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BENCHMARKING

The USP Library is undergoing an external review in July 2016. The purpose of the review is to determine how the Library is performing in the provision of information services to its clients.

The USP Library, since its establishment in 1969, has based its developments on internationally recognized standards. Examples include professional staff holding qualifications recognized by ALIA and CILIP; technical and customer services benchmarked against comparator universities and cataloguing standards compliant with AACR2 (level 3) .

Benchmarking is a tool used to assess performance. 'A benchmark is a standard by which something is evaluated or measured. Benchmarking is the process of comparing the cost, time or quality of what one library does against what another library does.' (Stevens, 2009)

The USP Library benchmarks its performance against comparator university libraries. What this means is that the USP Library collects data similar to that of the comparator institutions to enable 'like with like' comparisons. This provides the USP Library with confirmation that it is meeting the needs of its clients in an ever changing technological and higher education environment.

As the USP approaches 50 years of being the leading provider of tertiary education in the Region, its library continues to live up to its vision: '*USP Library: the premier academic library and leader in information provision and services in the Pacific Islands*' .

Has your library considered this approach?

Elizabeth C. Reade Fong



US EMBASSY DONATES ACADEMIC BOOKS TO SUVA SANGAM COLLEGE, SUVA, FIJI



On The Embassy of the United States donated a selection of academic books to the Suva Sangam College located at Howell Road, Suva, Fiji. This was made possible through the Embassy's ongoing partnership with the Asia Foundation which supports local libraries in their efforts to improve literacy.

The new books ranged from the sciences to the social sciences including history and politics, as well as reference resources such

as dictionaries on different subjects. The School's Principal, Mr. Rikesh Reddy, upon receiving the donations from the Embassy's Facility Manager, Mr. James Alden, expressed his appreciation for the valuable resources.

By Sanjana Kumaran, USP Library

NEW LIBRARY OPENED FOR ANDREWS PRIMARY, NADI, FIJI

The Andrews Primary School in Nadi opened a new library for its 935 students.

The chief guest at the opening event, the Acting Director of Primary Education Mr. Hem Chand highlighted the importance of school libraries. He said that libraries are important cornerstones of healthy communities, particularly, in today's constantly changing technological, social and economic environment. Mr. Chand also emphasized a well-resourced school library provides benefits to not only the students but the teachers as well.

"A library gives the children the opportunity to research and discover, experience new ideas, and get lost in wonderful stories."

"The school library is integral to the learning process as it facilitates the work of the classroom teacher and ensures each student has equitable access to resources, irrespective of home opportunities or constraints. Teachers can collaborate to plan, implement and evaluate inquiry-based programmes to facilitate skills to collect,



Acting Director Primary Education Mr Hem Chand with students dressed in character suits at the official opening of Andrews Primary School in Nadi yesterday. Photo: Litia Tikomailepanoni.

critically analyse and organise information, problem solve and communicate findings."

"While the role of the school library remains constant, its design, digital platform, strategies and tools change as pedagogy and technology changes."

Full story at <http://fjijisun.com.fj/2016/05/20/new-library-opens-for-andrews-primary/>

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

USP LAUNCHES BOOK ON PACIFIC DIPLOMACY

The University of the South Pacific's (USP), School of Government, Development and International Affairs (SGDIA) launched a book, titled, *The New Pacific Diplomacy*, edited by Professor Greg Fry and Associate Professor Sandra Tarte.

The book is the product of the Diplomacy and International Affairs programme at the University, which has been running for the past five years and is a culmination of the research undertaken by the School's postgraduate students, on different aspects of Pacific diplomacy as well as speeches and presentations organized by the School. It is an attempt to capture what has been a very dynamic period in regional affairs in terms of Pacific Island Diplomacy at the regional and global level.



Co-editor, and Adjunct Professor at USP, Professor Fry said that the launch is a proud moment for him, Associate Professor Sandra Tarte and the 24 contributors of the book. He said that students were very much a part of the book, in terms of setting up international relations forums featuring regional political leaders like Honourable

Henry Puna of the Cook Islands, His Excellency Anote Tong of Kiribati, School Seminars and Diplomacy Roundtables organized by SGDIA.

