

# DEVELOPMENTS

## FAREWELLS



Carol Talbot resigned from the USP library to take up a position in China teaching English as a second language.



Kaylin Vakaloloma resigned from the USP to join her husband who is serving with the UN Security Forces in Ethiopia.



Roshni Deo migrated to New Zealand after serving the USP Library as a Library Assistant for 10 years. Roshni was a recipient of the IFLA ALP attachment award in 2005 when she visited libraries in Australia.

## THE PEIN PROJECT

The Pacific Environmental Information Network (PEIN) is a regional network spearheaded by the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme for the purpose of strengthening environmental information networks & sharing Pacific environment information with libraries and information resource centres (IRCs) in the Region.

PEIN is located at SPREP's headquarters in Apia, Samoa and is funded by the European Union and headed by the Librarian at SPREP, Peter Murgatroyd.

At the establishment meeting with the European delegation in Suva in February 2007, Peter had highlighted the need for strategic cross-sectoral strengthening of libraries and information management in the region.

He also identified a number of threats to the long term sustainability of projects such as PEIN including: insufficient allocation of financial & human resources to maintain the information resource at national level; lack of capacity of assigned staff to maintain the resource; high turnover of staff; and isolation from, and lack of communication with other regional & international clearinghouses.

Peter stressed that the sustainability of projects such as the Pacific Environment Information Network were contingent upon the ongoing commitment and support of a central coordinating body. However, of even greater significance, amongst others including the strengthening of professional capacity and library associations, is the limited capacity at a national level to maintain and develop national information resources, such as those in the environment sector. National and regional weakness in infrastructure and capacity in information and knowledge management were also of concern.

PEIN's aims are:

- (i) to collect, store & disseminate scientific and technical information on environmental and development concerns in Pacific island countries and territories;
- (ii) to liaise and co-ordinate with other national, regional and international organizations
- (iii) to circulate information and publications in the region;
- (iv) to assist other SPREP projects and programmes by disseminating appropriate information to specific groups in the region;
- (v) to disseminate SPREP publications upon requests from outside of the Region on a fee-recovery basis;
- (vi) to provide technical assistance and advice on the establishment of National Environmental Information Centres (NEICs) through the PEIN project.

## DLIAB VISIT TO THE TONGA CAMPUS

The Digital Libraries in a Box (DLIAB) NZAid project was established in Tonga in December, 2007 when Elizabeth Fong visited the Campus to oversee the installation of the project.

It was also an opportunity to review the library's collections and services and to supervise the move of the Pacific Collection into the campus library extension.

During her visit Elizabeth updated the Library brochure, undertook weeding of the serials and monograph collections, established an excel spreadsheet of holdings of the serial subscriptions with general advice to the library officers on responsibilities in accordance with the *Campus and Centre Library Operations Manual (2006)*.

On her departure she set tasks and work timetables for the library officers that included regular shelf reading and basic preservation measures for the collection

The Campus library seats some 50 users and provides 5 computers with internet access.

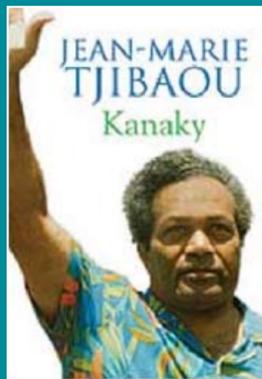
## HELP IN SAMOA

Joy Roberts assisted the Samoa Ministry of Education with a training workshop for library personnel based in school libraries in September 2007.

The resources used at the workshop that attracted over 30 participants included the *Library Management for Small Schools in the Pacific and Subject Index and Dewey Guide for Small School Libraries in the Pacific* that Paula Jones had designed for use at an IFLA ALP regional workshop for school library personnel held at the USP in 2005.

Joy now resides in Fiji where her husband is an Instructional Designer with the USP and she is already involved with Friends of Suva City Library

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS



## JEAN-MARIE TJIBAOU KANAKY

by Fraser, Helen and John Trotter (2006), 308pp.  
Writings translated by Helen Fraser and John Trotter  
ISBN 1 74076 175 8. (softcover)

"Published in French in 1996, **Jean-Marie Tjibaou: Kanaky** is an edited collection of interviews with and essays by the charismatic Kanak leader Jean-Marie Tjibaou (1936–1989). This English translation reveals the remarkable scope of Tjibaou's political career: his rhetorical power, his passionately held beliefs and his persuasive ideology of Kanak unity and independence. Through his intellectual legacy covering ethnology, development, Kanak culture and spirituality, as well as political analysis, the reader is given an unparalleled insight into the social and political dynamic of New Caledonia and the Kanak people."

