



The University of the South Pacific Library
Laucala Campus

LIBRARY NEWS

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1 WELCOME

Bula vinaka and welcome back to the Campus and your physical Library!

2 General Information

We remind you that the Library holds a wealth of information to support your studies and encourage you to use its resources and services. You can access the new Library website from: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/library>.

Due to COVID-19 and curfew restrictions, the new opening hours from Monday October 4 2021 are:

3 Library Semester Opening Hours:

Main Library

Monday- Friday	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Public Holiday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lower Camps Library (PIMRIS)

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday/Public Holidays	Closed

The Pacific Collection & Main Issue Desks at the Main Library cease operations 30 minutes prior to Library closure.

As we re-engage F2F, compliance with COVID safety requirements and protocols is essential at the main and lower campus libraries:

- ❖ 70% of total capacity seating limit
- ❖ Proof of vaccination upon entry
- ❖ Wearing of a face mask
- ❖ Physical distancing of 2 metres
- ❖ Temperature checks at entrance (random)
- ❖ Regular washing of hands using soap and
- ❖ Use of sanitiser.

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FEATURE:

We offer the following to help you:

- ❖ Search @USP Library for resources with accompanying video on how to search
- ❖ Walk Online Information Research Skill sessions to improve information literacy
- ❖ Ask-a-Librarian online help with research assistance & queries
- ❖ Open Education Resources (OERs) and Databases for online resources
- ❖ Subject & Reference Guides
- ❖ Information Desk for F2F research assistance & queries
- ❖ A Pacific Collection of valuable Pacific related material
- ❖ OSIC regional sports information
- ❖ PIMRIS for information on Marine Resources
- ❖ Reserve Collection for course texts
- ❖ Liaison Librarians to assist with research queries and skills
- ❖ Inter Library Loans for what is not held
- ❖ Regional Campus & Centre Libraries Network
- ❖ USP Thesis Collection for unique Pacific research
- ❖ MFDs for printing, photocopying and scanning
- ❖ Learning Labs for workshops, trainings or meetings considering social distancing
- ❖ Discussion Rooms
- ❖ ISBN & CiP for publishers
- ❖ Final Examination papers to help with exam preparation
- ❖ Audio Visual Collections of DVDs
- ❖ Newspapers & Periodicals
- ❖ Reference Collection
- ❖ Social Sciences Collection & Science Collection
- ❖ Leisure Reading

Make the Library a Priority to Visit!

5 Library Information Research Skills (IRS)

This programme promotes excellence in teaching information resources and research strategies to students in all disciplines. For Undergraduate students, you will learn the following:

- (i) Planning your search
- (ii) Searching the library catalogue 'Enterprise'
- (iii) Expert tips for searching popular databases
- (iv) In-text citations and reference lists using notable style guides
- (v) Use of EndNote, a citation management software.

Postgraduate Students

We offer IRS training in two ways:

- *The Mandatory programme*
All PG students registered since 2018 are mandated by the USP Senate to complete 14.5 hours of online information research training with 85% pass before proceeding.
- *Group and individual sessions for ALL*
All PG students are eligible for complementary IRS sessions and are encouraged to contact the PG IRS Coordinator or Liaison Librarian to organise individual or group sessions at the convenience of PG students.

The following modules are taught:

- 1: Getting to know the Library, getting to know you
- 2: Finding the literature using Search@USPLibrary
- 3: Selecting databases for your research
- 4: Using journal articles to strengthen your subject knowledge
- 5: Web searching: Google Scholar and grey literature
- 6: Finding USP theses and guidelines
- 7: Current awareness
- 8: Working with citation tools using EndNote/Mendeley to manage references
- 9: Researcher ID
- 10: Presenting information

For assistance and registration, email:

irslibrary@usp.ac.fj state your name, student id, programme of study and phone contact.

6 Reminders

1. All library users with overdue titles on their account have until 30th October 2021 to return their items without incurring a fine (unless the fine was

from before the library closure period starting on 22 April 2021).

2. The standard loan period for all library materials and the regular library fine amounts for overdue items will be reinstated by 1st November 2021.

3. The new Book Courier Service which began in August will cease to run. However, the Library Book Drop-Off Bin located at the Security Booth at the Pedestrian Gate to Laucala Campus will still be available for those students unable to enter Campus grounds.

7 The Library –A Public Space

The Library takes no responsibility for the safety of personal items. **Do not leave personal items unattended at any time!**

8 Staff

The Library farewelled one of its valuable staff member, Alanieta Valuvou who passed away on 14 August 2021 due to COVID. Ala, as she is commonly called will be missed by the library staff as she was an excellent worker, committed to her cleaning responsibility and a valuable member of the cleaning staff team. May Ala rest in peace.

9 Need Help?

Trained library staff located at the Information Desk welcome the opportunity to help you. You can contact the staff on phone: 323-2402.

Alternatively, you can contact our online information desk at askalibrarian@usp.ac.fj

Keep updated with our tukutuku@usp.ac.fj and social media communications!



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