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# Library Services

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## Key Dates

1. Library operation is back to normal operating hours from 3rd February 2020. <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/library/location-operation-hours>

## New Arrivals

The Library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new resources to its collections

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## Message from the Vice Chancellor – Professor Nigel Healey



As we embark on the third decade of the 21st Century, libraries are leading the transformation of modern universities as we adapt to ever-changing ways of accessing, sharing and analysing data. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire library team for fantastic job that they have done over the last twelve months in reshaping our libraries into open learning commons and building an outstanding database of online books, journals and secondary data sources.

I appreciate that reconfiguring the library workforce to meet the new demands of the digital era has not been painless. The library team has been through a major review, which resulted in wholesale reorganisation of roles and job descriptions. For many colleagues taking on new or significantly amended roles, there will be a period ahead of retraining and learning new skills. This, however, is all part of the journey we are on to make FNU a vibrant learning community, where we can embrace the challenge of change.

The main focus of our efforts over the last year have

been on making the libraries “fit for purpose” in a world where students expect to access digital knowledge 24/7 from wherever they are. It has been about curating this digital cornucopia of information and guiding students to the most reliable and trustworthy sources – not easy in an era characterised by the spread of “fake news”. It has also been about providing students with learning spaces where they can work independently, either alone or in groups, to solve problems and complete assignments.

Looking forward, the focus will increasingly shift to supporting our postgraduate students and academic staff, as the University matures and begins to build a strong, broad-based research community. Already the library is offering an impressive range of training courses to support researchers using tools like EndNote. Our research students and early career researchers will need considerable support to ensure they get the most out of our investment in online databases and journal collections. I am confident that the library team will continue to lead the way in the new digital era, just as they have done in our first ten years.

## New Library Structure

The library has gone through a restructure process whereby they have transformed from traditional structure to modern academic library practices. To have things in place, consultation with all library staff on their new job roles and new challenges was conducted in January 2020 and all the staff have now been provided their new designations at fifteen FNU

campus libraries. Touching another decade 2020, thrilling experiences with innovative and creative ideas holds to take place one at a time accomplishing the needs of the users providing better resources, facilities and collaborative learning environment that aims to meet the University’s strategic goals.



# Library Informative Session



Living in an inevitable environment imposes challenges that needs to be technically addressed to achieve the organizations desired outcomes. Thus, adopting to new changes in the organizational structure of the department of library services, the first informative session was seized on integrating and enhancing quality initiatives for academic libraries on Jan 27th 2020 at Nasinu campus main boardroom. Mr. Mark Halabe, Managing Director of Mark One Apparel and Halabe Investment and also the Panel of Review Chairman for the Fiji Business Excellence Awards addressed this informative session where all the campus libraries were connected via zoom. Pro Vice Chancellor Learning & Teaching Professor James Pounder acknowledged on Mr. Mark Halabe's achievements and his presence to share his wealth of knowledge. Mr. Halabe took the floor highlighting some most important concepts towards quality achievements and leadership. Mr. Halabe stated that quality is reflected in every aspect of things we do and most importantly to further enhance quality, it is a must to go through a process, a structure that will lead to move in the right direction.

He further iterated that in order to do the quality and make things work, there is a need to make everybody part of the organization, a whole interaction process till it reaches customers highlighting the concept of involvement/inclusion and teamwork. The results are the most important factor that reflects the ability of the organization. Mr. Halabe stated that you cannot manage if you cannot measure and said that "what we have done before has to change". He had shared some stories as an excellent way of exerting ideas and concepts to the library staff. The session lasted for thirty minutes and after which there were question and answer session for next thirty minutes from the staff as well as PVC L&T. Finally, the University Librarian, Dr. Udaya Shukla expressed his gratitude to Mr. Halabe, PVC L&T and all library staff for being part of this informative session. The purpose of library to conduct such informative sessions will provide motivation and opportunity for staff to broaden their knowledge, think beyond their capacity and rise with innovative, creative ideas meeting the needs of the library in addressing the learning, teaching and research advancements of the University.

## Library Opening Hours

Opening hours differs according to the academic calendar to give our students maximum access to library. You can find the opening hours on our website:

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## Send in a Question

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