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For Pacific libraries, Koha is the one 'closest' to home having been created in 1999 by Katipo Communications for the Horowhenua Library Trust in New Zealand with the first installation going live in January 2000.

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Koha is used worldwide with locations in New Zealand, Europe, Canada and the US and in the USP region is currently used by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education and the Forum Fisheries Agency to name a few libraries.

Other open-source *ILMS*' include Evergreen, Kuali Open Library Environment (Kuali OLE),

PhpMyBibli, OpenBiblio, OPALS, Liblime KOHA] and Senayan

In the selection of an *ILMS*'s, what must be recognized by Pacific libraries is 'the need to develop a supportive local community that shares knowledge and offers support. ... answer basic questions about using the system and share resources such as training materials' as pointed out by Pam Bidwell in her request to Pacific Island users of Koha [Koha Newsletter, Volume 3. Issue 4, April 2012]

The USP Library network has two commercial *ILMS* in place with Spydus at the Main Library, Laucala Campus and Athena at the regional campus libraries and is currently investigating *ILMS* options to replace Athena which is no longer supported by the vendor, a process requiring close scrutiny of the market.

With the availability of so many options, there is much food for thought!

Elizabeth C Reade Fong



DVD SET "PEARLS" READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

TEREC (Teachers' Educational Resource & e-Learning Centre), with support from FAO and YUNGA (Youth and United Nations Global Alliance), announces the distribution of a DVD box set called PEARLS: Pacific e-Education Aids and Resources for Libraries and Schools.

The first DVD from PEARLS contains a collection of around 500 documents and resources about the Pacific region. The digital resources include material targeted at different age groups in subjects as diverse as agriculture (soil biology, agroforestry, organic farming), climate change, emergency management, history (our Pacific heritage, Red Cross Wars of Dignity), fiction (Pacific early readers, copyright-free classics), environment (beach monitoring), nutrition and health (USFA, WHO, UNICEF and SPC resources), science (biology, chemistry, weather) and English. It also includes a number of educational software packages from UNESCO.

The other DVD is a version of the digital encyclopedia Wikipedia produced in simple English. This is an offline version of Wikipedia produced for countries where English is the second language.

Both DVDs are suitable for secondary schools and libraries, and there are 1,000 sets for distribution. These resources will also be available on the Pacific Education Portal (to be launched soon.) To order copies for your library, please email: Asenaca.Ratubuli@usp.ac.fj

LIBGUIDES AT USP LIBRARY INFORM STUDENTS AND STAFF OF NEW BOOKS

USP library acquired the LibGuides platform in 2012 to make web-based subject guides. LibGuides are easy to customize and update and can display images of book covers if the ISBN is added, giving them a higher visual appeal than text-based guides.

Besides creating guides for fields of study like accounting or marine studies, the library is using LibGuides to create New Book Lists. Every week, a list is posted to <http://usp.ac.fj/libguides.com/newbooks> that shows the title, author, publication date, call number, and a photo of the book cover of Laucala's recently acquired books. This is sent to the All Student/All Staff email list to inform those who might not get a chance to view the New Books display in the library.

After the books are removed from display, they can be checked out or reserved by library users. A monthly list for Pacific Collection materials is also produced; this can be found at <http://usp.ac.fj/libguides.com/pacnewbooks>.

EXHIBITION OF EARLY PACIFIC BOOKS AT UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

"Books and Things: Collections for Pacific Studies" is an exhibition at the University of Sydney spotlighting the wealth of the University Library's holdings related to Pacific Studies. It includes

early printed books, maps and charts, works of natural history and fiction. The books and documents on display are complemented by artifacts from the Macleay Museum's holdings and together they celebrate the wealth of the University of Sydney's heritage collections. The exhibition is free to the public and runs from now until 19 December 2014.

