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COMPLIANCE WITH NEW CATALOGUING RULES - RESOURCE DESCRIPTION AND ACCESS (RDA)

Many libraries in the Pacific have used and are familiar with the Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules 2nd edition or AACR2 as it is better known.

AACR2 has been reviewed and will be replaced by the RDA - Resource Description and Access, a library cataloguing standard used to support the discovery, identification and employment of information resources.

Libraries all over the world are making plans to adopt RDA in 2013 and libraries in the Pacific should take note.

Discussions are taking place in Fiji, and in particular, at the University of the South Pacific and the Fiji Library Association membership.

The University of the South Pacific is planning training in RDA in 2012 following consultations with the National Library of New Zealand.

For more information on RDA, The Policy and Standards Division, part of the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Access Directorate at the Library of Congress (Washington, D.C.), is launching a new website as the Library prepares for RDA. The site is located at: <http://www.loc.gov/aba/rda/>.

Let's ensure that we in the Pacific are there at the beginning.

Elizabeth C. Reade Fong



REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAMOA WORKSHOP

Fifty six library personnel attended a successful week long Workshop by the Library Association of Samoa that was funded by IFLA and facilitated by visiting librarian Rosa-Jane French, with Avalogo Togi Tunupopo and Tologau Uatisono of the National University of Samoa Library.

The first two days focussed on organising resources, the role of librarians, libraries and library associations in organisations and society.

The third and fourth days included sessions on information literacy, online databases and websites, blogs, bookmarks and library networking online.

Many of those who attended were school library assistants, with university and public librarians/paraprofessional also present. Apart from the formal sessions, ideas on the development of libraries in Samoa were aired and success stories shared.

Check the Library Association of Samoa website www.las.org.ws for information about other activities.

FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOST EVENING

Over 30 members of the Fiji Library Association attended a host evening on Wednesday, 21 September, 2011 at the USP Library Conference Room where two presentations were made.

The first was by Elizabeth Reade Fong, Deputy University Librarian, USP who spoke on "Job applications that work" The presentation covered the importance of a job application, the key components, the application process; the covering letter, the CV and the importance of referees.



In the second presentation, Dr. Tanveer Haider Naqvi, Chief Librarian, Fiji National University gave an informative talk on "Libraries in India: an overview". The presentation informed all of the different kinds of libraries to be found in India and the range of services offered.

The talks were followed by a fundraiser in the form of a Kati (playing cards sold and drawn for prizes) that raised \$106.00 for the Association.

ALAFUA CAMPUS- SAMOA - OPEN DAY 2011

The Library at Alafua welcomed 488 visitors through its doors on Open Day 2011 and part of its offerings included a short DVD introducing the visitors to the library staff and its services and resources. Each group watched this and then toured around the Library.

Newsline (12 August 2011) reported on the Open Day and comments made about the Library. One student, Francisco said 'I like the electronic catalogue that makes it easier to find the books' with another Pesamino adding 'There are many books that would be helpful for research'. Both observed that the Librarians at the USP Alafua were more helpful than the ones at other libraries!



Betty Marie Pinati (Senior Library Assistant) and Lina Solomona (Library Attendant) at the Alafua Library Open Day

SOLOMON ISLANDS CAMPUS - OPEN DAY 2011

The Campus Library put on a very colourful display on Open Day. It included showcasing the books, periodicals and other items held at the library. Tours for secondary school students were conducted in the library, and videos of past open days at the Laucala Campus were also shown in the library.



Staff of SI Campus Library pose for a photo at one of their Open Day displays (from left-right); John, Roselyn, Betty, Tina & Tony



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LAUCALA CAMPUS, SUVA - TSUNAMI OF VISITORS AT USP LIBRARY ON OPEN DAY

Discovery Learning at the Library - USP Your Pathway to Success was the theme of the August 5 USP Library, Laucala Campus. Discovery learning, also known as experiential learning, challenges students to examine a topic and to follow their interests. The library attempted to become an environment where students could look at an issue from angles and independently make connections, building the kind of critical thinking skills required of future university students.

