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WELCOME BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Bula and welcome to the Fiji National University Library, where you'll find smart spaces for everything you need to learn.

Libraries at FNU serve as hubs for community connections to services including broadband, computers, classes, and programs, as well as books, movies, and other media. Importantly, libraries connect us to each other.

The FNU Library offers a blended service that is essential for engaging, high-quality learning

and discovery. We provide ongoing improvised virtual and physical learning, teaching, and research access to support both in-person and digital formats. You can access many of our resources digitally, and our libraries are open for in-person visits.

Dr Udy Shukla
University Librarian



NEW ARRIVALS

The Library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new resources to its collections. [Click Here to View New Arrivals](#)

YOUR FNU LIBRARY

Did you know FNU has 16 libraries across Fiji?



The User Engagement Librarians are here to serve as your guiding lights for a wide range of subject-specific and course-related queries.

Need assistance with citation styles, embarking on research for design justice?

Look no further! FNU's User Engagement Librarians are ready and eager to assist.



EMPOWERING ACADEMIC RESEARCH FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

As part of the ongoing training, the library in collaboration with the Centre for Graduate Studies conducted a 2-day virtual training session on the 25th and 26th of September. The team showcased 12 essential databases, including Knovel, JSTOR, SAGE Research Method, Medline Ultimate, ProQuest, Academic Complete, Science Direct, Education Research Complete, AGORA, Scopus, Taylor & Francis Online, and EBSCO Discoveries Services. This initiative is aimed at empowering both faculty and students by enhancing their research skills and access to high-quality academic resources.

These databases provide access to a wealth of scholarly content, equipping researchers with the tools to conduct in-depth literature reviews, gather current data, and stay up to date with advancements in their fields. By exploring these resources, participants gained insights into leveraging each platform's unique features, improving research accuracy, and streamlining the search process. This training is part of a larger effort to promote academic excellence and foster a culture of research within the institution.





MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY MASTER STUDENT VISIT FNU

A group of master's students from Melbourne, Australia, visited the Natabua campus library for an educational experience. They attended an Information Literacy (IL) session focused on introducing them to the library's extensive resources, research tools, and academic support services. The students expressed a strong interest in referencing tools, particularly EndNote, widely used by master's students for managing citations and references. The session provided a

comprehensive overview of EndNote's features, demonstrating how it assists in organizing research materials, formatting citations in various styles, and ensuring academic integrity by preventing plagiarism. The session concluded with the students participating in a guided tour of the library, exploring study areas and the physical book collections. They were also shown how to access online databases and e-books, vital resources for postgraduate research.

ENHANCING ACADEMIC SUPPORT: GUIDED LIBRARY TOURS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A group of Free Bird students from Japan visited the Nasinu Campus library for a guided tour. The tour provided an opportunity for them to explore the library's facilities and understand the services available to support their academic needs. During the visit, we introduced the students to the study spaces, digital resources, and academic support services that can assist them in their studies. The tour emphasized how to access both physical and digital resources, ensuring they can make the most of what the library has to offer.



UNLOCK ADVANCED RESEARCH TOOLS DURING TRIAL ACCESS

The Digital Section also engaged FNU scholars through a webinar focused on an in-depth exploration of ScopusAI—an intuitive, generative AI-powered search tool designed to enhance understanding and provide enriched insights with remarkable speed and clarity. The trial access to ScopusAI elevates the research experience by offering AI-driven tools that help uncover trends, assess research impact, and connect disciplines with greater efficiency. Following the CABI trial, which offers authoritative resources in agriculture, environmental science, and applied life sciences, users now have access to the latest global research on food security and public health. This trial provides a valuable opportunity for students, faculty, and researchers to explore



cutting-edge scholarly content and research tools. Scopus AI and CABI enable researchers to uncover valuable insights while ensuring the transparency, reliability, accuracy, and relevance of their results.