Source: <http://news.library.usyd.edu.au/exhibition-books-and-things/>

EXHIBITION OF SCOTTISH LINKS TO FIJI AT UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

An exploration of the surprising connections between Northern Scotland and the South Pacific, from the nineteenth century to the present day runs from 27 January until 23 May at King's Museum in Aberdeen, Scotland. This exhibition displays some of the items in the University of Aberdeen's internationally important Pacific collections for the first time in decades, and reveals new research conducted by the Fijian Arts Project of the University of East Anglia and University of Cambridge. A reminder of the complexities of the North-East of Scotland's contribution to the British Empire and continuing international politics, Fiji, Scotland and the Making of Empire also shows the complexity and beauty of Fijian culture as it has developed over the past few hundred years as part of the network that links the Pacific Islands and the wider world.

Source: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/news-events/events/4400/>

BOOK GIFT: MAKING CHINESE AUSTRALIA: URBAN ELITES, NEWSPAPERS, AND THE FORMATION OF THE CHINESE-AUSTRALIAN IDENTITY 1892-1912.

The USP Library recently received a visit by Dr. Kuo Mei-fen and Ms Jeannette Mar. Dr Kuo was born in Taiwan and is a Research Fellow at Swinburne University, Melbourne. Ms Jeannette Mar was born in Fiji and works at the University of Queensland, Brisbane.

Dr. Kuo presented the Library with a copy of her publication, *Making Chinese Australia: urban elites, newspapers, and the formation of the Chinese-Australian identity 1892-1912*. She also presented the University Librarian with a personal copy of *Unlocking the history of the Australasian Kuo Min Tang 1911-2013* which she co-authored with Judith Brett.

These publications are crucial for the understanding of the history and role of Chinese immigrants in Australia and the Pacific.

The second title covers previously untapped records of the Chinese in Fiji, especially the early years of the Yat Sen schools. Ms Mar assisted Dr. Kuo with her research and will also be carrying out her own research on Chinese settlement in Fiji and Australia.



Jeannette Mar, Joan Yee and Kuo Mei-fen



Entrance to the Vanuatu National Library and Archive

HOLEM TAET MEMORI BLONG NESEN VANUATU NATIONAL LIBRARY & NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Below is a short article by The University Librarian, Sin Joan Yee was on a work visit to Vanuatu recently and took the opportunity to visit the new national library and archive.

The Vanuatu National Library & National Archives are to be congratulated on the recent landmark developments that have taken place. They have a brand new building (in Port Vila) which was officially opened on 23 August 2013 and have made much progress in collecting, organizing and preserving the national documentary heritage for the people of Vanuatu.

The construction of the building was funded by the Australian Government with a gift of AUD 3,000,000 in honour of the 30th Anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Vanuatu. Working closely together, the Vanuatu Government and its Australian counterparts came up with a building that incorporates local and modern design, "green" principles, local and imported materials, and the highest standard of construction. The result is an aesthetically beautiful building that is very functional, housing a very secure repository for the precious cultural materials.



Mrs Anne Naupa, the National Archivist, and her staff were deeply involved in the planning and designing of the building from Day One. The process began with the Value Management Workshop attended by both Vanuatu and Australian stakeholders. They discussed everything from the design to the minute details such as the kind of nails to be used, door handles, taps, fittings, etc. The building works on as much natural light and air flow as possible to minimize the use of electricity. It complies with AusAID's Universal Access and Climate Resilient Infrastructure guidelines (including earthquake and cyclone resilience), and provides for easy access for the physically challenged. Shelving is bolted to the floor and accommodates all sizes. The surroundings are both attractive and functional, e.g. the landscaping is eye catching but easily manageable, the exhibition area is very spacious but easy to maintain, the washable interior walls are painted a light grey emanating a very peaceful atmosphere.

His Excellency the Australian High Commissioner to Vanuatu described the building as "an exemplar of international development, with a highly efficient and transparent use of public aid funds."

Anne and her staff are very proud to have been a part of the team for this landmark project. They are currently working steadily on sorting and indexing the documents. She says that it was a steep learning curve but all worth it when you see the beautiful result and the achievement of a long-held dream for the people of Vanuatu.

