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Message from Director Marketing & Communication – Ms. Jenies Mudiliar



Libraries have always occupied a warm and fuzzy corner of my heart. When I was growing up, I would often request new books as my birthday and Christmas presents (still do, except now they get downloaded on my kindle). This love affair blossomed in primary and secondary school where I would often find myself returning to the Library most days of the week because in those days we weren't allowed to borrow

books overnight (lest we escape the country with one). In hindsight, this could have been a clever plot by the Librarian to have a handful of us returning regularly.

When I started Uni, while many were in awe of the lecture theatres and optional class attendance, I was entranced with the three-storey Library at our University and the fact that I could finally borrow books. Not as regular a visitor to the Library anymore, having discovered I could now have a social life, when it was time for studies/research/assignments, the procedure was; to locate your book on the digital catalogues, hunt it down on the shelves and then spend hours in the library going through the many volumes. Should you feel the need to consult with your peers or group members, you had

to check the book out and meet outside the library, have your discussions and come back to burn the midnight oil. Post-graduation, I still frequented my university library, which now had a "Talk Space" where students could hold discussions, use their laptops (we had to store away laptops) and study. I resented this luxury that wasn't afforded to me as a student.

Libraries nowadays, including FNU, have become so much more user-friendly in this way. Now, thanks to books and journals that you can download online, anywhere you sit with your laptop and log on to the FNU library catalogue, is essentially your physical library space. The rise of open learning commons enables discussions that foster critical thinking and healthy debates and has made book smart not the most envied quality. Now employers require graduates who don't just recite theory to them but can contribute towards group discussions, brainstorming sessions, innovative ideas and are key team players. This has been enabled by the digital library era and open learning commons that FNU has wholly embraced and is such a vital component of the services that we market not only to prospective students but our current students as well. FNU is increasing its subscription to online repositories – students can download material and or read online rather than taking books home and having to return them.

The nine-year-old me, bookmarking a page with a dog ear (gasp) and reluctantly putting it back on the shelf until the next day would have loved this era.

I wish the FNU Library team all the best and look forward to reading their monthly newsletters.

Fiji Day Celebration by Library Staff

FNU Library celebrated "Fiji Day" sharing beautiful smiles. Ms. Nirupa Lal shared her sentiments saying "I feel so blessed and happy", also Ms. Susana Vadei stated "This marks a harmonious celebration as we all dress in our National color to mark this auspicious occasion across the Nation".



Key Dates

1. Upcoming Library 24/7 Operations 21st Oct – 7th Nov – Pasifika, Nasinu, Samabula, Koronivia & Lautoka
2. Library Informative Session by Mark Halabe – 1pm-3pm, 30th Oct at Main Board Room Nasinu Campus
3. ScienceDirect and Knovel Webinar at Main Board Room Nasinu Campus:
 - Session 1 on Wed 20 Nov from 1-2pm
 - Session 2 on Mon 25 Nov from 1-2pm

New Arrivals

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

[Click Here to View New Arrivals](#)



Internal Quality Circle Convention (IQCC) 2019

It was an overwhelming moment for the Library team 'Wild West' when they achieved another milestone in the Internal Quality Circle Convention (IQCC) 2019. The team presented its project titled "Sustainable Productivity through Digital Learning Space and Resources" at IQCC and won "Innovative Team Award" and Ms. Mousmin Lata won "Best Team Facilitator Award" held on Friday 27 September 2019 at FNU Namaka Campus. The Team also participated and presented its project titled "Sustainable Productivity through Marketing for better Mileage" at 2019 Team Excellence Symposium at FNU Namaka



Campus on Friday 5th July 2019 and won a Star Ranking Team Excellence Award.

Team Leader (Dr. Naqvi) said this incredible experience gained by the team through the participation in such events provided a vision as to how to take the advantages of this technological revolution which has changed the information resource delivery format from print to digital. The libraries have acknowledged this paradigm shift because of tech-savvy user's behaviour and incredible advantages of digital resources that have improved business performance. At the moment, FNU library subscribed a vast number of prominent electronic, online, digital resources for meeting the changing user needs.

24/7 Library Operations

The Library is pleased to advise that Nasinu, Samabula, Koronivia, Pasifika and Lautoka campus libraries will operate 24/7 from 21st of October till 7th of November. Students can fully maximize library opening hours during study and exam period to prepare well for their exams.

Statistics – September

S.No	Description	Total
1	Total number of users in the library	140,456
2	No of users who read library material	16,710
3	No of who work with their own documents	36,329
4	No of users who access to e-information/internet for academic work	22,912
5	No of users who use computers for their assignments	23,929
6	No of users who use computers for their own entertainment	1,491
7	No of users who read newspapers and magazines	5,209
8	No of users who asked reference queries	666
9	No of check outs	3,112
10	No of check-ins	4,379
11	No of users who use their own laptops	18,229
12	No of users who discuss academic work in the library	13,295

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 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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