The action in the library did not go unnoticed, and the success was overwhelming. Sixty two schools, from all sides of Viti Levu came to the premises. More than 3,370 people toured the library in a five hour period.

Seeking to engage students, the library's approach was to take a single topic, 'Atolls Light & Dark' and to show many facets of the subject. The displays began in the library foyer, this year a site of both media

projects and standard visuals. The largest foyer case featured three paintings by artist Lingikoni Emelio Vaka'uta and presented the overarching view of the students as individuals, people of Oceania and most importantly, participants in their own process of learning.

Specific displays were about the dark side of atolls; the volcanic inception in atoll formation, nuclear weapons testing on Pacific atolls, and the environmental challenges facing isolated atoll populations. The library conference room was transformed into a miniature seaside set of an island under severe environmental distress. Litter, climate change, unsustainable practices were highlighted in an installation of waste, weeds and coastal debris. Coming out into the light of the Reference section, students were introduced to an assortment of books from our collection, and a large arts, culture and life display. Food and useful plants were highlighted, as were traditional oceanic

fishing skills.

This year's program was marked by collaboration. The library worked with the Oceania Centre for Arts and Culture to secure artwork, Sharmila Pillay of the Pacific Collection partnered with the Fiji museum to bring fishing artefacts for the seafaring display. Mrs. Liviana Tabalala was interviewed on Bula Fiji, a Fijian language radio show, where she discussed the importance of libraries and reading as well as giving information on the Library & Information studies program.

Internally, the library tried mixed teams for the installations. Previously displays had been by library section. With only four installations, groups were made based on strengths, and balanced with different skills, from carpentry to graphic design. It was an occasion yet again where staff were blended across sections and working together on the Library's focus of ensuring the Library is at the centre of student learning.



Library tour guides, from the left; Apikali Tuitakali, Sese Cokomata, Amalani Naulivou, John Dyer, Reshika Narayan, Lila Nair anticipating students.



The arts display features carving, weaving, storytelling and dance as the engine of culture.



Reader Services Librarians Martyn Williams and Shirley Devi wait to register schools for the tours.



Taufa Domona, Frances Chute, Davina Chand and Leela Gounder beside the atoll land display.



Library & Information Studies Lecturer Pamela Bidwell invites students to the Programme.

DEVELOPMENTS

SOLOMON ISLANDS CAMPUS LIBRARY RENOVATION

During the Semester I break in July, the Solomon Islands Campus Library underwent the first part of its renovations funded under the University's capital expenditure (CAPEX). This included a Reading Room extension, repainting of the entire library building, repairing damaged lights and fans, installing of more points for students' laptops, and putting up a new signboard in front of the library.

Also under the CAPEX allocation, the Campus Library recently purchased a velo-binding machine, an HP LaserJet colour printer, DVD player, 2 movable ladders, a hand tally counter and a whiteboard for staff notices.

The second part of the renovation work will include replacing of the floor tiles and repairing of the air-conditioning in staff workroom. These will be done during the 2011 semester break from December 2011-February 2012.



The Library Management System Athena that was temporarily unavailable is now operating to the delight of library users and management.



Newly renovated reading room

CONFERENCES WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS: 78TH IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY; 11-17 AUGUST 2012, HELSINKI, FINLAND

Congress theme: Libraries Now! – Inspiring, Surprising, Empowering

The Call for Papers/Satellite sessions/Poster sessions for the 78th IFLA Conference and Assembly is out and many close by December 31, 2011. You've got to be an early bird to be in.

