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BUILDING LIBRARIES AFTER CYCLONE WINSTON!

Cyclone Winston was a Category 5 cyclone and the most devastating to ever pass through Fiji. It brought much personal and national suffering to our people and the 20 February 2016 will remain in the minds of many.

All schools and their libraries in the path of Winston were badly damaged leaving thousands of school children without this essential resource. It is a sad sight to see school libraries that were the result of the toil of many, in total ruin.

As efforts are concentrated in the first few weeks on humanitarian issues and getting children back into schools, Library Services of Fiji and the Fiji Library Association are working to rebuild the collections of those schools affected.

Through PacFika, I appeal to all our friends, families, libraries, book lovers, educationists, publishers, literary groups, locally and

internationally, to assist Fiji in building school libraries through donations of books for primary and secondary schools.

For queries relating to donations please contact (i) Library Services of Fiji: Ms Merewalesi Vueti: Email: merewalesi.vueti@govnet.gov.fj, Postal address: P.O.BOX 2526, Government Building, Suva. Phone contact: (679) 3315303 or The Fiji Library Association via fla@lyris.spc.int.fj or The President, Ela Qica at qica_c@usp.ac.fj

As we rebuild those parts of our nation affected by Winston, PacFika acknowledges the timely and wonderful assistance from our Pacific neighbours, governments and regional, international and local organisations and communities.

Elizabeth Reade Fong



FIJI PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY RECEIVES DONATION FROM UNDP

On Tuesday, 08 March 2016, the Speaker of the Fiji Parliament, Dr. Jiko Luveni received books, journals and subscriptions to eResources valued at FJD20,000 from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under its outreach initiative to build and strengthen the Fiji Parliamentary Library research collection.

Acknowledging the donation, Dr. Luveni said “We are indeed grateful to

UNDP and the Government of New Zealand, the European Union, and the Governments of Australia and Japan for their continued support to the Fiji Parliament. The resources go a long way in ensuring that our members of Parliament have access to the much-needed and up-to-date research services and support to enable them to prepare for any Parliament sitting and parliamentary committees,”

Reiterating a similar message, the UNDP Parliamentary Development specialist, Dyfan Jones said “research and library services were essential for MPs to be able to undertake their work and for committees when scrutinising legislation and providing oversight of the Government.”

EU ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific, Andrew Jacobs spoke on the principles of democratic and accountable governance upon which the EU is built, and in reaffirming the value of libraries, Mr. Jacobs concluded by quoting Albert Einstein who had said ‘The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.’

Sources: Fiji Times Online Wednesday 09 March <http://www.fjitime.com/story.aspx?id=344777>; Fijivillage news online Monday 07 March <http://fjivillage.com/news/Parliament-receives-library-resources-from-UNDP-9rk52s/>

FIJI NATIONAL BOOK DRIVE 2016

School children and teachers from Suva’s Central Division joined hands with librarians and information specialists from the University of the South Pacific and Library Services of Fiji to celebrate the launching of the National Book Drive initiative.

The book drive was launched by Sin Joan Yee, University Librarian with the University of the South Pacific who urged all stakeholders to support this worthy initiative as a library is very important to the whole education system. She said that she felt that library development was an area that has been neglected for many years. Ms. Yee encouraged students and people to read more as it will develop their knowledge and improve their writing skills.

The initiative continued with a book drive at Pacific Harbour on Friday 05 February.

A team from the Ministry of Education and Library Services of Fiji will visit different divisions over a period of 13 weeks to receive donations.

Editor’s note: After Winston, this drive is even more important!

Source:<http://fjivillage.com/news/National-Book-Drive-launched-for-schools-and-libraries-25rs9k/>



DEVELOPMENTS

ACCESS TO UN ILIBRARY BY USP

The USP community of academics and students have received four months of complementary access to the subscription based United Nations iLibrary via an online single research repository in different formats.