LIBRARY WEBINARS

Fiji National University Library organised webinar sessions for students, teachers, and the community about the library's resources, services, and events. Webinars make information more accessible to individuals who may have difficulty visiting a physical library.

Scopus AI

(19th August – 16th September 2024)

CAB Abstracts

(30th August – 30th September 2024)

Global Health

(30th August – 30th September 2024)

CABI Compendium

(30th August – 30th September 2024)



DONATIONS FROM ORGANISATION

No	Donor	Title of Books
1	Kelera Tuvou Ganivatu	The Peregrine Falcon's cry poems (15.07.2024 – 1 copy)
2	Vice Chancellors office	Pacific inside (15.07.2024 – 20 copies)
3	Tevita Motumanoa	Perioperative Mortality rate for Tonga from 2015 - 2019, Tonga (23.07.2024 – 2 copies)
4	Augustin Gasivaka Melly	Out- come of emergency laparotomy in Solomon Islands (23.07.2024 – 2 copies)
5	Dr. Anuraag Prasheel Sharma	Descriptive study of endotracheal intubation practices at colonial war memorial hospital emergency department (23.07.2024 – 2)
6	Sanjeshni Chand	Sun Never sets on Indian Diaspora (Conference proceedings) (30.07.2024 – 1)
7	Robert Philip	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice regarding HIV and AIDS among students at the College of Humanities and education, Lautoka Campus, of the Fiji (23.07.2024 – 2 copies)
8	Bhagwanji Bindi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discourses on Radhasoami Faith (17.09.2024 – 2 copies) The First International Conference on Dayabagh Science of Consciousness. DSC 2019 (17.09.2024 – 2 copies) Dayabagh Garden of the Merciful (17.09.2024 – 2 copies)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SUPPORT EXCELLENCE

The Administrative Services section of Fiji National University Library plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of library facilities and programs. This section oversees critical aspects such as staff coordination, facility management, and resource allocation. During the semester break, from June 15th to July 14th, 2024, the library maintained reduced operational hours to accommodate maintenance and reorganisation efforts. Normal library hours resumed on July 15th, 2024, with the administrative team ensuring seamless transitions in library services, from event displays to the successful launch of the “My Book” Book Bank initiative.

Through their dedicated efforts, the administrative team has continued to support the library’s role in fostering student engagement and learning. Whether through organising events or managing resources, the administrative team’s work allows the library to function as a hub for academic and social enrichment.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Our library celebrated numerous global and local events to foster community engagement and learning. Here is a chronological timeline of key events celebrated from July to September:

18th July: Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country’s first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. The library set up a dedicated display featuring his life, achievements, and contributions to the world. This display not only educates library users about Nelson Mandela but also inspires them to learn more about his impact and encourages them to contribute positively to society.



August 9th: International Day of the Indigenous Peoples

To promote awareness about the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, the library created a compelling and educational display that highlights the cultures, histories, and current issues facing indigenous peoples worldwide.

August 12th: International Youth Day

International Youth Day is celebrated annually on August 12th. This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of young people around the world, as well as raising awareness about the challenges and issues they face. It is an opportunity to promote the active engagement of youth in social, economic, and political processes.



August 12th – 16th: National Week of Action Against Bullying and Violence

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is an annual event in Australia dedicated to raising awareness about the issue of bullying and violence in schools and communities. This day is an opportunity for schools, students, parents, and the broader community to take a stand against bullying and promote a safe and supportive environment for everyone thus, to create awareness about the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, the library set up the comprehensive and engaging display that educates users about bullying, its impacts, and ways to prevent and combat it.