For more information on the Conference go to:<http://conference.ifla.org/sites/default/files/files/wlic2012/final-announcement.pdf>

21ST PIALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 21st PIALA Annual Conference will be held in the Jewel of Micronesia, Kosrae State, Federated States of Micronesia from November 14 – 17, 2011 with the theme "Discover the Hidden Jewels in your Library and Sharing the Wealth through Collaboration". Contact: Aaron H. Sigrah, P.O Box 928, Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

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PEOPLE



Martyn Williams

Martyn Williams of Adelaide, Australia joined the University of the South Pacific Library on July 7, 2011 and is working with the team of Librarians in the Reader Services section of the Library.

Martyn has over 23 years experience in academic and public libraries in the areas of development and delivery of information literacy training programmes for tertiary students and staff, liaison between library staff and university units, coordinating a library management system, reference and information service provision, library website maintenance, establishing information and IT based skills for library users and staff, amongst others. Martyn may be contacted on Phone (679) 3232287 and on email martyn_williams@usp.ac.fj



Mary-Clare Ame

Mary-Clare Ame, a PNG national who holds a Diploma in Library and Information Management, a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Post-graduate Diploma in Information Management and Archives Administration, was recently appointed Librarian at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Mary-Clare Ame previously worked as a documentalist/information specialist on the Coastal Fisheries Management and Development project for the National Fisheries Authority of PNG. During her time on this project she was elected as Chair of the Pacific Islands/ANZ Regional Group (PIRG) of IAMSLIC.

Her experience includes work with a mining company where she was responsible for setting up the companies archive; a period with the University of Papua New Guinea Library and two years of lecturing on records management and archives at the UPNG Library school.

Mary-Clare joined the Fiji School of Medicine Library in Suva in 2006 (now known as Pasifika Campus Library) where she worked until she took up the SPC position in August 2011.

Mary-Clare is the successor to Eleanor Kleiber who left SPC in April 2011.



Roselyn Maelagi

Roselyn Maelagi joined the Solomon Islands Campus Library in June as a Library Assistant. Roselyn holds the DLIS from USP and has 13 years experience at Solomon Islands College of Higher Education (SICHE) Library.



Tina Afegau

Tina Afegau was formally appointed as a Library Attendant in June 2011 having served in a temporary attendant position for a number of years.



John Fa'adau

John Fa'adau joined the Solomon Islands Campus Library in June 2011 as a Library Attendant. John had previously worked as a Student Assistant with the Library.

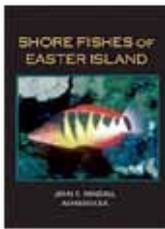


Alakalaine Alatise

Alakalaine Alatise joined the Alafua Campus Library in September on a one year fixed term contract as a Library Assistant. Alakalaine worked at Avele College where she had been in sole charge for the past 3 years.



RECENT PUBLICATIONS



SHORE FISHES OF EASTER ISLAND

By Randall, John E.; Cea, Alfredo. Honolulu, Hawaii : University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3564-4 (Cloth) 176 p. USD 35.00

Easter Island (Rapanui) is the most remote inhabited island in the Pacific Ocean and the easternmost in Oceania. Much has been written on the origin of its first inhabitants and the enormous stone statues they carved and erected, but little exists on the island's

biota. Knowing that very few species of fishes had been reported for Easter Island, John Randall went there in 1969, with the support of the National Geographic Society, to study the fish fauna. He was joined during revisits in 1988 and 1989 by the island's medical doctor, Alfredo Cea. They published the Rapanui names of fishes in 1984.

The total number of Easter Island shore fishes to a depth of 200 meters is only 139 species. However, an astounding 21.7 percent are known only from the island, second only to the Hawaiian Islands in the percentage of endemic fishes. Forty-four new species of fishes have been described, of which 25 are in scientific papers by Randall or by Randall and co-authors. Shore Fishes of Easter Island puts all of these fishes in one beautifully illustrated book with introductory chapters (Historical Review, Zoogeography, Marine Conservation, Materials and Methods).