The United Nations iLibrary is the first comprehensive global search, discovery, and viewing source for digital content created by the United Nations. It provides librarians, information specialists, scholars, students, policy makers, influencers and the general public with a single digital destination for seamlessly accessing publications, journals, data, and series published by the United Nations Secretariat, and its funds and programs.

The United Nations iLibrary offers an extensive list of features that deliver flexibility, speed, and efficiency such as intuitive navigation, integrated search results, granular content, citation tool, DOI identification, and multilingual content.

Topics cover all aspects of the United Nations and include amongst many

others children and youth; democracy and governance, economic and social development, environment and climate change, human rights & refugees, human settlements & urban issues; natural resources, water & energy; peacekeeping & security; population & demography; public health and women and gender issues.

For more information, go to United Nations Depository Library <http://www.un-ilibrary.org>

USP JOINS PAMBU

The University of the South Pacific Library is now a member of The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PAMBU) following a decision by the Board to offer a much reduced membership subscription fee.

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau was formed in 1968 to copy archives, manuscripts, photographs and rare printed material relating to the Pacific Islands and is located in the College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University.

The aim of the Bureau is to help with long-term preservation and accessibility

to the documentary heritage of the Pacific Islands which are at risk of loss or destruction, or are difficult to access.

It is a non-profit organisation sponsored by an international consortium of libraries specialising in Pacific research. It is an archive of the most extensive collection of non-Government primary documentation on the Pacific Islands which includes over 4,000 rolls of microfilm and related published indexes. The original documents are left with the owners or custodians. Owners determine access conditions to the copies and retain custody of the original documents.

This is a most valuable collection for USP students and academics who are researching Pacific issues of importance from an historical perspective. Anyone with Internet access can search the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau catalogue, however only customers of member libraries can access the full text digital collections (jpgs of images and pdfs of manuscripts) in the database.

Interested libraries may contact pambu@anu.edu.au for information about becoming a member institution.

Source: <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambu>

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN FIJI RECEIVE THE BRUTAL FORCE OF TROPICAL CYCLONE WINSTON

Tropical Cyclone Winston that savagely hit Fiji on Saturday, 20 February 2016 will go down in history as the most devastating and traumatising disaster ever experienced. Generations will live to retell the horrors of the disaster and the extent of the damages and loss of property, food supplies and rural infrastructures never seen before.

Winston impacted on the lives of people both young and old and dramatically tipped the scale of development and growth in communities and the country as a whole.

Young children and students, who, in addition to witnessing the loss of their personal belongings, homes and villages also saw the collapse and destruction of their schools and libraries.

The photographs below depict the destruction of libraries,

schools and academic institutions' facilities and infrastructures. Support learning resources in print and electronic and audio and visual formats including equipment were destroyed. Access to online resources was also affected as a result of loss of equipment and electricity.

The Government has made education a priority in the rebuilding process which augurs well for our children and although the journey from relief to recovery is far and long, our peoples' determination to rebuild will surpass all losses. The 'we are stronger than Winston' approach will ensure this.

Viti Levu based students whose schools were damaged have been relocated to others but there are those in outer islands of Koro in Lomaiviti and Vanuabalavu in Lau who remain in evacuation centres.

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Below is a summary based on tabulated data provided by Fiji Ministry of Education and Library Services of Fiji.

In their initial assessment, as at 1st March 2016, the Fiji Ministry of Education estimated 75% -100% damage to library books in schools in the worst affected areas being the Southern coast of Vanua Levu, Savusavu and the islands of Koro, Taveuni and in the Lau, Lomaiviti and Yasawa groups. Land areas on Viti Levu affected were Korovou, Rakiraki, Tavua, and Ba.

Data provided by more than 100 affected schools estimates damage of approximately 82,000 library books.



Ratu Kadavulevu School library lost its roof and walls



Qalivakabau District School library Sinuvaca Village Koro, book shelves standing without shelter



Drauniivi Primary School in Ra - what is left of the computer lab, library and classroom.



