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LIBRARIES AND THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

In 2016, The United Nations identified 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs) by 2030.

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

Each one of these applies to our Region with 13 being a particular focus as Fiji leads COP13 with Sweden and support from our neighbours. Each is a challenge for SIDS. As information providers we are in a position to influence change that will bring about the sustainable achievement of these goals. How are we planning to do this?

We can build our print and electronic collections in these subject areas for access by policy makers to assist in their decision making; we can be part of research teams investigating these issues; we can host speakers to stimulate discussion on local means to address these issues; we can mount displays that draw attention to the issues! We are a creative group of professionals who can make a difference to each goals and the lives of our people!

Elizabeth C. Reade Fong



REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA (CDNLAO)



Left to right: Ms Aterina Samasoni-Pele, UNESCO, Apia Office for the Pacific States, Ms. Margaret Talasasa, Director of the National Library of the Solomon Islands, Ms. Merewalesi Vakarewa Vueti, Director of the Library Services of Fiji, Ms Odile Urirau, Acting Director of the Cook Islands National Library, Mr, Kakaito Kasi, Director General of the National Library and Archive Service of Papua New Guinea, Mr Togi Tunupopo, University Librarian of the National University of Samoa, and Mr João Fátima da Cruz, Director of the Secretariat of State for Arts and Culture, Timor Leste.

The Conference of Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) meets to discuss library issues of common interest and to promote resource and information sharing within the Asia Pacific region. The first meeting was held in 1979 and the Directors of National Libraries agreed at this meeting that the main aims of CDNLAO would be to:

- exchange information and promote cooperation for the development of libraries in Asia and Oceania;
- assist libraries in less developed countries through cooperation;
- understand the state of the art of library development among libraries in Asia and Oceania.

The CDNLAO meetings are hosted by member libraries. The 24th meeting of the CDNLAO was held for the first time in New Zealand in March 2016, with 25 delegates from 17 national libraries throughout the region attending meetings and events at the National Library of New Zealand (NLNZ), in Wellington. There was strong representation from the South Pacific national libraries.

Various topics were addressed in presentations and workshops during the seminar, including the following high-level themes:

- the need for national libraries to show leadership within the information, library and culture

sectors at national level, but in a consultative and collaborative manner;

- the need to work for the development of legislation which facilitates the work of libraries (for example, in the area of copyright);
- the need to raise awareness of the role of national libraries in support of education;
- the need to maintain the skills of national library staff at a high level, and to maintain the reputation of national libraries as trusted national institutions;
- the value of regular circulation of information among members of the community of national libraries, and the potential to increase cooperation between national libraries on the one hand and the wider professional sector internationally on the other hand;
- the potential for more libraries in the region to engage with IFLA programmes and major policy initiatives (for example, by communication with the IFLA Regional Office in Singapore).

The 25th meeting of the Conference of the Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania (CDNLAO) will be held in May 2017 in Beijing, China, hosted by the National Library of China.

Source: <http://www.ndl.go.jp/en/cdnlaol>

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

OCEANIA AT THE OSCARS!

Two notable films about the Oceanic peoples made the Oscars in 2017!

Tanna, a film shot on the Vanuatu island of Tanna, acted entirely by local people, was nominated for an Academy Award in the category of Best Foreign-Language Film. Tanna was also screened at the Venice International Film Festival in 2015, where it picked up the Audience Award Pietro Barzisa. It also won an Australian Academy of

Cinema and Television Arts (AACTA) award for Best Original Music Score this year.

Moana, a film that follows the journey of a spirited teenager named Moana as she embarks on a quest across the Pacific Ocean to save her people, was nominated for two Academy Awards in the categories of Best Animated Feature Film and best Music (Original Song). Pacifika Voices comprising local singers was part of the film.

DEVELOPMENT

IFLA ANNOUNCEMENT: IFLA PRESIDENT-ELECT 2017-2019

On 14 March 2017, IFLA announced Christine Mackenzie of Australia as President Elect of IFLA 2017 -2019 and President 2019-2021.