## MAKING SENSE OF AIDS: CULTURE, SEXUALITY, AND POWER IN MELANESIA

by Leslie Butt; Richard Eves (March 2008), 352pp,  
ISBN 978-0-8248-3193-6 (cloth)

"In Melanesia, rates of HIV infection are among the highest in the Pacific and increasing rapidly, with grave humanitarian, development, and political implications. There is a great need for social research on HIV/AIDS in the region to provide better insights into the sensitive issues surrounding HIV transmission. This collection, the first book on HIV and AIDS in the Pacific region, gathers together stunning and original accounts of the often surprising ways that people make sense of the AIDS epidemic in various parts of Melanesia. The volume addresses substantive issues concerning AIDS and contemporary sexualities, relations of power, and moralities—themes that provide a powerful backdrop for twenty-first century understandings of the tensions between sexuality, religion, and politics in many parts of the world."

## NOKONOFO KITEA: WE KEEP ON LIVING THIS WAY

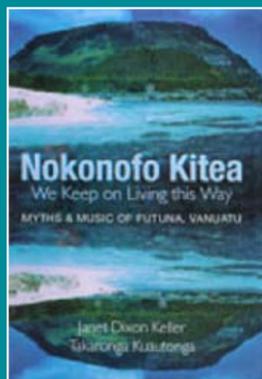
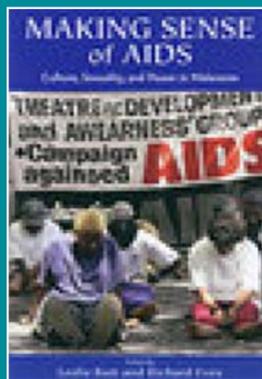
by Janet Dixon Keller; Takaronga Kuaatonga (February 2008), 324 pp.  
ISBN 978-0-8248-3113-4 (cloth)

"**Nokonofu Kitea** is an important theoretical and ethnographic contribution to Polynesian, and particularly Polynesian outlier, literatures. It is well presented. The tales are engaging. Translations are sensitive and reflect careful thought. The analysis is sophisticated yet readable and clearly tied to cultural and linguistics data."

## REFERENCE MAP OF OCEANIA: THE PACIFIC ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA, POLYNESIA, AND MELANESIA

by James A. Bier. (July 2008) 2nd ed.  
ISBN 978-0-8248-3108-0. (paper).

"James A. Bier's **Reference Map of Oceania** is the most comprehensive Pacific map in existence. It is the only map that clearly focuses on the political units of Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia, using as its boundaries the 200-mile Extended Economic Zone. With more than 3,400 place names, Oceania will be an invaluable reference for everyone interested in or living in the Pacific islands, including teachers, students, historians, anthropologists, businesses, and travelers."



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## LIBRARY USERS MOVE WITH HAND-HELD MOBILE INFORMATION DEVICES

Visit Suva, Sydney, London, Nuku'alofa, Funafuti, Johannesburg or any other city in the world and one will witness potential library users with hand held mobile devices. These devices are being used for communication, information acquisition & delivery, entertainment, business & even criminal activity to name a few.

The question that comes to mind is just how hand-held devices can be used to enhance the role, plans, work and operations of libraries especially in the Pacific?

In November 2007, I attended the First International m-libraries Conference held from 13-14 November at the Open Learning University, Milton Keynes in the UK.

It set the stage for me on what these devices can do for libraries.

The conference brought together library practitioners, researchers, technical developers and managers from developed and developing countries "to explore and share work carried out in libraries around the world to deliver services and resources to users 'on the move' via a growing plethora of mobile and hand-held devices."

For many Pacific libraries it means a paradigm shift in the way services are provided and delivered and if leap-frogging intermediary developments can be done as intimated in the Pacific Plan then this is encouraged.

For libraries where this is the next step in the process of reaching out to users this is likely to take a smooth path.

As is normal with technological advance- ments costs impact on the final outcomes and libraries must be aware of these at the outset.

Fortunately, there are many countries, institutions and people to learn from. As long as libraries are willing to learn from the experiences of others on the use of such devices in library operations, Pacific people will benefit.

Vilimana Vakaciwa



L-R: Dr. Esther Williams (Acting Vice-Chancellor); Ms. Joan Yee, (University Librarian); Her Excellency Dato' Nafisah Mohammed, (High Commissioner for Malaysia)

## STRENGTHENING LINKS WITH MALAYSIA

On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, Her Excellency *Dato' Nafisah Mohammed* presented 431 books on Malaysia written in English and local Malaysian languages to Dr. Esther Williams, Acting Vice-Chancellor at a ceremony at the USP Library on 6th December, 2007.