Magadro District School (interior of Ba) library; only opened in May 2015



The remains of Somolevu Catholic School Library, Vuaki Village, Yasawa. Set up in August 2015

CYCLONE WINSTON AND USP

Dr. Pramila Devi, Campus Director USP Lautoka reported that the Penang Sangam College building which housed the USP Rakiraki Centre Library was severely damaged. The roof of the building where the library was located was completely blown away with the bulk of the library collection of books, journals and DVDs wet, damaged and/or blown away.

The USP Lautoka Campus team had visited and assessed the extent of damage. One third of the collection equivalent to 55 boxes of books salvaged from the site have been packed and sent to Lautoka for freezing and drying. The remaining two thirds of the collection were damaged to the extent that they cannot be repaired.



USP Rakiraki Centre Library

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

USP LIBRARY NETWORK VACANCIES

The Library complies with international standards that require the appointment of persons with internationally recognized library qualifications. In this context, the recruitment of professional librarians has been a challenge for the USP Library as there is a lack of trained regional personnel to fill positions with the response from the international community of professionals varied over the years.

Within the USP Library network of 22 campus/centre libraries, professional librarian positions exist at the Main Campus, Laucala, (Fiji), Alafua Campus, (Samoa); Emalus Campus

(Vanuatu) and the Solomon Islands Campus in Honiara.

All professional positions are advertised locally, regionally and internationally with the minimum requirement a Masters in library/information studies that is recognised by professional institutions such as ALIA and CILIP, combined with experience ranging from 3-10 years and knowledge and skills depending on the level of the position. In specialist positions, specific requirements are stated.

For those who may be interested in working as a professional at the USP

Library, useful contacts for various aspects of Library work are provided below:

- (i) for information about the Library: refer to the USP Library website at <http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=61>
- (ii) For vacant Library professional positions: refer to the <http://sols.usp.ac.fj/kiosk/pub/vacancies.pl>
- (iii) library@usp.ac.fj for general information/clarifications about library professional positions.

JAYSHREE MAMTORA APPOINTED CHAIR, IFLA REGIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA

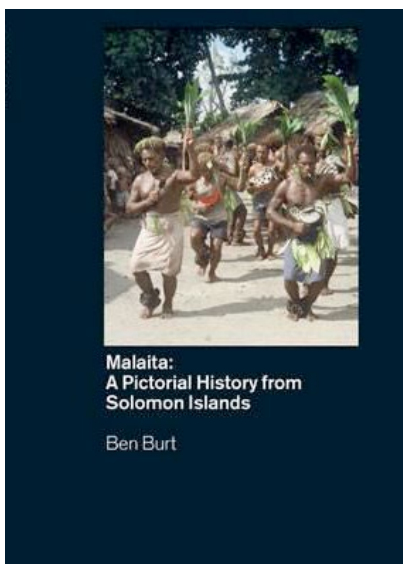
The IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO)) is a very important IFLA section for those working in libraries in the Pacific. It is the main avenue for our voices to be heard at the international level and leading the RSCAO in 2016-2017 as Chair is Ms. Jayshree Mamtora (jayshree.mamtora@cdu.edu.au) to whom we offer our congratulations and best wishes.

Jayshree worked with the USP Library for 12 years following a number of years in the Solomon Islands with her husband, Peter Walton and is well known to many in the Pacific library arena. Jayshree has served on the RSCAO Executive since 2009 in various capacities. Other RSCAO Executives from the Oceania Region include Mr. Winston Roberts of the National Library of New Zealand

and Ms. Heather Todd, Director of University of Queensland Library.

The full list of members can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/standing-committee/26>

Malaita: a pictorial history of the Solomon Islands: FREE OF CHARGE FOR MALAITANS and SOLOMON ISLANDERS



A book tracing the history and culture of a Pacific island through over 680 pictures from the British Museum and from public and private archives around the world has been published.

The outstanding issue relating to this title is that the print and pdf electronic versions of Malaita: a pictorial history of the Solomon Islands [ISBN 978 0 86159 201 2] are being distributed and made accessible free of charge for the people of Malaita and the Solomon Islands who are the subjects.