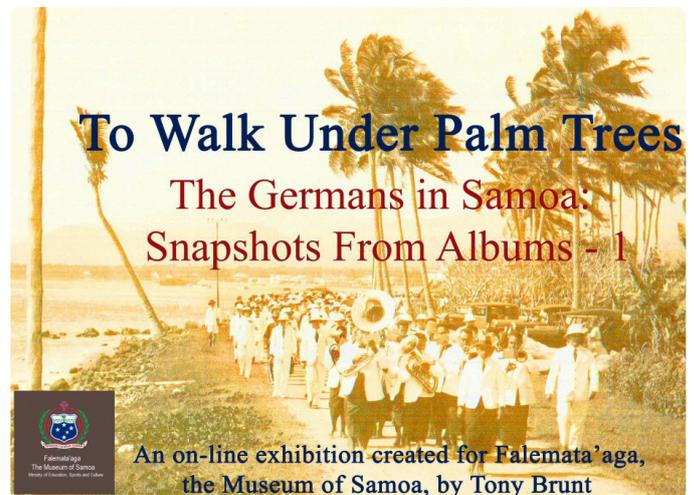
Source: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/news/story.php?id=2113>

E-BOOK ABOUT GERMAN-SAMOAN EXHIBITION

The "To Walk Under Palm Trees – The Germans in Samoa: Snapshots from Albums", a major online photo exhibition at the Museum of Samoa, curated by Auckland researcher and writer Mr. Tony Brunt, is now available as an e-book and is available at url: <http://germansinsamoa.net/>

More than 80 carefully restored and captioned family photographs tell the story of German-Samoan families and individuals in the turbulent 20th century. The format is one of the first of its kind for a public museum and helps to achieve the Museum's mission of sharing Samoa's history and culture with a wide local and international audience.

The exhibition grew from voluntary work done by Mr. Brunt, who is a descendant of former Apia residents, Theodore 'Ki' Brunt and Frieda Brunt (nee Schwenke) of Tanugamanono.



Source: http://www.wellington.diplo.de/Vertretung/wellington/en/02_20South_20Pacific_20Islands/Samoa/Seite__Samoa__en.html

LAUNCH OF THE PERSIST DIGITAL HERITAGE SELECTION GUIDELINES

The UNESCO PERSIST Project, an initiative of UNESCO, ICA, IFLA and other partners, for enhancing the sustainability of digital heritage, has now launched The UNESCO/PERSIST Guidelines for the selection of digital heritage for long-term preservation.

The aim of the Guidelines is to provide an overarching starting point for libraries, archives, museums and other heritage institutions when drafting their own policies on the selection of digital heritage for long-term sustainable digital preservation.

The Guidelines target institutions, professionals and administrators on every level and in every region of the world in order to review existing material for selection, highlight important issues, and offer guidance when drafting institutional policies, they were written by a team of seven authors from the libraries, archives, and museums community.

The url for the document is <http://www.ifla.org/files/assets/hq/topics/cultural-heritage/documents/persist-content-guidelines.pdf>

Source: <http://www.ifla.org/node/10315>

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

VOLUNTEER LIBRARIAN

The 'Atenisi Institute is looking for a volunteer librarian for the period mid-April to mid-July 2016.

'Atenisi is an independent university in friendly sub-tropical Tonga. Unusually for Tonga it is entirely secular and has no royal patronage. 'Atenisi would be able to pay for flights and lodging for a suitable candidate but would not be able to pay a

wage. This is a unique opportunity to get hands-on experience with a Pacific institution. The best introduction to 'Atenisi is the film Tongan Ark.

For more information, contact Hamish Noonan;
Hamish.Noonan@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

OVERDUE BOOK? THAT'S \$24K PLEASE

A library book almost 70 years overdue has finally found its way back to a local Auckland library.

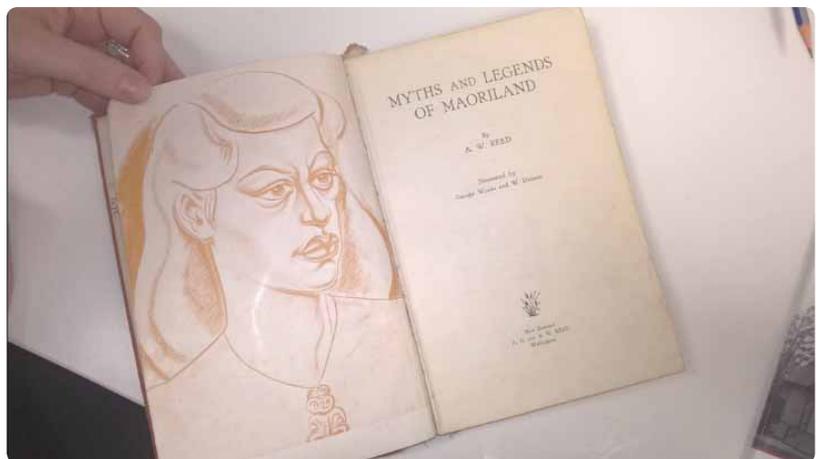
The well-travelled book, *Myths and Legends of Maoriland* by A.W Reed, was returned to the Epsom Community Library by a library member after she took the book out in 1948. The book, which was due back to the library on December 17 that year, was accidentally taken on an overseas adventure by the now grandmother, who was a child at the time. It is unknown where the book travelled but librarian Ms. Zoe Cornelius said she was happy to have it back.