Christine has had a long and successful career in public libraries and retired as CEO of Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service in January 2016 after 12 years in that role. Previously she was Manager of Brisbane City Council Library Service and Mornington Peninsula Library Service.

Christine is described by her colleagues as an innovator, collaborator, networker, motivator, risk taker, and strategic thinker. In particular, she is a prolific supporter of the professional development of staff, encouraging an enthusiasm for the new directions and opportunities that new technologies offer the industry.

Christine is one of the proud founders the International Network of Emerging Library Leaders – Oceania. With a colleague from New Zealand, she identified the need to provide mentoring and inspiration to young librarians in Oceania and approached the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Global Libraries which funded them for five years to create the first regional programme, INELI-Oceania, which was based on the international program they created. Christine has also been a strategic advisor of the Gates Foundation and a mentor for the first international cohort of INELI, interacting with librarians from around the world.

Visit Christine's website <https://www.christinemackenzie.com.au/> for more information.



Christine Mackenzie, BA, Grad Dip Lib, Grad Dip Mgt, FALLA, IFLA President Elect 2017 -2019 & President 2019-2021.

FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – RECAPING 2016 AND REFORMING 2017!

2016 was a year that focussed on raising the profile of the Fiji Library Association and plans are underway to continue with this impetus in 2017.

Council members in 2016 comprised Ela Qica (President), Liviana Tabalala (Vice President), Lorin Pai (Secretary), Vilimaina Vakaciwa (Treasurer) and Council Members; Lavenia Sau, Margaret Keni, Luisa Fapiano and Alena Vuniduvu.

The aims of the 2016 Council included increasing membership, acquiring formal registration of the association, and raising awareness through Host Evenings and networking with other information professionals.

Membership for 2016 was 70, that is, 56 personal members, 3

institutional and 11 life memberships in Fiji, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. FLA is hopeful that the association will be registered a non-charitable organisation with Trustees in 2017.

Four Host Evenings were organised for members. The first evening at the FNU Pasifika Auditorium, hosted Professor Weerasinghe of the Fiji National University, who spoke on online resources for medical education and training in Fiji. The second host evening also at the FNU Pasifika Auditorium, where the Acting Chief Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nations, Ms. Vakasisikakala spoke on the restructuring of the UN Library and its UN online resources.

Ms. Sue Hutley, Director, Library Services Queensland University of Technology and Prof. Fred Heath, retired Vice-Provost and Director of the University of Texas Libraries were presenters at the third host evening held at the Fiji National Museum. Ms. Hutley shared insights of the QUT Library initiatives which focussed on library spaces that enhanced creativity and flexibility. Prof. Heath's presentation was on the University of Texas Library and the special digitization project.

The fourth host evening at the Pacific Community presented FLA life-member, Mr. Peter Walton, freelance consultant, who spoke on IFLA, UN2030 Agenda and PIRAS (Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Service).

The FLA also organized a one-day digital literacy workshop for the FLA members at the USP, facilitated by USP Librarians Ms. Jamie Bloss and Mr. Martin Burrows. The workshop covered social media and how these tools can be used to facilitate marketing of library services, library collections and best practices for posting valuable content for library users.

The FLA Council agreed to increase sponsorship for CLIS/DLIS up to FJD\$200. The scholarship criteria includes: current registration as LIS student at the USP or FNU, completion of at least 2 units in the programme of study, membership of the FLA, and private student and unemployed.

In her President's/Council Report, Ela Qica expressed her gratitude to the FLA Council members who steered the work of Council in 2015 and to all members for their unwavering support for the Association.

The 2017 AGM was held in March at the USP Library. The 2017 Council members are : Ela Qica (President), Liviana Tabalala (Vice President), Lorin Pai (Secretary), Vilimaina Vakaciwa (Treasurer) and Council Members; Lavenia Sau, Margaret Keni, Luisa Fapiano and Gyaneshwar Narayan.