For all others, the price is £40 for the print version and may be ordered online at britishmuseum.org/shop. The pdf version of the book will be available as a free download from the British Museum website from December 2016.

Access to Information in Small Island Developing States. IFLA RSCAO SATELLITE EVENT 12 AUGUST, 2016

The IFLA Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania (RSCAO) Executive in collaboration with ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) and the local Organising Committee with representatives from the Columbus College of Art and Design and the Columbus Metropolitan Library, is organising an IFLA Satellite meeting on 12 August 2016 in Columbus Ohio on the theme of *Access to Information in Small Island Developing States*. It is closely linked to “the recently released Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, and IFLA’s Strategic Directions and Key Initiatives of ‘Libraries in Society’ and ‘Capacity

It is expected that the satellite meeting will provide a forum for discussion, learning and exchange of ideas in relation to developing and promoting access to information in SIDS (Small Island Developing States). It would be particularly relevant to those individuals who have an interest in engaging with the wider discussion on sustainable development and the role of libraries.

Whilst the submission for presentations closed on 21 March 2016 (pre-publication of this edition of *Pacifika*), attendance/participation is still open. Further details visit: <http://2016.ifla.org/cfp-calls/asia-and-oceania-section-satellite-meeting>

2016 AURORA INSTITUTE FOR EMERGING LEADERS May 23-27, 2016

Libraries need leaders and the Pacific is no exception. If you are in a point in your career where training in this area is needed, the Aurora Institute at Manly, NSW, Australia programme might be suitable for you

This emerging leaders’ programme focuses on a career development model exploring leadership capability, cultural and emotional intelligence, functional excellence, and critical experiences. It is designed to enable participants will explore their current reality and strengths, the rationale for action, a need for vision, strategy for action and the culture in which we develop as leaders.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 12 April and more information can be obtained from Lisa McConchie, Program Administrator, Aurora Foundation Ltd, M: +61 413833978. E: lisa@aurorafoundation.org.au

Cost of the programme is AUD4,995 (plus GST) which includes all accommodation and meals. Financial assistance scholarships are available. Visit the website <http://aurorafoundation.org.au/> for more information.

PEOPLE

An Interview with ALAKALINE ALATISE, LIBRARY ASSISTANT, ALAFUA CAMPUS

Alakalaine Alatise is a library assistant at the USP Alafua campus, Samoa. Laine, as she is more often called, successfully completed the USP Diploma in Library and Information Studies in 2015. The study was not smooth sailing for Laine as she had to juggle studies with her roles as mother and fulltime worker. Despite all odds, Laine was determined to complete the DLIS. Below is her interview with Vilimaina Vakaciwa, Librarian Regional, USP.

Q: Please give me a summary of your studies: when did you start, what course etc.; and how you feel about your achievement?

I started DLIS in 2012 with LS101 S1 and LS102 S2, 2013 LS203 (30 weeks paper) and UU114, 2014 LS310 S1 and LS204 S2, 2015 MG101 & PD101 S1 and MG106 & LS205 S2 with some USP financial concession. I felt relieved and so happy with my achievement even though it was tough and costly for me.

Q: What motivated you to do the course?

The motivational factors were my dream to obtain a qualification and to test myself as to whether I could go back to study after so

many years that would provide me with more job opportunities in the library field.

Q: What are your views about the library and information profession in Samoa?



The library and information profession in Samoa is not one that gets big support from government ministries. One problem is the appointment of people with no experience and qualifications in Library Science to leadership positions in the country. We have revived the Library Association of Samoa and there is a need for members to focus on development of libraries as a body pursuing a common interest as priority followed by personal interests. There are not many job opportunities for paraprofessionals and professional librarians apart from school libraries, some special libraries and two academic libraries of NUS & USP. Many who work and are employed in the library profession in Samoa are untrained and have little knowledge of library work with little encouragement to obtain qualifications.