"She has only recently been able to come back visiting other family and so was finally able to bring the book back. I thought it was fantastic she had brought it back for us." Ms. Cornelius said the book was in "okay" condition and had obviously been "really well loved and well-read over that time".

She said the woman had read the book several times during the decades but always thought she would want to return the book. No overdue fees had been incurred because she got the book out as a child. As an adult however, at today's rates, the woman would have racked up a fine of \$24,604. Auckland Library fees are \$1 per day of overdue.

Now, back at the library, *Myths and Legends of Maoriland* will not return to the shelves. Ms. Cornelius said it would instead be cherished for a while at the library while the librarians decided what to do with it.

Source: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11630382



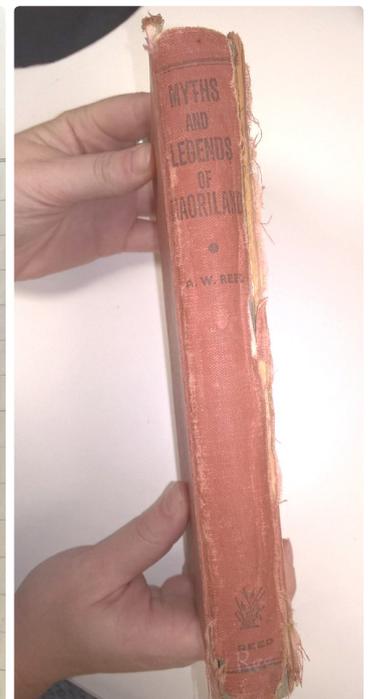
Auckland Public Libraries
Epsom Library

TIME ALLOWED FOR READING

This Book MUST be returned on or before the date last stamped below. If kept beyond that date, a fine will be charged at the rate of THREE-PENCE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OR PART THEREOF, and ONE-PENNY PER DAY thereafter. (See By-laws).

18 JAN 1947	29 AUG 1947
9 FEB 1947	6 OCT 1947
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TRAININGS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

USP LIAISON LIBRARIANS REACH OUT TO FACULTY, STUDENT LEARNING SPECIALISTS, AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNERS



The USP Library hosted hour-long outreach presentations for faculty (FALE, FBE and FSTE), instructional designers (IDs) and student learning specialists (SLS) on May 24, 26 and 27 that was attended by a total 46 faculty.

The Library's Strategic Plan, 2013-2018 has as one of its strategic priorities, engagement with internal and external entities. The objective of the outreach was to bring together all stakeholders involved in students achieving success to collaborate to strengthen the services and support that the Library gives to students and faculty through the Library's Liaison Librarian (LL) and Information Research Skills (IRS) programmes.

Student Learning Services and the Instructional Designers at the Centre for Flexible Learning are recognized as important internal entities in the provision of support to students and in the use and awareness of the wide range of information resources available to our students and faculty.

To date, all have all been trying to meet their responsibilities in different individual ways thus the invitation to the presentation was to inform and to discuss on how we, the Library, through the Liaison Librarian and IRS programmes and other services can link up and work more together more closely. Liaison librarians for each faculty from the Laucala Campus were present.

Deputy University Librarian, Elizabeth Reade Fong was MC and University Librarian, Sin Joan Yee welcomed and explained the purpose of the outreach session. Ela Qica, Senior Librarian Customer Services presented on the library website, OER materials, theses collection, finding the most current information for the New Course Proposal Form using the OPAC.

Librarian and Information Research Skills Programme coordinator, Vasiti Chambers, presented on the IRS sessions and what is being taught inclusive of electronic resources, bibliographic citations and referencing. She explained how the Library can take the IRS programme to individual classes with an emphasis on second and third year students, post UU100 (the compulsory 1st year course on communication and information literacy) when in-depth subject approaches are the focus.