SECONDMENT TO THE USP LIBRARY, SAMOA CAMPUS

by Vasiti Chambers

When I was informed of a secondment to the USP Alafua Campus Library from February 12- April 4, 2014 I was extremely eager and grateful for the professional opportunity. This was combined with a request from FSTE to present the Library's Post-graduate Information Research Skills programme for Post-graduate students at Alafua and their financial contribution is acknowledged.

In filling the shoes of Angela Jowitt, the former librarian, I spent the few days familiarizing myself with the Alafua Library and Campus operations and activities. The various tasks I performed required me to manage library staff, teach IRS sessions, attend meetings and work extensively with the students. Here I was able to put into practice the library management experience that I had acquired over the years prior to joining the USP.

I learned an incredible amount and the diversity of work greatly enhanced my knowledge and work at the management level.

One of the great lessons learned was to balance demands and expectations.

I would like to express my appreciation to the USP Library management for the opportunity and Alafua library and campus personnel for the wonderful experience. USP and Emalus Library Participate in Vanuatu Annual ICT Day Vanuatu held its annual ICT Day on Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17. The USP Emalus campus was honoured to be invited as one



Alafua Library Staff with Vasiti: Betty Pinati (LAsst.), Alakalaine Alatise (LAsst.), Vasiti and Lina Solomona (LAtt.)

an understanding of the depth and values of a long struggle for freedom, peace and prosperity by past generations who lived under the control of super powers of Allied forces and the United States during and in the aftermath of WWII.

“For many students, this was the first time to see their country’s constitution and books about Pacific Legal systems,” said Ms Domona, pictured below. She has also created displays for Nuclear Remembrance Day, another public holiday and opportunity for the library to showcase materials of interest.

of the three main partners of this year’s event, which was held in the Seafront park in Port Vila. The theme of the Vanuatu National ICT Day 2014 was “Broadband for Sustainable Development.” As one of the main participants, USP created a float for the opening parade. Our chosen design demonstrated how USP uses ICTs to educate students all over the Pacific region. A satellite dish in the back of the parade truck was linked to the flags of all USP member countries. Regional students, dressed in their traditional costumes, walked next to the float with tablet computers. Despite copious rain, the parade and the USP float were a success. There were three main offerings in USP’s ICT Day tent: demonstrations of video conferencing using REACT; instruction on the use of USP programs such as Moodle and library databases; and the opportunity for members of the public to try out tablet computers. Staff members from USP Student Academic Services were also on hand to answer questions from the public about enrolling in courses in the upcoming semester. Individuals returning as students in Semester 2 2014 or entering as new students who registered at the USP tent will also be entered into a drawing for a tablet computer.

Source: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=16494>

USP MARSHALL ISLANDS LIBRARY CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY

On May 1, 1979, the Marshall Islands constitution was signed and established Marshall Islands as a self-governing country. Marshall Islands was occupied by the United States for 35 years just after WWII until it gained independence; the name was officially changed to the Republic of Marshall Islands in 1982.

May 1st is the Constitution Day and declared a national public holiday in Marshall Islands. People of different walks of life gathered in national celebration and many other activities to commemorate their independence. The USP Campus Library showcased the country’s constitution and publications which in all reflect the significance of a memorable event, closest to the hearts and minds of the peoples of Marshall Islands.

Ms Taufa Domona, Senior Library Assistant in USP Marshall Islands Campus stated the purpose of the display is to instill



DEVELOPMENTS AT THE SOLOMON ISLANDS CAMPUS LIBRARY

The Solomon Islands Campus Library underwent renovation during the vacation period in December 2013. These included the replacement of floor tiles and renovation of the Library Reading Room extension for an All Night Study Room to open from 8.00pm when the Library closes to 7.00am from Monday to Friday during semester, with effect from Monday 26 May, 2014.

In addition to Saturday’s hours from 9.00am to 12.00noon, commencing in Semester 2, 2014, library users will have access to enhanced library opening hours on Sunday from 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Mrs. Alice Fono joined the USP Solomon Islands Campus Library as a library attendant on Monday 5 May 2014.