PEOPLE

Q: How do you gauge the interest of young people in Samoa in pursuing library and information studies as a career?

Through marketing of the library training programme and networking on USP Open Day.

Q: What would you think are reasons for young people's lack of interest in pursuing a qualification in library studies?

Two reasons (i) Many view the library career as of low status and (ii) many do not know or understand the role and value of the profession which is made worse by a lack of paid positions.

Q: What are some changes you would like to see in the library profession in Samoa?

More recognition of the library profession and library personnel staff especially by the ministries under which libraries fall (MESC); to offer competitive salary rates for library career (school library assistants) personnel and scholarships

Q: How can you contribute towards library development in your country?

Through my network at the Library Association of Samoa, to run a course for library assistants like the ones done in 2007-2009 so that more school leavers who are still not able to find jobs can join the library profession and move forward in the careers.

Q: What is your vision for your own personal/professional development in the next five years?

My dream for the next five years is to pursue a degree in Library and Information studies.

Q: What is one important advice you may like to share with students and adults?

Always stay positive, study hard and never give up and trust in God, the giver of wisdom and understanding who can do marvellous things for us.

WELCOME

JAMIE BLOSS

Ms **Jamie Bloss** joined USP Library as Librarian Reader Services on 08 March 2016. Jamie last worked at the Hudson Public Library for a year, September 2014 – November 2015. She also did part time teaching where she taught information literacy classes as an adjunct instructor for the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University.



Jamie attained her Masters in Library & Information Sciences (MLIS.) from Kent State University, School of Library and Information Science, Kent, OHIO in 2013. Her areas of study include special and academic libraries. Her first undergraduate degree is a BA, English from Kent State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Kent in 2011. Jamie's academic and professional research focus is on information fluency and technology instruction, health sciences libraries, museums, and archives. She has written reviews, research papers and also gave presentations and lectures in her areas of expertise. Jamie looks forward to enjoy the tropical climate of the Pacific, learn about the culture and to further her career in academic libraries.

FAREWELL

Ms. SHARMILA PILLAY

Ms. JAINUL ALI



Ms **Jainul Ali** retired from USP Library on 2 August 2015 after serving as a Library Assistant for over 14 years. Jainul first joined USP Library as Library Assistant on 25 February 2001 and had worked in both technical and customer services. Her service to PIMRIS and OSIC was commendable.



Ms. **Sharmila Pillay** resigned from her position as a Librarian in Reader Services with the USP Library on 9 September 2015. Sharmila started at USP library as a part-time Library Assistant, Reader Services before obtaining an undergraduate degree in Information & Records Management from Curtin University, Australia. She re-joined USP on 27 April 2009 as Librarian Pacific Collection. Sharmila resigned to pursue personal interests.

Mr. MACIU BULAI



Mr **Maciu Bulai** retired on 22 October 2015 after serving the USP Library for nearly 40 years. Maciu or commonly known to staff as Mac, joined USP Library as Library Attendant on 8 November 1976. Mac was admired for his artistic talent and creativity and his commitment to USP library.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR RUSSELL BOWDEN



The Late Professor Russell Bowden

Professor Russell Bowden, an eminent library scholar died on Wednesday 27 January 2016 in Kottawa, Sri Lanka. Russell, a Chartered Librarian was born in Manchester, UK and worked for the British Council in Iraq, India, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and London. From 1974-1976 he served as the Professor, Head of Department and Course Director of the MA program at Loughborough University of Technology and with the Faculty of Education developed a curriculum for Masters Degrees in Archives, Librarianship, Information Science and Education. Russell worked for the Library Association, UK (now CILIP) as the Deputy Chief Executive for nearly 20 years (1974-1994).

Professor Bowden was very involved in IFLA activities for nearly 24 years. He was the first Vice President of IFLA. He served in a number of IFLA Sections and Groups including Asia & Oceania and FAIFE in many capacities. Until very recently Russell was very active in the Regional Standing Committee on Asia and Oceania as a member, corresponding member and advisor.