Plans for 2017 include a possible partnership opportunity with, Vision Fiji, an NGO that promotes children's literacy and developing the foundation for learning through engaging teachers, parents and the community. Also in plans are host evenings and workshops.



Digital Literacy Workshop facilitator Jamie Bloss with attendees.



Host Evening presenter Mr. Peter Walton with attendees.

USP LIBRARY MEET & GREET FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

The USP Library organized a 'Meet & Greet' programme to welcome first year students. This was held on the Library Verandah and Conference Room from 2-4pm each day from 31 January – 2 February 2017. Included in the two hour session was karaoke, a group selfie opportunity and the offer of healthy snacks (apples and water) for students. All sessions were well attended as students came to meet library staff and liaison librarians in an atmosphere of fun.



Students and Library Staff posing for group selfies.

REVAMPING THE USP LAUCALA CAMPUS LIBRARY WEBSITE: CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Design projects of any kind can be difficult - simply because humans do not always see eye-to-eye on what looks best in a design. However, the most important thing is that a library website be simple and easy to use because it is designed for our users. The USP Laucala Campus Library website had been put on hold for a major facelift for a number of years. The Library Web Committee decided to make the change in 2016 and so with the coding help of systems department member Varomue Fesaitu and input from the Web Committee members, we set off to tackle it together.

When re-designing anything one needs to look at best practices, however, in our case sometimes even best practices could not be accomplished due to the nature of content management system. We were able to use many of the plugins already available on the Typo3 site and our systems personnel was able to find custom coding for tables and other features. To begin with, duplicate copies of all pages with the new designs on a mock-up or test site was made. The process to this point took about six months. Once we had approval from our committee, we worked with webmaster Pritesh Chandra and started the process of transferring (or simply copying and pasting) the new design onto all the existing webpages.

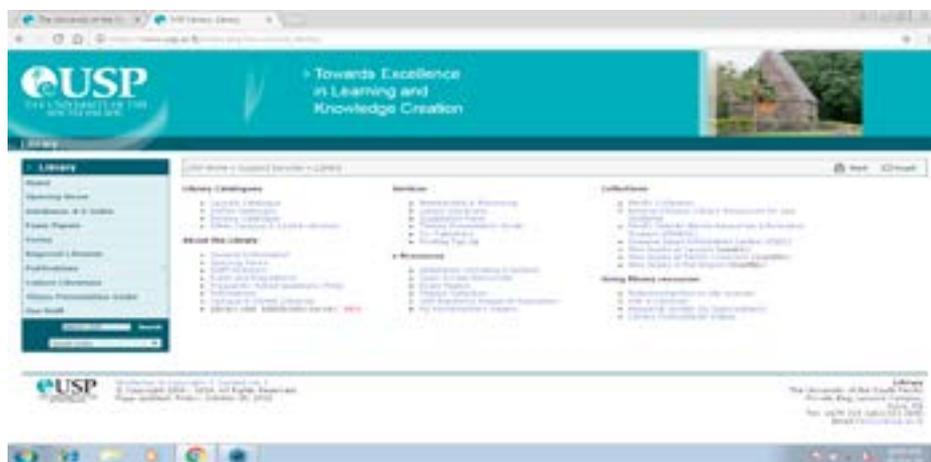
We had an additional challenge of organizing the existing pages as there were well over 100 created pages on the library website. Many were test pages that hadn't been deleted over the years. We made sure that the old pages were linked up to new information or that any pages we weren't going to continue using were archived

in folders on the site and linked up or forwarded to new pages. That way if a user has a URL for an old page, they don't receive the 404 error message of the page not being found. After a frantic two days of work to copy over the new content onto our site, the new version of the site was up online. We sought more feedback from library staff and tweaked or made any small adjustments after the launch.

