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Key Dates

1. Revised library operating hours due to COVID 19

New Arrivals

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

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Message from the University Librarian – Dr. Uद्या Shukla



This pandemic made me understand deeper what a great job library as a team did to have things made available online for our users and not being hindered as much as I thought in rendering our services. Often, we form an image of libraries being a quiet and reserved place and a necessity to visit library to borrow materials, resources to do our assignments and research. However, moving to digitalization, things have been made easier where information is readily accessible anytime from anywhere on our smart devices. This digital era has made us stay connected with the people all around and with our academicians without meeting in person, at the same time making work electronically with less paper work, less prints and so forth. The department of library services have always been a step ahead and took further initiatives working from home to ensure that our users have all the necessary information available when needed. During this pandemic, we ensured that important information and important contact details of our library staff is made available on library webpage and social networking sites. The team designed relevant information with regards to renewal of books, borrowing access, access to e-resources away from the University, reference and Endnote guidelines and manuals were all updated on the FNU Library web landing page to assist with remote learning,

teaching and research. the team have also been working collectively towards responding to online queries.

Being the UL, I had to formulate strategies to lead the team to ensure we are all in the same line even when working from home. This leadership personality made us achieve many great things together as a team. Library continuously advertised all its databases and other services via FNUPR and other social networking sites. We have also organized webinars for the databases and information literacy sessions on bibliographic referencing, Endnote, RefWorks and Turnitin to empower and enhance academic success. Keeping up on the same page, we are ensuring that our e-resources are up to date and few more e-resources have been added to ensure that our users have access to more information. Even during COVID19, library is continuously coordinating with different vendors to facilitate new resources. The library took the initiative to get the facility for free of cost during such pandemic and some of these e-resources recently added on trial access are Access Engineering,

Harvard Business Review and ProQuest e-database announced launch of a coronavirus research database. Even EBSCO e-database has provided unlimited access to infectious disease database that is by GIDEON and further to this, Cambridge Core has made academic textbooks accessible for free. Adding to this, Elsevier made resources freely available during COVID19 such as new 250 plus Science Direct textbooks are currently freely available. Webinar series for IEEE Explore is also being facilitated for 7 weeks for exploration of scientific research and technical communication, from basic IEEE Xplore searching to publishing with IEEE, career development and more.

Recently, library introduced newspaper clippings services where selected news articles related directly or indirectly to the Fiji National University are being emailed to other sections of the University. Besides this, the Department of Library Services is ISO 9001:2015 certified whereby the team library is in progress of revising its current policies and procedures that is aligned with the strategic goals of the University

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Message from the University Librarian – Dr. Udyia Shukla

and meets the needs and demands of the users as per the current situation having no face to face interaction.

Library have always met the requirements of its users in terms of providing with up to date information and resources and through recent initiatives it is evident that Library has also met the University's goal

towards online learning, teaching and research by maximizing the electronic accessibility to its resources. Meanwhile, during the closure of the premises, library is also devising means to complete its learning commons project wherever possible to ensure that once the premises reopen, our users are welcomed to the new learning environment providing entrancing experiences.

Resources Received from US Embassy



(From L-R) Associate Dean L&T CMNHS-Timaima Tuiketeki, University Librarian-Dr. Udyia Shukla, Dean CMNHS-Dr. William May, US Ambassador to Fiji-Joseph James Cella

US Embassy donated some latest edition resources to FNU Library during this pandemic. The items received were from various categories such as medicine, computer science, dentistry, laws,

photography etc. The resources received will be sent to the respective campus libraries and will soon be advertised via FNUPR whereby our users who are interested shall contact the relevant campus in charge.

World Book and Copyright Day

Every year on 23 April, **World Book and Copyright Day** is celebrated all over the world to recognise the power of books, promote reading and protect intellectual property through copyright. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) General Conference chose this date to pay tribute to books, the authors who wrote them and protect their intellectual property through copyright. For decades, books have been used in so many activities, including research, non-research studies, leisure and so forth as a foundation that has helped to develop many other areas, for example, scholarly collections.

At a time when Fiji National University (FNU) is closed due to the current pandemic and people have restrictions to outdoor movements, the power of books should be leveraged to combat isolation as this will enable us to increase our horizons whilst stimulating our minds and

creativity.

FNU Library marks this event to provide a unique opportunity for all to understand the importance of a Library in learning, teaching and research and its role in promoting reading habits, to enhance tertiary education and copyright laws.

The revolution in information and communication technology has changed the definition of book reading. Book reading not only plays a vital role in constructing human intellect but it is also a reservoir of information regarding other civilizations. FNU library has always been committed and engaged with all its users to ensure that the information and resources they seek are made available to them either physically or electronically.

FNU Library respects the hard work of the authors and researchers and

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therefore have copyright policies to protect their work from being copied and claimed by someone else. FNU Library reserves copyright policy, which is available on the FNU Library home page and we have subscribed to 69 electronic resources such as EBSCO HOST, JSTOR, PROQUEST, Science Direct, Emerald, Sage, etc. and all database information is protected by copyright to promote remote learning. These databases contain scholarly and peer-reviewed articles written by credible authors, journalists, researchers and experts in their field.

At a time like this when online mode of learning is being made available, FNU Library has made things easier and better by providing access to information via electronic resources to users from outside the campus. Users just need EZproxy (<http://ezproxy.fnu.ac.fj:2048/login>) and their Moodle username and password and with a click, the required information is readily available for research and reading, to expand scholarly knowledge.

With this, I urge everyone all to read and never stop as **'Reading eliminates the sense of loneliness'** with the mind in a state of creative inventions.



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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