The donation covered a wide range of subjects including the performing and creative arts, cultural heritage, history, sciences and social sciences, fiction, memoirs, autobiographies & biographies.

In her address, Her Excellency said that the people of Malaysia wished to share their knowledge and literature with Pacific countries and that although Malaysia is bigger than most island countries in the Pacific Region, it encounters similar challenges and problems such as a small local publishing industry.



## USP LIBRARY AUTHORS TEA TO CELEBRATE PUBLISHING ACHIEVEMENTS...

The Author's Tea held on 16th August, 2007 is a USP library initiative held in August each year.

It is an occasion where faculty and staff come together to celebrate and honour the achievements of authors and researchers whose writings have been published in the year since the previous tea.

It is also viewed by the Library as an opportunity to encourage the deposit of works with the Library's Pacific Collection.

The Chief Guest at the 2007 Tea was Dr. Eci Nabalarua who, though unable to attend, was very ably represented by Dr. 'Ana Taufu'lungaki, a renowned academic, writer and researcher herself.

Dr. 'Ana acknowledged the difficulty faced by authors and researchers to juggle teaching and professional and personal responsibilities, to find time to write. She also said "for those of us from the Pacific, it is a daunting task when writing is an alien skill and being done in a second, third or fourth language, but if we are to share our knowledge and grow in our capability to understand the world around us, we need to document our thinking and the processes and paths we take towards enlightenment,"

Dr 'Ana further added that, "it is through our writings that we can touch other's minds beyond space and time and leave legacies in the footprints of time. Through our writing, we learn to be and to become new beings."

She highlighted The USP's *Futures Report* for a University of excellence and that recognition is gained internationally and regionally through the quality of research and publishing.

"We must develop the capacity of our Pacific peoples to ensure their sustainability." She urged those who are already established authors and researchers, to take some time to mentor younger colleagues, especially those from the region, through collaborative projects and to encourage and support them through the writing process.

Dr. 'Ana welcomed the new members of the University staff and urged them to make a difference in this part of the world where little steps represent giant strides for small and vulnerable communities.

Over 180 publications from 82 authors were displayed.

## USP LIBRARIANS IN DURBAN PARTICIPATE IN IFLA CONGRESS JOHANNESBURG...



Liviana Tabalala being introduced by Daniel Dorner of Victoria University, Wellington



Westville Girls High Library



Children's area of eThekweni Public Library



Zulu warriors guard the Conference

Liviana Tabalala and Paula Jones presented a joint paper at the 73rd World Library and Information Congress and Council in Durban, South Africa, 19-23 August 2007 that was attended by over 3,000 delegates. The theme of the Conference was "Libraries for the Future: Progress, Development and Partnerships".

The paper titled *An Information Literacy Skills Package for the South Pacific* was presented at the Division VIII (Division of Regional Activities) and ALP Open Session on "Libraries at the forefront of grassroots development."

The paper described an information literacy skills package that USP Library is developing and emphasized practical aspects of finding information and using local scenarios for relevance

Liviana who was presenting for the first time introduced the first part of the paper. She confessed to having a few butterflies in her stomach

Liviana said, "For me, it was a wonderful experience being there to see and hear the presentations and to meet so many librarians from different cultures."

In the second part of the presentation Paula demonstrated the first module on finding information using sound and animation in a powerpoint presentation.

Paula commented that the visits to libraries were the highlights of the Conference.

Whilst Liviana visited **Westville Girls High Library** a fully resourced government school library that was "state of the art" Paula went on a library tour to Pietermaritzburg, 100 kilometres away which is the capital and second largest city of the province of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

On the way, the bus stopped at a new Community Library **Mpumalanga Public Library** in the rural heart of KwaZulu-Natal.

This public library is a dynamic centre for the community, supporting local vegetable growers in the library grounds. Paula said that it was inspiring to see the enthusiasm and commitment of the local library staff towards providing information services to the community, which was mainly Zulu.

The tour then continued to the Provincial capital, Pietermaritzburg to the **Legal Deposit Library of Msunduzi** which includes the Legal Deposit Library established in 1916.

Paula and Liviana also had the chance to visit **eThekweni Public Library**, which was housed in the Museum directly opposite their accommodation in the heart of Durban.

It was a Saturday morning when they visited, and the library, an old colonial building, whose design is not really suitable for a modern public library, being full of many corners and areas, was awash with people of all ages. Information and books were obviously very important for these library patrons

Throughout their visit, Paula and Liviana experienced the total commitment of South Africans towards the future and to taking their country out of the horrors of apartheid to becoming one of the great multicultural nations in the world. A major part of this drive involves overcoming massive poverty by making education a priority. Hence libraries are seen as a significant part of the strategy to help people out of poverty and the South African government has committed itself to providing quality libraries for its 48 million people.