Library Reading Room extension that is also used as an All Night Study Room



New look of library floor with new tiles



New staff. Mrs. Alice Fono

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

INELI-OCEANIA TO DEVELOP LIBRARY LEADERS

INELI-Oceania is a new and innovative leadership development program for emerging library leaders from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. Participants will be brought together in a program designed to develop their effectiveness as leaders and innovators able to contribute significantly to the future development of public libraries in the region.

The program will commence in July 2014 and finish in June 2016. Over the two-year period participants will build their skills in leading, innovating and collaborating through participation in two Convenings – the first to be held in Australia, the second in New Zealand through an online learning community where participants will engage in learning modules, group work, an action learning project, and mentoring and coaching by a group mentor who is a senior library executive and an experienced learning facilitator.

For details about the program please see <http://ineliocania.wordpress.com/>

US EMBASSY IN SUVA HOLDS LIBRARY WORKSHOP

A workshop for librarians, information specialists as well as teachers was held at the American Resource Center at the US embassy in Suva in April 2014.

Alka Bhatnagar, a professional librarian and the Regional Information Resource Officer based at the US Embassy in Tokyo, conducted the workshop and shared her experiences and concepts on new library trends.

Mrs. Bhatnagar stressed the need for marketing in libraries and to create an environment conducive to clients’ needs.

“With the rapid growing technology and an increase in using advanced technology, libraries need to organize innovative ways to be able to cater for the changing needs of their customers and the environment they operate in,” she said.

Mrs. Bhatnagar also spoke on different ways that a library could market its resources depending on the mission and function of the organization it operates in. She said some of these included branding, use of designing physical space, the use of colour, adequate displays, reading corners and spaces for customers to “hang out in a conducive environment”.

“In order to meet the growing demand of the many challenges faced by libraries, librarians need to focus on the community needs.

“Some of the challenges we face are inadequate space, budget, and limited resources.”

She also demonstrated the use of eLibraryUSA and the use of Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), which is an online education platform that allows any student who has access to the internet to take courses with some of the best professors and universities in the US and around the world.

For a number of participants it was a pleasure meeting Mrs. Bhatnagar again following an earlier visit in 2013.

Source: <http://www.fjtimes.com/story.aspx?id=265815>

CONFERENCES

PIALA CONFERENCE 2014 ANNOUNCED

The Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) has announced that their annual conference will be held on November 10-15, 2014 in Koror in the Republic of Palau.

The Conference theme is: "Be Connected. Stay Informed. Community Transformation!"

The Organizing Committee is currently seeking presenters for papers and workshops. Suggested areas of focus include:

- Transformative topics for Pacific Island communities
- Connecting with the communities we serve

- Examples of community outreach and transformation - both successes and "failures"
- Examples of information centers partnering with others in the community to sponsor transformation
- Information centers and knowledge creation
- Knowledge and its relationship to ideas, data, and information
- Managing information services to promote transformation
- Future of information centers in the Pacific

To find out more or submit a proposal,

visit: <http://piala-pacific.wix.com/piala-pacific>

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



AN ISLAND IN THE AUTUMN / JOHN SMITH SCOTLAND

[UK] : Librario Publishing, 2012.
ISBN: 9781906775261 281 p.
USD35.00

"In 1970, after serving nearly twenty years in Nigeria, John Smith returned to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office ready for a fresh assignment as a Commonwealth administrator. The 'powers that be' assured him that they would find him 'an island in the autumn' The posting turned out to be that of Financial Secretary of the Solomon islands, where he was to implement the new Constitution and develop the economy, an interesting and fulfilling job. It was some surprise therefore when, in 1973, he was recommended to the post of Governor of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, those tiny specks on the map of the vast Pacific Ocean south west of the Solomons. John Smith writes about his life as Governor, Colonial Administrator, Judge and Political Advisor to this 'paradise on earth' at a time when great changes were taking place within the Commonwealth. His was the responsibility to steer the colony towards independence; a task which he fulfilled with great acumen, humour and sagacity until his departure from the islands in 1978. An account which beautifully describes the intricacies of life on a Pacific Island during its progress towards Independence."