CONSERVATION OF PACIFIC SEA TURTLES

By Dutton, Peter; Squires, Dale; Ahmed, Mahfuzuddin. Honolulu, Hawaii : University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3407-4 (Cloth) 496 p. USD 55.00

Across the Pacific, populations of some species of sea turtles face extinction unless recent dramatic declines are reversed. The continuing decline of leatherbacks and loggerheads in particular illustrates the limitations of the current gradual and unilateral approach to conservation. Recovery requires instead a holistic solution that addresses all sources of mortality throughout the entire life history and habitat use of these transnational populations.

Historically conservation efforts have focused on nesting sites to protect eggs and breeding females; mortality from coastal and high seas fisheries was not addressed. In the past five years, recovery has widened to include rigorously curtailing fishing and technological fixes that lower rates of incidental sea turtle deaths during fishing. Although each of these approaches shows promise, it has become increasingly clear that they alone will not recover severely depleted populations.

Recognizing the urgency of the problem, this book presents ideas and case studies by conservation biologists, economists, marine life policy experts, fishing industry and fisheries professionals, management specialists, and development assistance researchers. It provides a new synthesis and blueprint for action that shifts the paradigm from piecemeal and unilateral conservation to a more holistic and multilateral approach to the recovery of Pacific sea turtle populations.



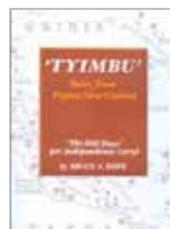
CHANGING CONTEXTS, SHIFTING MEANINGS: TRANSFORMATIONS OF CULTURAL TRADITIONS IN OCEANIA

By Hermann, Elfriede (ed). Honolulu, Hawaii : University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3366-4 (Cloth) 384 p. USD 58.00

This book sheds new light on processes of cultural transformation at work in Oceania and analyses them as products of interrelationships between culturally created

meanings and specific contexts. In a series of inspiring essays, noted scholars of the region examine these interrelationships for insight into how cultural traditions are shaped on an ongoing basis.

The collection marks a turning point in the debate on the conceptualization of tradition. Following a critique of how tradition has been viewed in terms of dichotomies like authenticity vs. inauthenticity, contributors stake out a novel perspective in which tradition figures as context-bound articulation. This makes it possible to view cultural traditions as resulting from interactions between people—their ideas, actions, and objects—and the ambient contexts. Such interactions are analyzed from the past down to the Oceanian present—with indigenous agency being highlighted. The work focuses first on early encounters, initially between Pacific Islanders themselves and later with the European navigators of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, to clarify how meaningful actions and contexts interrelated in the past. The present-day memories of Pacific Islanders are examined to ask how such memories represent encounters that occurred long ago and how they influenced the social, political, economic, and religious changes that ensued. Next, contributors address ongoing social and structural interactions that social actors enlist to shape their traditions within the context of globalization and then the repercussions that these intersections and intercultural exchanges of discourses and practices are having on active identity formation as practiced by Pacific Islanders. Finally, two authorities on Oceania—who themselves move in the intersecting space between anthropology and history—discuss the essays and add their own valuable reflections.



TYMBU TALES FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA 'THE OLD DAYS PRE-INDEPENDENCE

Hope, Bruce. A. Papua New Guinea. 2010. ISBN: 9780646527611, 156p. FJ 25.00

Bruce Hope was born in Perth, W.A. during the Depression of the Thirties. Bruce grew up in Canberra during the Forties and fifties where he developed an interest in Politics. He taught in provincial schools in

PNG for six years and was part of the Administration of that country for a further ten. A number of his stories and articles emanate from this period. He graduated in Economics from University of Papua New Guinea before returning to Australia.



DESTINY'S LANDFALL: A HISTORY OF GUAM, Revised Edition

By Rogers, Robert F. Honolulu, Hawaii : University Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3334-3 (Cloth) 408 p. USD 37.00

This revised edition of the standard history of Guam is intended for general readers and students of the history, politics, and government of the Pacific region. Its narrative spans more than 450 years, beginning with the

initial written records of Guam by members of Magellan 1521 expedition and concluding with the impact of the recent global recession on Guam's fragile economy.

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