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## Key Dates

1. Revised library operating hours
2. Knovel Training webinar on 12th August 2020 from 2pm to 3pm at Ba C202 Computer lab/ Samabula B215 video conferencing room.
3. The New York Times Trial from 1st – 28th August 2020
4. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Trial from 1st August – 30th September 2020
5. Knovel Trial on additional 21 Subjects from 1st August – 31st October 2020

## New Arrivals

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

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## Message from the Senior Librarian E-Learning & Engagement Services – Ms. Sushila Lal

The newly established User Engagement library services acts in embedded roles to form collaborative relationships within the University community and to design and promote information-seeking activities in teaching, learning and research. The User-engagement Librarians introduce students to the research processes and train them on fundamentals of Copyright, Plagiarism and different styles of referencing according to their assignment requirements. Responsibilities also involve conducting Information Literacy sessions that empower academic success. This includes the practical skills required in the effective use of information technology and information resources, either print or electronic.



The global trends in a shift from print collection to online e-collection helped the librarians in responding to information needs in this pandemic. Virtual reference, electronic access to textbooks and relevant readings through our databases and one to one sessions via zoom for faculty and students was being facilitated where we made our way in this new reality of social distancing. These online services were vital and the team of library took the responsibility responding to the services efficiently. Additionally, the team also addressed online queries from home providing support during COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the years, the Library has run surveys and interviews on how users study and research and the findings have been incredibly valuable. We use this data to understand what are the needs of different levels of users to provide services accordingly. Surveys are useful for assessing the practical needs of our users. Library information literacy training developed consequently to suit the needs of the user. However, in early March this year, the COVID-19 impacted all the academic libraries in the most unimaginable ways. In preparedness to this pandemic, the University moved all its coursework online for the semester. With little time to plan, we closed our library facilities at FNU to protect the safety of our users and employees and moved to online services only to work from home. The User Engagement librarians met new challenges in serving users with an increased demand for online services due to the situation.

Currently our library subscribes to a vast collection of multi-disciplinary journal and e-book databases to promote learning, teaching and research. There is also a range of information available through open access for the users during the pandemic. The User Engagement team continuously excels in towards providing information literacy sessions enabling users to locate, evaluate, and use the information to become independent life-long learners.



# Library Information Systems (LIS) Programme



Library and Information Systems (LIS) programme is designed in a way that educates how to manage the collections of documents, accommodate technological advancements, preserve information and ways in which the information is disseminated etc. The OA & LIS Department has offered 4 courses for the LIS programme in semester 2, 2020 that are LIS 503 (Information and Communication Technology in Libraries), LIS 604 (Managing Library Automation Projects), LIS 605 (Collection Development and Management) and LIS 606 (Digital Libraries and Open Access). We look forward to welcome you towards this programme that will equip you with multidisciplinary skills in managing and controlling information flows.

The rapid evolution of information and communication technologies globally leading towards digitalization has created many challenges placing crucial significance on education to suit the needs of future professionals. Thus,

## Library Policy Review

With ever changing situations and ability to meet the service deliveries, a well thought policy must be developed. As the progresses are taking place in the University and with new organizational structure along with current pandemic has led library to review its current policies and procedures. The existing policies needs to be in accordance to the new practices and must be future oriented. Currently, library is in the process of reviewing its policies for a long term of five years. The team of 13 members consisting of library management, user engagement librarians and the library admin are involved in the policy review and have been consulting the relevant stakeholders where applicable for better outcome. So far, seven meetings have been conducted with five hours devoted towards each meeting. The review is still in progress and the team anticipates to complete this course by end of August 2020.

## Library Working Hours

As per the announcement from the Office of the Prime Minister advising no active COVID19 cases for Fiji, the department of library services began its normal duty from work starting 11th June. Each staff were briefed about their responsibilities and precautionary measures to be taken while at work. The staff returned to their normal duties, however library services was still being facilitated via online mode as the University premises remained closed for the students. During this timeframe, the staff were dedicated in rearrangement of the resources and updating information to be prepared for users when library premises re-opens.



### Library Opening Hours

Opening hours differs according to the academic calander 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

You can send us your questions anytime and we will be happy to assist you with your questions in best possible ways.

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### Talk to a Librarian

Talk to a library staff or a librarian who knows your subject area by calling or emailing to discuss your needs with them. They'll answer your questions or refer you to a specialist

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