The Liaison Librarian Coordinator, Jamie Bloss, presented on liaison librarian responsibilities to staff and faculty and highlighted the online subject guides known as LibGuides. Technical Services Senior Librarian, Judith Titoko, spoke briefly about the importance of collection development and the important role that faculty play in the selection of new resources. She also highlighted some new databases and trial offerings coming available soon including Routledge Handbooks Online.

At the end of the session, the librarians asked the faculty members how they can improve services and collaborate more to facilitate student learning in the future. Feedback on their efforts was positive, and many noted that students who attended IRS sessions were more focused in their research. Faculty said they looked forward to receiving more communication from the library on new resources, copyright issues, with a recommendation that annual and/or semester orientation session for faculty and staff would serve to ensure library services are fully utilized for 'student success'.

By Jamie Bloss, Librarian Reader Services and Liaison Librarian Coordinator

TRAININGS, CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

THE INELI-OCEANIA PROGRAM



NELI-Oceania is based on the highly successful International Network of Library Innovators (INELI), a project of the Global Libraries initiative of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which provides emerging library leaders with opportunities to connect with each other - to explore new ideas, to experiment

with new services and to learn from one another. The INELI-Oceania program consists of a suite of online learning modules, offered across a two year period, with convenings held over four days at the beginning and end of the cycle. Cohort One, a group of fifteen participants from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu, commenced in July 2014 and is due to complete the program in June 2016. Cohort Two will commence in July 2016.

This is Wakanisi Vaciloa's story – a cohort one participant from Fiji.

Bula! My name is Wakanisi Vaciloa. I work at International School Suva as the teacher librarian. I am passionate in supporting my students and library users in their inquiries by helping them acquire the necessary skills to find the best resources to become lifelong readers and inquirers. Being part of INELI has connected me to many innovative librarians and ideas. The program has helped me learn the skills I need to implement new and innovative services. At the first convening in 2014, I was amazed and inspired by the maker spaces provided in the libraries we visited in Melbourne. The Advocacy module in this program has helped me to develop a realistic action plan that will support the need of creating a maker space in my own library to inspire students' creativity.

For more information, visit the INELI-Oceania website <http://www.inelioceania.net/>

PEOPLE

USP TONGA CAMPUS LIBRARY STAFF PURSUES STUDIES IN NEW ZEALAND



Ms. Fe'aofaki Fetokai has been awarded a New Zealand Scholarship to study Human Resources Management and

Employment Relations at the Auckland University of Technology, commencing semester two, 2016. Ms. Fetokai joined USP Tonga Campus library in 2011 as a Part-Time Library Officer and was appointed as Library Assistant in 2015 upon successful completion of the USP Diploma in Library & Information Studies (DLIS) in 2014.

Ms. Fetokai commented that the training opportunity held at the Laucala Campus in December 2010 was an eye opener for her and inspired her to pursue and complete the DLIS which qualified her for an established paraprofessional library appointment.

"My time at the USP Tonga Campus Library was a great learning experience but challenging as well. Managing, single handedly, a collection and library services

for over a thousand students was not easy, especially when I didn't have adequate experience as a library assistant." She further adds that she is thankful that she had a great support system in the USP Regional Libraries network and the USP Tonga Campus Director. The services given by USP Library and its staff made work better and helped her to offer effective support learning services to Tonga Campus students. She enjoyed cataloguing and searching cataloguing marc records using the Z39.50 search facility.

Ms. Fetokai's career plan includes completing a Masters Degree in Library and Information Studies and hopefully rejoining the USP Tonga Campus as a trained professional librarian.

*By Vilimaina Vakaciwa, Librarian
Regional Libraries*

FAREWELL



USP STAFF FAREWELL

The USP Library, Laucala Campus, hosted a farewell tea for two of its long serving staff members who retired on 31 May.

Livai Soli and Merewalesi Torolevu retired after serving the Library with dedication for 37 and 20 years, respectively. Their

work as cleaners started at 7.00am and ended at 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Their commitment to ensuring students entered an environment conducive to study was acknowledged by the University Librarian in her speech of thanks.

As members of a devoted team of staff, credit is given to them for their contributions to the maintenance and upkeep of a building that was opened on May 20, 1988 and remains one of the best maintained buildings in the University. Vinaka Li and Merewa as they were fondly known!

OBITUARY

Mrs. Akosita Seru, a Librarian with the Fiji Fisheries Ministry passed away on 22 April 2016.