On the journey back from Durban to Fiji, Liviana and Paula had a bizarre encounter in transit at Johannesburg Airport with a Fijian security guard who was enroute to Fiji from his workplace in Liberia.

Due to visa problems that did not allow him into South Africa nor into another country, he had been living in transit in the Johannesburg Airport since July 26 and was still there on August 23rd when Liviana and Paula met him.

The gentleman was heartened to meet two people from Fiji who promised to do their best to help him. Liviana and Paula emptied their pockets of South African currency so he could have a good meal and buy better food.

Liviana was the first to arrive back in Fiji and she immediately contacted the gentleman's wife to give her money and messages from her husband.

He was finally able to get the necessary visas to leave South Africa via Dubai and arrived home in Fiji a week or so later. A truly amazing story!

Liviana and Paula acknowledge the contribution of the University which enabled them to attend the Conference.



## "...TO A GOLDMINE FOR RESEARCHERS"

Verena Bavadra joined the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Library at Nabua, Suva on 1st October 2007 as the Information Assistant.

Prior to her joining SPC, she served as Senior Librarian at the Attorney General's Chambers from March to September 2007. She also worked at the Fiji Human Rights Commission from May 2001-March 2007 as Information Research Officer and as an Assistant Librarian at the Fiji College of Advanced Education from 1996-April 2001.

At the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Verena is responsible in delivering both client and technical based library services to SPC researchers and staff.

These services include responding to reference queries, conducting information literacy training, assisting with the organization and management of the library and Regional Media Video resources along with performing administrative tasks.

"In my more recent jobs I was involved in legal research and was greatly challenged by the fact that my research could actually determine the outcome of a case in court..."

She said that working with the Human Rights Commission was the most exciting part of her career in the legal sector.

However, now that she is at SPC, she is finding it refreshing and is quite overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of information held in the SPC Nabua collection which she regards as 'a goldmine for researchers.'

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 GRADUATES OF THE USP LIBRARY PROGRAMMES

### Diploma in LIS

- Kumar, Asha Lata Savua,
- Kuma, Bed Wati
- Makelesi Tinai Shamlal,
- Sarma, Roshni
- Devi, Subhashni Sharmila
- Singh, Praveen Raj
- Vueti, Merewalesi V.

### Vocational Certificate in Basic

- Chand, Mousmin Lata
- Chandar, Ram
- Dame, Sasavuka Asena
- Devi, Shally Sanjeshni

- Devi, Vikashni
- Dyer, John
- Euta, Bwerea (Kir)
- Gounder, Kaveena
- Kafolea, Elam (Sol.Is) > o
- Kapawai, Varanisee V
- Komai, Debbie
- Matakece, Totika
- Maharaj, Injula Wati
- Rabiua, Veniana
- Rahiman, Zia Nazreen
- Ranadi, Luisa
- Raiqiso, Cava Taina
- Ravula, Tuniyauravu Vuli

- Romanu, Alma H R
- Rose, Maria
- Schultz, Lola (Marsh. Is.)
- Seru, Kelera Tavuki
- Singh, Sangeeta Devi
- Tamanalevu, Sera Fatiaki
- Taoi, Caroline
- Tasra, Lucy Glennis (Sol.)
- Tawaketini, Reijieli
- Vuniyayawa, Torika Baleimali

The new graduates are invited to join the Fiji Library Association and should contact Ms. Gwen Mar mar\_g@usp.ac.fj



Tulia Cokanawai joined the USP Library in December as a Library Assistant after working in the Fiji Parliamentary library.

## NEW PACIFIC MEMBER OF IFLA SCAO

Libby Cass of PRIDE (cass\_e@usp.ac.fj) is the most recent member of the IFLA Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania. She replaced Elizabeth C. Reade Fong's whose term ended in August 2007.

The IFLA SCAO is the Pacific's link to funding from the Action for Development through Libraries Programme (ALP) for national and regional workshop and training attachments.

Information on these may be found on the IFLA website under Activities (Division VI111).

[www.ifla.org](http://www.ifla.org)



Susan Rollings rejoined the USP Library in November. She is a librarian in the Serials Section, having been with Reader Services.

## 2007 FIJI SPORTSMAN HALL OF FAME TO OSIC LIBRARIAN

Albert Miller, librarian Oceania Sports Information Centre (OSIC) of the USP library was inducted into the 2007 Fiji Sportsman Hall of Fame in Athletics (Decathlete) by the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC).

Albert Miller was awarded for his outstanding achievements in sport of Athletics (Decathlete) since 1983.

The Hall of Fame was created to recognize sportsmen and sportswomen of the year who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the sport nationally, regionally and/or internationally