He spent the rest of his life in Sri Lanka after his retirement in 1996.

Elizabeth Fong Deputy University Librarian at the USP recalls meeting Professor Bowden when she was a library school student (1980) in London and he was Deputy Chief Executive of the Library Association (UK) now CILIP. Their paths crossed again as members of the IFLA RSCAO. She described Russell as full of life and totally committed to the profession and its development and to libraries in developing countries.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS



SCIENCE FOR HUMAN SECURITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND RIM/PACIFIC SCIENCE INTER-CONGRESS.

Fiji: USP, 2013 ISBN: 9789820109384 53 p. F\$60.00

“The 12th Pacific Science Inter-Congress is organized in collaboration with the Pacific Science Association (PSA), a regional, non-governmental, scholarly organization that seeks to advance science and technology in support of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Since the first Pacific Science Congress held in 1920 in Honolulu, PSA has convened Pacific Science Congresses and Inter-Congresses every two years in different venues throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Through Congress and Inter-Congress meetings, and ongoing scientific Working Groups, PSA provides an interdisciplinary platform for scientists to discuss research findings and their relevance to the region. The focus of the 12th Inter-Congress includes physical, biological, and social sciences and encompasses terrestrial, marine, atmospheric, and social/cultural subjects and approaches in the Pacific Islands and Rim region.”



BEING THE FIRST : STORIES BLONG OLOKETA MERE LO SOLOMON AELAN / ALICE ARUHE'ETA POLLARD AND MARILYN J WARING, EDITORS.

Solomon Island: Honiara: Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands; Auckland, N.Z.: AUT University Institute of Public Policy and Pacific Media Centre, c2009. , ISBN: 9781877314766 162 p. F\$20.00

“This is the first book published about Solomon Islands women by Solomon Islands women. It collects the life stories of 14 women who broke through the barriers - as Permanent Secretaries, Officers of Parliament, the women ever elected to Parliament, and a former Public Service Commissioner. The stories speak of their childhoods, their education- often while separated for years from their families- and their first paid employment.”



A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW FOR FIJI: A PUBLIC WORKSHOP / CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM (FIJI).

Suva, Fiji: Citizen's Constitutional Forum, 2005. ISBN: 9789823390109 146 p. F\$46.50

“On 30th September 2004, the Citizens Constitutional Forum and the Journalism Programme at the University of the South Pacific co-hosted a public workshop in Suva, on the need for a freedom of information law for Fiji. The purpose of the workshop was to launch a discussion paper and draft bill, which the CCF had prepared earlier in the year, and more broadly to build support for, and attract new participants in, campaigning for the introduction of an Act of Parliament to give members of the public right to access to information held by the Government and its agencies (and perhaps also to certain information held by private bodies).”



LORD, HERE COMES THE FLOOD: INVESTIGATING THE CHAINS OF CLIMATE CHANGE DISCOURSES IN KIRIBATI / LASSE KOLBON ANKE HANSEN.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2014. ISBN: 9789820109155 120 p. F\$17.95

“This thesis is aimed at uncovering the chains of climate change discourses in Kiribati. Building a theoretical and analytical framework from literature on accountability and responsiveness.”



MARINE PLANTS OF SAMOA: A FIELD GUIDE TO THE MARINE PLANTS OF THE SAMOAN ARCHIPELAGO / POSA ARTHUR SKELTON AND GRAHAM ROBIN SOUTH.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2014 ISBN: 9789820109094 140 p. F\$45.00

“Marine Plants of Samoa is an invaluable guide to the marine flora of the Samoan Archipelago and provides a fully illustrated reference for students and researchers in the field.”



POSTCARDS FROM OCEANIA: PORT TOWNS, PORTRAITS AND THE PICTURESQUE DURING THE COLONIAL ERA / MAX QUANCHI AND MAX SHEKLETON.

Suva, Fiji: USP Press, 2015. ISBN: 9789820109414 202 p. F\$85.95

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

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