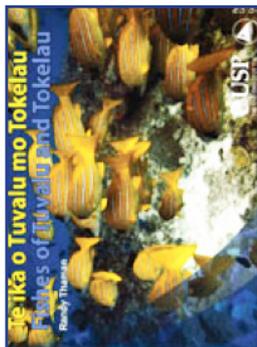
Akosita was a PIMRIS contact and the Fiji Fisheries librarian for many years, having served during past PIMRIS Coordinators time including Maria Kalenchits and Chris Nelson. Akosita is remembered for her contributions to PIMRIS Steering Committee meetings and workshops. 'Ako' as she was known, had to juggle roles between the library in Lami and the Planning Division in Suva every week, for the

last few years. She recently informed PIMRIS about the new computer received by the library and had plans to revive her database this year.

As an expression of their condolences, the Laucala Lower Campus Library staff delivered a wreath and card to the Ministry of Fisheries & Forestry office in Toorak. Ako was laid to rest on Saturday 30 April 2016.

By Susana Macanawai, PIMRIS Coordinator

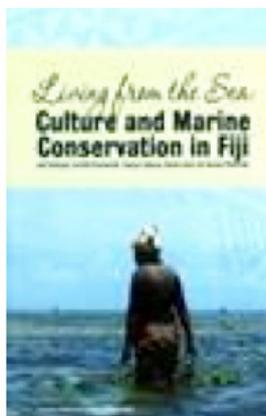
RECENT PUBLICATIONS



FISHES OF TUVALU AND TOKELAU = TE IKA O TUVALU MO TOKELAU / RANDY THAMAN.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2016. ISBN: 9789820009523 (pbk) 112 p. F\$35.00

“This book is a compilation of finfish names from the neighbouring Polynesian atoll nations of Tuvalu and Tokelau – nations that share many cultural traits, including their boating navigation and fishing traditions, their languages and knowledge of and dependence on fish, fishing and Pacific Ocean.”



LIVING FROM THE SEA : CULTURE AND MARINE CONSERVATION IN FIJI / JOELI VEITAYAKI, ANNETTE BRECKWOLDT, TAREGUCI SIGARUA, NANISE BULAI AND AKOSITA ROKOMATE.

Suva, Fiji: Itaukei Trust Fund Board, 2014. ISBN: 9789829160034 182 p. F\$30.00

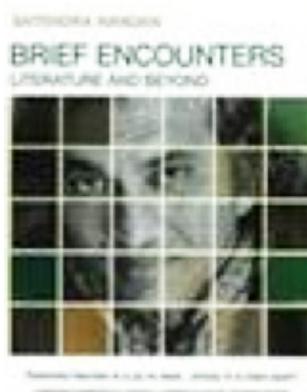
“This book explores the intricate web of culture, traditional practices, structure, beliefs and knowledge of local communities in the Fiji Islands and its significance in the management of marine resource as well as island development in general.”



FILIFE TOHI / KAREN STEVENSON.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2015. ISBN: 9789820109339 120 p. F\$30.00

“This book provides and insight into Filipe Tohi’s early years as an artist, as well as his contemporary interpretations of lalava, which have brought him international recognition.”



BRIEF ENCOUNTERS: LITERATURE AND BEYOND / SATENDRA NANDAN.

Acton, ACT: Australia Ivy Press International, [2015]. ISBN: 9780992498917 257 p. F\$25.00

“In his third book of essays, Satendra Nandan writes about his life in literature and politics: from Fiji to Australia to India. Contemporary Issues of Fiji constitution, democracy, human rights, freedom of the press, identity, asylum seekers, writing, memories of people and places are included in this most readable collection written in the last couple of years.”



11 STRATEGIES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS/BALBIR SINGH.

Suva, Fiji: Balbir Singh, 2016. ISBN: 9789829811424 143 p. F\$15.00

“This book will try to guide you to approach tertiary life in an organized way.it will help you increase your self-confidence as a student and make you think about what you want to become at the end of your academic journey. It is a universal attempt to help aspiring graduates, regardless of what study program they are enrolled in.”



POSTCARDS FROM OCEANIA / MAX QUANCHI, MAX SHEKLETON.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2015. ISBN: 9789820109414 202 p. F\$60.00

“Postcards from Oceania is about the colonial era, but also about how audiences defined the Pacific amidst the postcard deluge of bells, bananas, port towns, pi-rogues, and plantations.”

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