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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 Deputy University Librarian – Dr. Tanveer Haider Naqvi

### Academic Libraries Respond to COVID-19



The recent pandemic has disturbed the beautiful globe drastically by putting unimaginable threats and challenges. This coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has had an enormous impact on lives, society and economies. The

educational institutions were either closed temporarily or re-explored and re-defined their core business. This sudden shift from face to face to online delivery of learning and teaching (L&T) has placed enormous avenues of learning to the university's community. Adapting to these changes was possible because of the tech-savvy and bendable behaviour of staff and students.

The fusion of technologies not only accelerated the world print publishing but also gave birth to electronic publishing and then digital publishing. This crisis also acted as a transition point for higher education institutions and their affiliated libraries to go for digital and online resources and services because the journey of printed books has to cross several stages from publisher's shelves to user's hands. So the library professionals and academic libraries have strategically re-planned, redesigned, repackaged and relaunched their transformed resources and services for remote access and to respond to this ongoing problem.

The format and scope of digital publishing opened the prospects to higher education institutions and their affiliated libraries not only in bringing specific learning and teaching need to the doorstep and desktop but also in assisting researchers in discovering the best possible remedy of this current devastating situation.

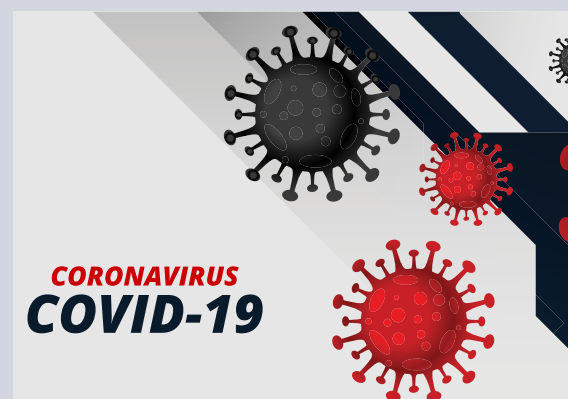
In Fiji, academic libraries have built and maintained their digital library by subscribing to a broad range of prominent digital resources of global knowledge and

by joining Fiji Library Consortium (FLC) under the banner of Fiji National University (FNU) for getting the access of digital resources via Electronic Information for Libraries (EIFL).

These digital resources comprise e-books, e-scholarly journals, e-theses and dissertations, trade journals, magazines, conference proceedings, reports, case studies, videos, etc. which have played a vital role in creating a digital environment and meeting the demands of learning, teaching, and research.

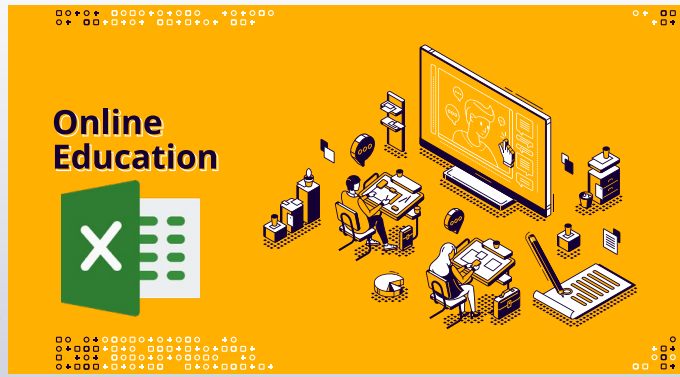
The FNU library started the development of digital resources in 2011 and now subscribe more than 60 electronic and online databases of digital resources. EBSCO discovery service (EDS) simple one search platform and EZ-proxy server have made these resources accessible both on-campus as well as remotely. Moreover, most of the leading global publishing companies provided free access to their digital resources during this COVID period, and many databases are wholly dedicated to COVID-19.

Academic libraries initiatives were based on the guidelines of Fiji Government, World Health Organization (WHO), International Federation of Library Association and Institution (IFLA). During this period, library professionals have gained good experience of working from home, attending webinars, online workshops and have also ensured their full support to educational institutions.



## Free Excel Productivity Seminar (online)

Library staff took advantage of free online training on Excel as organized by the Department of Quality Standards, NTPC. The training was conducted by Professor Errol Wirasinghe an acclaimed expert on “analytical” decision-making. The training was designed to enhance the efficiency level amongst staff using Excel to increase productivity in workplace. This training taught tricks that makes the work easier and saves time. It was an interesting online training as staff **Susana Vadei** provided feedback stating “I found this training very useful for myself as I have reports to prepare whereby I feel that what I have learnt will indeed make my work easier”.



## Online Information Literacy Training



User Engagement Librarian facilitated information literacy training for all library users via zoom. The training schedule for each college was advertised through FNUPR and social networking sites to reach many users as possible to assist them in terms of accessing and using our digital resources i.e. EBSCOHOST, ProQuest, Science Direct, IEEE Xplore etc. The staff also dedicated towards teaching

users on how to use Endnote and Refworks reference management tool to manage citation and bibliographic referencing. They also taught how to use remote access to e-resources through Ezyproxy External Access as FNU Digital Library has a vast range of e-databases/ e-journals/ e-books. This is an ongoing program available to all library users to access right information from right source.

### 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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