The newly revamped website now has a slider on the homepage which we can use for advertising our services or events, an updated databases page, re-organized links on the homepage, and a new menu of links of the left-hand side with the most popular pages such as databases and exam papers highlighted. The entire site was completed by 1st November 2016.

Website design and maintenance is an ongoing process. Many libraries hire design companies just to establish their new website design. We did it with a team of about five people. We are still making adjustments as things come up, but we are proud of the work that was done and it has been a pleasure showing the new site to students in information research skills sessions. We hope that the USP Library Laucala campus website is now brighter and more accessible for all your future research needs. Check out the re-vamped site here: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=61>

By Jamie Bloss, Reader Services Librarian



Before revamp



After revamp

PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY DIGITISED - AN OUTSTANDING RESOURCE FOR PACIFIC STUDIES

The National Library of Australia has recently completed the digitisation of the entire run of the Pacific Islands monthly magazine and all of the issues can be browsed or the text fully searched on Trove (<http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-310385031>).

The Pacific Islands monthly (PIM) was founded in Sydney by New Zealand born journalist Robert William (Robbie) Robson, who had moved to Australia during World War I. The first issue was published August 1930 and it ran until June 2000. PIM was originally published by Pacific Publications in Sydney. It was later purchased by the Herald and Weekly Times and after News Ltd acquired the Herald and Weekly Times in 1987, PIM was published from Suva, Fiji.

PIM is an unrivalled source of information about current affairs, agriculture, transport, communications, local people and their life and customs, commodities, geography, climate, mining, sport and much more. PIM is also a wonderful means of tracking down elusive names, or seeing the emergence of particular people as they became important in island politics, business or society. Perhaps

the most significant aspect of PIM is that it brings together information from all of the Pacific islands into a single publication. This makes it a highly valuable tool for researchers wanting to track particular issues or topics over the whole region and to compare and contrast the situation in various locations.

To browse all of the issues of PIM, go to the Journal, articles, data sets zone in Trove and enter “pacific islands monthly” in the search box. The digitised version will be the first record on the list. Click on the View Online link, then on Browse this collection and all the issues will be displayed in batches of 20 per page.

To search for particular words or topics in the full text you will need to include the Trove identifier for the magazine nla.obj-310385031 as part of your search terms. For example, PIM is a fantastic way to trace a history of weather events such as cyclones/hurricanes. Type in nla.obj-310385031 AND (“cyclone” OR “hurricane”).

Source:<http://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/behind-the-scenes/2017/03/10/pacific-islands-monthly-digitised>

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2017 AURORA INSTITUTE FOR EMERGING LEADERS MAY 22-26, 2017

Libraries need leaders and the Pacific is no exception. If you are at a point in your career where training in this area is needed, the Aurora Institute at Manly, NSW, Australia, programme might be suitable for you. This emerging leaders’ programme focuses on a career development model exploring leadership capability, cultural and emotional intelligence, functional excellence, and critical experiences. It is designed to enable participants explore their current reality and strengths, the rationale for action, a need for vision, strategy for action and the culture in which we develop as leaders. Applications close on Friday 31st March. The programme cost AUD4,995 (plus GST) includes all accommodation and meals. Financial assistance scholarships are available. Visit the website <http://aurorafoundation.org.au/> for more information.

LIANZA CONFERENCE 2017

The LIANZA 2017 Conference will be held at The Addington Events, Christchurch, 24-27 September. The theme for this year’s conference is “Amuri toi i a ako whakaaro: Open 2017”. “Open” is a broad theme and encompasses open access and open source platforms, open hearts and minds, openness to new ideas and innovation, and the fact that libraries proudly remain open for business. Registration will open on April 26, 2017.

For more information see <http://www.lianza.org.nz/conferences/lianza-conference-2017-addington-raceway-september-24-27>.

ALIA INFORMATION ONLINE CONFERENCE 2017

ALIA Information Online Conference was held from 13 to 17 February 2017. Papers, presentations and keynote videos from the conference are now available. Simply visit the program page (<https://informationonline.alia.org.au/content/program>), and select the link you wish to see.

