Library Laucala campus on 1st January 2014 to join the Fiji Broadcasting Commission team. Sameer has been a very valuable staff member whose services were critical to the library's operations.



Mrs Mere Sorovaki

passed on early Wednesday morning of 8th January 2014 at her residence at Narere, Nasinu after a short illness. Mere joined the Library after working with Pentagrams Cleaning Services for 12 years and spent 23 years with the Library until her retirement in September 2012.

She was a dedicated and excellent worker. Always the first at work she could be relied upon to ensure that with her colleagues the Library was clean and sparkling in preparation for the 5,000 students who passed throughout its doors daily during semester. Mere received acknowledgements by the Library and rewards for her excellent work by the University

As the senior member of the cleaning team, she provided leadership and was

an excellent role model for the younger and newer cleaning staff. Her mother-like approach and the encouragement and advice that she gave will always be remembered by the many staff who were recipients of her caring nature.

Mere Sorovaki died aged 66.



[Source: Eulogy by Deputy University Librarian, Elizabeth Fong]

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

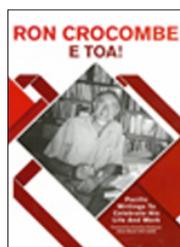
## SOUTH PACIFIC LAND SYSTEM / DON PATERSON & SUE FARRAN. Suva, Fiji



: USP Press, [2013?]  
ISBN: 9789820109032  
345 p. USD30.00

“South Pacific Land Systems describes and analyses the land systems of eighteen islands countries in the South Pacific. Each country is presented in a similar format and structure,

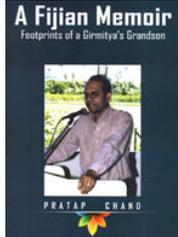
following a standardized range of topics. This book provides an accurate and concise description of the main features of the land systems of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, a contemporary picture of the main issues relating to land in these countries, and encourages further research and analysis of these systems.”



**E TOA / RON CROCOMBE.** Suva, Fiji : USP Press, [2013?] ISBN: 9789820109018  
345 p. USD35.00

“E Toa is about Pacific writings to celebrate Ron Crocombe’s life and work.”

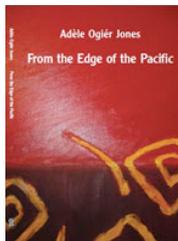
## A FIJIAN MEMOIR : FOOTPRINTS OF A GIRMITYA'S GRANDSON / PRATAP



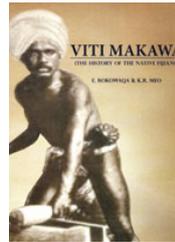
**CHAND.** Lautoka, Fiji : Vicas Press., [2013]  
ISBN: 9789829082091 207 p. USD20.00

“A book by a former politician Pratap Chand, highlighting the journey of a girmitya has been released publicly. Chand said he has captured those moments of a grandson of a girmitya. The book captures the rural life of the third generation Indo-Fijian and the value of education. It also portrays those important stories, games and lessons, which most of the third generation children have never heard of.”

## FROM THE EDGE OF THE PACIFIC / ADELE OGIER JONES Adelaide, South Australia : Ginninderra Press. 2012 ISBN: 9781740277259 76 p. USD7.95



‘Another collection of experiences and imaginings from the watchful eye of the poet who gave us Afghanistan - waiting for the bus. Here, the poet weaves and gifts us with yet another salusalu (garland) of memories of and a passion for people struggling to adapt to the realities of their environments, that at times constitute “land beyond repair” (Somewhere Islands) yet, continuing to live dignified and worthwhile lives, “strutting proud against the grass” (Magpies of Taveuni).’ - Konai Helu Thaman (Songs of Love: new and selected poems) The earliest poems in this collection were written between 1990 and 1995, and others twenty years later. They were written in and for different countries of the South Pacific, including Australia, a bigger island on the edge of the Pacific.



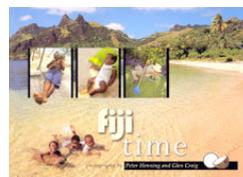
**THE HISTORY OF THE NATIVE FIJIANS = VITI MAKAWA / E. ROKOWAQA & K.R. MEO** Suva, Fiji : Government Printing, 2013 ISBN: 9789829808615 p. no.price

The history of the native Fijians.



**TUTU-ANOTHER WAY: THROUGH RURAL, ADULT NONFORMAL EDUCATION / ADELE M.E. JONES & MICHAEL MCVERRY** [Taveuni, Fiji] : Marist Training Centre, 2011 ISBN : 9789829806925  
345p. USD20.00

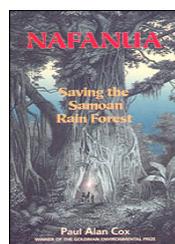
“The purpose of this book is to articulate the ‘why, how, and what’, or what we call here in Tutu, the principles, the processes, and the practice of Marist Training Centre Tutu (from hereon called Tutu). This book is principally for the benefit of present and future staff, Board members, religious superiors and any other people intimately involved in supporting Tutu into the future. This book will allow institutional knowledge, experience and paradigm of Tutu to be articulated and available for staff, Board and partners in order that they can understand, honor, preserve and further enhance the lived charisma and spirit of Tutu which has enabled it to fruitfully and faithfully serve rural people for the last forty years.”



## FIJI TIME / GLEN CRAIG & PETER HENNING

Fiji : Three Loose Coconuts, 2003  
ISBN-0958756317 68 p. USD22.50

“When in Fiji as a visitor, it appears that time stands still, and the whole country exists just for your pleasure, welcome smiles, warm eyes, and a friendly sense of humor. Relaxation is encouraged, and the tropical climate ensures a feeling of contagious laziness. Experience the Real Fiji and let yourself go. Time is not the essence - Fiji Time just goes on, and on, and on....and on....”



**NAFANUA: SAVING THE SAMOAN RAIN FOREST / PAUL ALAN COX** Samoa : W.H. Freeman and Company, 1997 ISBN-0716731169 238 p. USD23.95

“Cox has written a superb narrative of Samoan culture, endangered rain forest landscapes, biodiversity, flying foxes, and the scientific discovery of new medicines. He weaves these threads into a Samoan fine mat, a tapestry illustrating his wellspring of personal inspiration and great faith, scientific know-how, and keen cultural insights, leading the way toward a new policy path of common sense solutions and laws which preserve both...cultural heritage and the remnants of global rain forest, the legacy of future generations.

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