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## Vice Chancellor Prof. Nigel Healey's Message



When I was an undergraduate student over 30 years ago, personal computers, smart phones and the internet had yet to be invented. The university library was the place you went to access books and journals. You had to find the location of the book you wanted from a card indexing system, then go hunting for it hoping that no-one else had taken it (or hidden it somewhere else).

Most books, and all journals, were reference only because they were in such short supply, so you had to sit in the library to read the material. To help readers concentrate and avoid damaging the books and journals, university libraries had strict policies which prohibited talking, eating or drinking.

In today's digitally-connected world, university libraries have been radically impacted by two major developments. The first is that books and journals are now available online. Searching for a particular item takes a couple of clicks, then another click to download it onto your computer. Because materials are available **(Continued on Page 3...)**

## World Book & Copyright Day Celebration

The Fiji National University Library celebrated World Book and Copyright Day on 23rd April 2019 Nasinu Campus to honor the work of the prominent authors for their contribution towards quality content across all disciplines. Key note on importance of this celebration and progress of library was delivered by the Chief Guest Acting Vice Chancellor **Professor Mohini Singh**, the guest of honor



Pro Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching **Professor James Pounder** and the Acting University Librarian **Dr. Udaya Shukla**. Acting Vice Chancellor **Prof. Mohini Singh** stated that every year on 23rd April world book and copyright day is celebrated all over the world to recognize the magical power of books to promote reading and protect the intellectual property through copyright. She also complemented on FNU Library's contribution towards enhancing the learning, teaching and research outcomes of the university. **(Continued on page 3...)**

## KEY DATES

1. 14th May 2019 (12pm-2pm)  
Proquest Meeting  
Venue - Nasinu Main BoardRoom
2. 14th May 2019 (2pm-4pm)  
GOBI Introduction Meeting  
Venue - Nasinu Main BoardRoom
3. 16th May 2019 (9-11am)  
Lexis Nexis Content Meeting  
Venue (Nasinu Campus Library)
4. 16th May 2019 (9-10 am)  
JSTOR  
Self Registration

## NEW ARRIVALS

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

[Click Here to View New Arrivals](#)

## EBSCO Information Session



**E**BSCO Information Services, the leading provider of research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, e-books and discovery service was at Fiji National University on the 8th of April and again on the 12th of April. On the 8th of April, **Ms. Nadia Davis** (left) and **Ms. Tracie Dawson** (right) visited the Natabua Campus Library and held an information session with the students and faculty members. A number of faculty members attended the session and received a detailed training session on EBSCO services.

In the central division at the Nasinu Campus on the 12th of April, 2019 in the Main Boardroom, the session was also positively received as a number of staff were present during the session. Both sessions focused on the various services provided by EBSCO to which FNU subscribes to, however, more additional services were discussed that could further enhance the quality of resources and services FNU provides to its patrons. The session gave the university an opportunity to discuss a new platform that could revolutionize the procurement process of reference material.

To further discuss this, the team will be conversing with FNU Library personnel and also with ICT to determine the feasibility of such projects and the real time application of it on the 11th of June 2019. Along with this, there will be discussions on **Stacks** - a web based content management systems (CMS) that could be the future of Libraries.

## SciFinder Demonstration



**Mr. Andrew McKay** was in Fiji National University on the 21st of March 2019 for the SciFinder Information and Training session. The university library team held the session in Samabula Campus Library. The SciFinder is the world's largest scientific database with more chemical,

biological and related science information than any other resource. This includes extensive medical science information with our inclusion. Whilst SciFinder is the world's largest chemistry database, it is also one of the world's largest related sciences database as well with world-leading medical, biological, physical, environmental and marine science content that is used extensively by almost all Universities in Australia and New Zealand. More information on SciFinder and CAS can be found here

## Statistics

College	Total # of Users in April	Total # of PC	Total # of Books added in April
CAFF	3343	45	0
CBHTS	49882	77	7
CEST	52811	97	674
CHE	14044	72	13
CMNHS	48518	98	31
NTPC	2165	24	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>170763</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>725</b>

## User's Corner

**Name:** Malcom McKay  
**College:** CBHTS  
**Campus:** Nasinu

The library so far the best place to study as it is always quiet. The services in the library are brilliant as the librarians are always there to help the students in any way needed.

The services offered by the library that includes an area for reading the newspapers are an advantage for the students that love to read the dailies. The discussion area and the study cubicle are one of the best services by the library as the students can do their studies on their own or as a group discussion, with the books properly shelved.

The paper-cut system offered by the library has saved a lot of time for students, as students now do not queue in front of the library help desk to get their notes printed. So far the services offered by the library are good and looking forward to greater services.

**Name:** Nancy S. Natilda Vokatawa  
**College:** CBHTS  
**Campus:** Nasinu

The school library in my opinion is very satisfying in terms of the assistance and services given by the staff members of Nasinu Campus Library whereby they try their best to satisfy any student needing assistance from them.

In terms of the infrastructure I would say that the library cannot carry the capacity of the students enrolled here, also with the computer PCs used in the library are less and also through my observation I've seen students eating, making unnecessary noise and abusing the use of Wi-Fi being provided. I've also encountered some observations from other students in the library and they have stated that staff members should portray welcoming communication to students by smiling to them on the note of needing assistance from the staff members. With regards to the library infrastructure I've observed some roof leakages and hopefully it will be taken care of instantly because it may cause accident to students and staff members and which also doesn't comply with OHS policy.

With all those words I sincerely hope that I've been a good critic towards Nasinu Campus library in regards to my observation.

## Vice Chancellor's Message Continued...

you can search and download them from anywhere – in the library in your hostel room, or in the coffee shop. The second development is pedagogical. 30 years ago, students were expected to memorise theories and regurgitate them in examinations. Today, the onus is on critical thinking and problem solving. Rather than swotting for examinations, students are increasingly required to work together in groups to analyse problems and come up with solutions.

The implications of these two developments for university libraries are profound. There is no reason for any student to sit in a library reading books and journals, when they can access them online from anywhere. However, what today's students need is social spaces where they can work together in groups, accessing online library materials as and when they need them.

This is the vision behind the drive to transform our own university libraries in 'Open Learning Commons', which provide welcoming and flexible social spaces for students to engage with the library's resources – with support from our professional librarians as needed – and work on group projects together. The new Open Learning Commons at the Koronivia Library sets the new benchmark, as we convert all our other libraries into vibrant social learning hubs.

## World Book and Copyright Day Continued...

Pro Vice Chancellor Learning & Teaching **Professor James Pounder** also enriched the event by sharing his stories on relevancy of books and depicted data specifics on usage of books and resources towards quality research and education.

More substance was added by the Acting University Librarian **Dr. Udaya Shukla** expressing that the event aimed 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 the tertiary education and copyright laws. He also acknowledged the library team, FNUSA National President **Mr. Ketan Lal** and his team, all the students and staff for being part of the event and providing continuous support working in hands with FNU Library services.

In addition, 173 books from different disciplines such as management, computer science etc. was distributed to FNU Students and Staff for free for the enhancement of learning, teaching and research experience.

### 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:

[Click Here for Opening Hours](#)

### 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

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