ASIA-PACIFIC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONFERENCE 2018

ALIA, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA), and Library Association of Singapore (LAS) have announced their first joint conference between the three associations. The event will take place 30 July to 2 August 2018 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland.

The 2018 conference will be the fourth in a series which began more than 30 years ago. The first joint Australia-New Zealand conference was held in Christchurch in 1981; the second in Brisbane in 1984, and the third in Wellington in 1994. This will be the first time that ALIA and LIANZA are joined by LAS. A further joint conference is proposed for November 2021 in New Zealand.

TAUFA DOMONA, SENIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANT, USP LIBRARY, MARSHALL ISLANDS CAMPUS

In 2013, after 30 years of dedicated service to the Main Campus USP Library, Taufa Domona decided to take her wealth of knowledge and service to the Marshall Islands Campus Library. She is now serving her 2nd three year contract and shares with us her experiences and challenges.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

Being with the students, visitors and colleagues and the ability to work independently. My days are filled with excitement as I know that I can fill a need, find something valuable and give some direction as the library patrons search for information. No two days are the same and all users and colleagues are always interesting.

What were the most challenging moments?

Upon starting my work, communication was quite difficult due the differences in the accents of the English language – I spoke with a British accent and the Marshallese, an American accent. Now, almost all continuing students know my name and I know theirs. I start the conversation by asking how things are and go on to their assignments - this gives them the opportunity to share their problems and we are able to find solutions. Secondly, I had to enforce some Library rules and be firm with it. For instance, since special tea parties were held in the Library by the staffs, students came in with their food and drinks. I am glad this is no longer an issue now.

Describe your schedule particularly on a hectic day.

I am in the office by 7.30am. I clear the tables, dust, sweep the floor, re-shelve the books then check emails. I am inundated with requests for information research assistance. Orientation is most hectic as I conduct Library classes from morning to evening for the part-timers.

Describe something innovative you've done in your current job.

I was part of the revival of The Marshall Islands Library Association which was activated as a result of the PIALA conference held in Marshalls in 2015. The association is an active one now. School and special librarians are encouraged to do library studies.



Taufa with MILA members

USP LIBRARY WELCOMES YAWEN KANG AND DANIEL FERRER



Yawen Kang, Librarian (Electronic Resources)

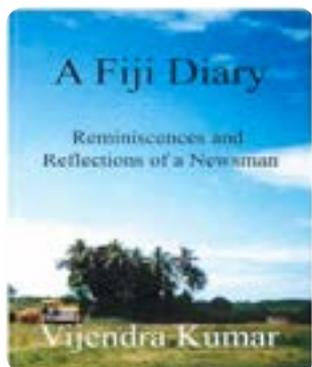
Yawen graduated with Library Science Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has over 15 years of library experiences in academic and government libraries. In the government sector, she worked as a Content Management Analyst for the Scientific and Technical Information program at NASA Langley. In academia, she worked mostly with electronic resources management (ERM) life cycle from vendor communication, to licensing, to price negotiation and eventually to patron access.



Daniel Ferrer, Library Systems Manager

Daniel has 25 years of experience as Head of Library Systems Department at Central Michigan University. He has also worked at Purdue University, University of Maryland, and OCLC, Inc. Daniel's qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science in Librarianship, and Master of Science in Information Science from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Daniel's interests include scuba diving and table tennis.

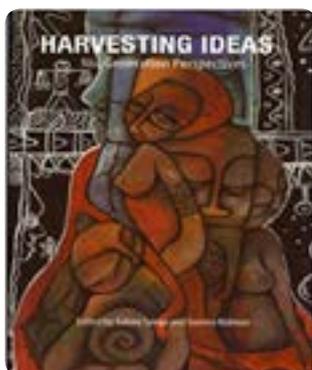
PUBLICATIONS



A FIJI DIARY: REMINISCENCES AND REFLECTIONS OF A NEWSMAN
/ Vijendra Kumar.