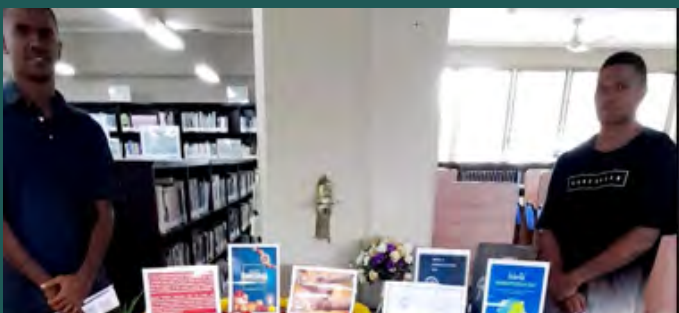
August 19th: Raksha Bandhan Celebration

Raksha Bandhan is a traditional Hindu festival celebrated in India and by Indian communities around the world. The festival, also known simply as Rakhi, celebrates the bond of love, protection, and duty between brothers and sisters. The library set up an informative and engaging display on Raksha Bandhan to create awareness about the festival's cultural significance, history, and customs.



August 19th: World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day is observed annually on August 19th to honor humanitarian workers and raise awareness of humanitarian efforts worldwide. This day commemorates those who have lost their lives in humanitarian service and celebrates the spirit that inspires humanitarian work globally. The library display on World Humanitarian Day can help raise awareness about the importance of humanitarian work, educate the community on global humanitarian challenges, and inspire action and empathy.



August 29th: International Day Against Nuclear Tests

International Day Against Nuclear Tests is observed annually on August 29. The United Nations General Assembly declared this day in December 2009 through resolution 64/35 to raise awareness about the dangers of nuclear weapon test explosions and the need to prevent such tests as a step toward achieving a safer and more secure world.



September 1st: Father's Day

Father's Day is an important occasion to recognize and celebrate the role of fathers and father figures in our lives. The library set up an informative display about Father's Day strengthening family bonds by reminding us to express gratitude for their ongoing influence in shaping our values and future.



September 7th: World Literacy Day

World Literacy Day, celebrated on September 8, highlights the crucial role of literacy as a fundamental human right and a driver of sustainable development. It raises awareness about the global challenges of illiteracy and promotes the importance of education in empowering individuals, reducing poverty, and fostering social and economic progress.



September 9th: International Day to Protect Education

The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed on September 9th each year. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers and challenges faced by educational institutions and students in conflict zones around the world. The library did a display portraying the importance of protecting education and the global efforts to ensure that learning environments remain safe and secure.



Special Visitors to Our Libraries

Our libraries also had the honour of hosting various academic groups and visitors from July to September. These visits allowed for knowledge exchange and gave students a broader perspective on learning and collaboration. Below is a list of our esteemed visitors:

- July 3rd, 2024: Dr. Caroline Smith, Health Plant Clinic Coordinator from the University of Tasmania, visited the Koronivia Library.
- August 21st, 2024: Students from Richmond College, Kandavu visited the Lautoka Library.
- August 23rd, 2024: Students from Adi Moape Secondary School, Vanuabalavu, Lau visited the Nasinu Library.



- August 28th, 2024: Students from Vunisea Secondary School visited the Nasinu Library
- August 29th, 2024: Students from Niusawa Secondary School visited the FSN Library
- September 3rd, 2024: University of Melbourne-Masters students visited the Natabua Library, an IL SESSION was conducted by UEL – Ms Subhashni
- September 6th, 2024: Free bird Japanese students visited the Natabua Library for a library tour
- September 9th, 2024: Japanese students and staff from Wallis and Futuna visited the CAFF Library.



Dr. Caroline Smith's Visit to CAFF Library Enhances Plant Health Resources

Dr. Caroline Smith, a renowned academic from the University of Tasmania, visited the CAFF Library to conduct the Plant Health Clinic workshop. During her visit, Dr. Smith explored the library's collection, focusing on resources related to plant health, biosecurity, and agricultural sciences. This visit underscores the importance of international collaboration and highlights the library's role as a critical resource for supporting academic and practical advancements in



KEY DATES

Webinar Series



Date	Webinar Training
15th October	JSTOR Constellate

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