DON'T SPOIL MY BEAUTIFUL FACE : MEDIA, MAYHEM AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PACIFIC / DAVID ROBIE.

New Zealand : Little Island Press, 2014. ISBN: 9781877484254 362 p.
USD35.00

"Don't Spoil My Beautiful Face introduces readers to reportage of major Asia-Pacific socio-political and environmental issues over three decades by an independent journalist and media educator. It examines contemporary media concepts such as critical development journalism, conflict-sensitive journalism and deliberative journalism. And it argues for a more comprehensive, reflective and in-depth media response to the region's challenges from Tahiti Nui and Polynesian nations in the east to Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and West Papua in the west."

PEOPLE



Mr. MARTIN BURROWS

Mr. Martin Burrows joined USP Library Laucala Campus as Coordinator of the Oceania Sport Information Centre (OSIC) on 5 May 2014. His most recent position was with the District of Columbia Public Library in Washington, DC.



Mrs. SUZI ROLLINGS

Mrs. Suzi Rollings re-joined USP Library Laucala Campus on 3 February 2014 as a Librarian in the Cataloguing Department having previously worked in Reader Services and Serials sections between 2004 and 2008. Suzi comes to the Library from the Cairns Historical Society in Queensland, Australia,



Mr. SHALVINDRA REDDY

Mr. Shalvindra Reddy joined USP Library Laucala Campus as IT Technician on 10 March 2014. He previously worked at the Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji as the ICT Administrator.



Mrs. VULI RAVULA

Mrs. Vuli Ravula resigned from her position as clerk/typist at the Main Library, Laucala Campus on 12 March 2014.

OBITUARY



Ms. MARGARET SHANTA PATEL

Ms. Margaret Shanta Patel, formerly of the Fiji National Archives, died aged 72 on March 6 after an illness. Margaret was an active member of the Fiji Library Association and will be remembered by many.



Mr. ISEI KACILALA

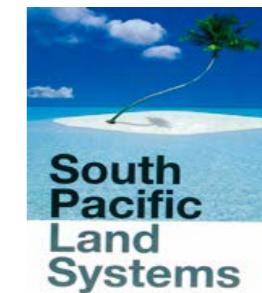
Mr. Isei Kacilala, former Senior Library Attendant at the Main Library, Laucala Campus passed away on Sunday afternoon on 13 April at the CWM Hospital after a short illness. He retired at the end of 2012 after working for USP Laucala Library for almost 43 years. Library friends visited his wife and daughters where they presented their 'ireguregu'.



OF WAVES, WINDS AND WONDERFUL THINGS : A DECADE OF RETHINKING PACIFIC EDUCATION / MO'ALE 'OTUNUKU, UNAI SI NABOBO-BABA AND SEU'ULA JOHANSSON FUA.

Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2014. ISBN: 9789820109063 212 p. USD 20.00

"The Rethinking Pacific Education Initiative by Pacific Peoples for Pacific Peoples (RPEIPP) began as an idea during the inaugural symposium on Researching the Delivery of Aid to Pacific Education at the University of Auckland in December 2000. The first activity of the Initiative was a meeting of selected Pacific educators, which was held at USP and hosted by the Institute of Education in April 2001."



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."

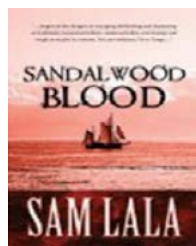


E TOA / RON CROCOMBE.