Brisbane, Australia: Vijendra Kumar, 2016. ISBN: 9780646957395 109 p. F\$21.00

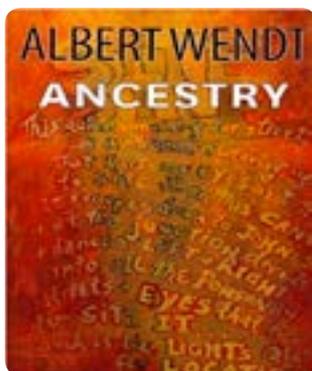
“Vijendra Kumar is a former editor of The Fiji Times. In this collection of essays, he has captured the life of Fiji in its pages with several memorable portraits, from Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, Fiji’s first Prime Minister to Voreqe Bainimarama of Fiji First Party. In between there are other characters who, for good or ill, contributed dramatically to Fiji’s growth and disasters. They make their entrances and exits in a tempestuous island country. Kumar has given us glimpses of an extraordinary journey of an individual whose one unforgettable home remains the Home of Island Memories.”



HARVESTING IDEAS : NIU GENERATION PERSPECTIVES / Kabini Sanga, Joanna Kidman

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2012 ISBN: 9780475123749 240 p. F\$37.85

“An anthology of contemporary thinking and research concerning education in the Pacific region. Contributors come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds and experience and offer insightful analysis and solutions to many of the issues facing educators at all levels in a Pacific context.”

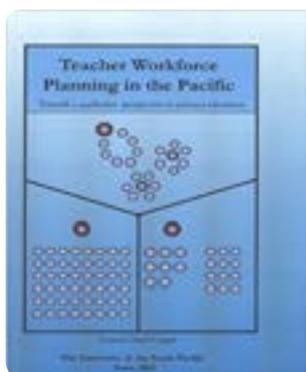


ANCESTRY / Albert Wendt.

Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2012 ISBN: 9780475123749 306 p. F\$37.85

“Over the past five decades, Albert Wendt has created a complex and

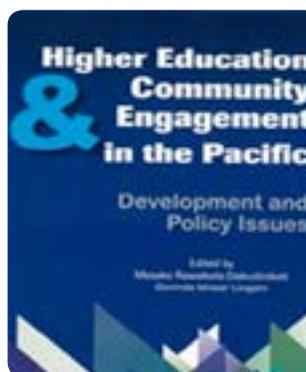
unique fictional world inhabited by one of the richest assortments of characters in our literature. In this, his latest collection of short stories, he continues to explore the nature of love, family, and culture through the lives of people caught between the sometimes violent and destructive realities of modern contemporary life, and the ancestral ties of their heritage.”



TEACHER WORKFORCE PLANNING IN THE PACIFIC: TOWARDS A QUALITATIVE PERSPECTIVE IN PRIMARY EDUCATION
/ Govinda Ishwar Lingam

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2012 ISBN: 9789820108875 168 p. F\$14.25

“The book will be of interest to all stakeholders who care about children’s learning and teachers’ work, it is primarily addressed to educational planners, policy-makers, senior officials of the education ministries, school administrators and practitioners. The choices they make now in the educational planning process will determine the shape of education in years to come.”



HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC: DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY ISSUES
/ Mesake R. Dakuidreketi [and] Govinda I Lingam

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2014 ISBN: 9789820109087 190 p. F\$ 17.00

“Thirteen academics contributed to the content of the book which was edited by Dr. Mesake Rawaikela Dakuidreketi and Associate Professor Govinda Lingam. The publication presents a series of cases and perspectives to illustrate areas where higher education institutions could do more to accelerate development of the Small Island Developing States in the Pacific. The chapters from the contributors highlight diverse efforts emerging from within the Pacific higher education sector, bringing new voices into scholarly discussions about development, policy issues and strategic change in the education arena.”

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