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."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



SANDALWOOD BLOOD / SAM LALA

[US] : America Starbooks, 2014
ISBN-13: 978-1630842093 270 p.
USD45.00

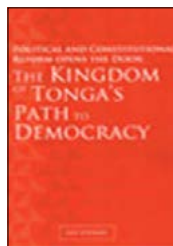
“The story is set in the early nineteenth century in and around the Pacific concerning Captain Lovat Mellon and his voyage from Manila to Fiji, where he hopes to take on a load of Sandalwood for China. On board is the son of the owner’s business partner, Julian Boston. Julian is engaged to Edalene Kerr, the owner’s daughter. Not wishing to be separated from Julian, Edalene masquerades as young Joseph Philips, one of the three young lads enlisted on this trip. In South Africa, Lovat takes on board Elizabeth Morey and her maid Eliza. Stopping off at Tonga Taboo most of the crew, including the Captain are murdered by the islanders; aided in this by the duplicity of a man called Doyle, a castaway in league with the chief. The surviving team of seven; daring to stay alive against all elements catapults their human frailty over and above mere mortals.”



A HINT OF BLUE / DEVENDRAN KUMARAN

[Fiji] : Devendran Kumaran, 2014
ISBN: 9780473266288 [p] USD20.00

“A Hint of Blue is a theatre in its story-telling style. A writer’s true capability lies in his or her artistic search and navigation through an ocean of thoughts, and more so of moments experienced. Past and present pains and pleasures underpin the core of many authors’ discussions. Life and one’s penultimate demise are the only truths, regardless of what generation; living purposefully is entirely what life’s all about. This story of a young adult, whose behavior is mostly considered erratic by a grandmother, attempts to draw linkages between the elderly and young. The current generational gap pertains mainly to issues of everyday living. More so, this narrative presents strongly the actuality that we need our past to build an even better future. Regardless, this unique story, more evocatively, discusses various camaraderie, no matter what form, and regardless of whatever dissimilarities that come into play. The ideology - where there’s hope, there’ll be a way, is upheld in this moving chronicle. Fortunately, and given a chance, there’s hope that much shared purpose is found, therefore enjoyed in every life, when in companionship. Almost 60 years’ events, mainly drawn from the author’s personal life-experience, and when with those in close association, legitimizes and forms a foundation for a myriad of moments purported in this writing.”



POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM OPENS THE DOOR: THE KINGDOM OF TONGA'S PATH TO DEMOCRACY / GUY POWLES.

2nd ed., [Suva, Fiji]: USP Press, 2013. ISBN: 9789820109049 USD20.00

“This book gives an up-to-date account of Tonga’s new political and constitutional regime, while offering insights into the thinking and decision-making that contributed to its development. The author, a constitutional lawyer with a long association with Tonga, reviews the main constitutional reforms of 2009-10, together with subsequent developments during three years of the term of the first elected government. After a century of stable government by a royal dynasty under one of the world’s oldest living constitutions, the need for change became apparent. Agents for change included pro-democracy activists, the late King Tupou V and Prime Minister Sevele, leading to the introduction of reforms that dramatically opened the door to the development of a Tongan model of parliamentary democracy. This publication illustrates the importance of becoming familiar with the detail of a Constitution that charts key institutions such as the Monarch, the Cabinet, the Legislative Assembly and the Judiciary, together with the relationships between each. Appended to the book is the only accessible consolidation of the Constitution with its changes. The book explores many areas of reform that require clear understanding of the Constitution. These include the extent of the King’s remaining powers, the Noble class who continue to exercise key constitutional roles and control of land, the concept of un-elected Ministers, motions of no-confidence, appointment and independence of the judiciary – to name only some. Above all, attention is drawn to the significance of Tongan values that guide thinking and decision-making throughout.



MALAYAN CAMPAIGN: 1ST BATTALION FIJI INFANTRY REGIMENT, 1952-1956/ MANUNIVALAGI DALITUCAMA KOROVULAVULA; translated by Meli Waqa.

Suva, Fiji: Max Marketing Publishing Ltd., 2014

ISBN: 9789829806734 222 p. Fijian-English translation. USD15.00

“The book tells the story of my life as a young soldier who volunteered and enlisted in the 1st Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment in 1951 to go to Malaya and protect the citizens of that country from falling into the claws of the insurgents from 1952 to 1956.”

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LIBRARIES PA-C-FIKA REPLACES CENTRE LIBRARIES UPDATE AND PIC NEWS.

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