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WELCOME BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Bula, and welcome to the Fiji National University Library, where you'll find smart spaces for everything you need to learn.

Libraries at FNU serve as hubs for community connections to services, including broadband, computers, classes, and programs, as well as to books, movies, and other media. Importantly, libraries connect us to each other.

The FNU Library offers a blended service that is essential for engaging, high-quality learning and discovery. We provide ongoing improvised virtual and physical learning, teaching, and research access to support both in-person and digital formats. You can access many of our resources digitally; our libraries are open for in-person visits.

Dr Udaya Shukla
University Librarian



NEW ARRIVALS

The Library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new resources to its collections. [Click Here to View New Arrivals](#)

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YOUR FNU LIBRARY

Did you know FNU has 16 libraries across Fiji?



The User Engagement Librarians are here to serve as your guiding lights for a wide range of subject-specific and course-related queries.

If you need assistance with citation styles, embarking on research for design justice, look no further! FNU's User Engagement Librarians are ready and eager to assist.



DONATIONS

In the latest updates from the Collection Development and Metadata Services at our esteemed university, several notable events have taken place, contributing to enhancing library resources and services.

On November 1, 2023, Labasa Campus received a generous donation of 13 books from Mr Kapoor, followed by another significant contribution of three books from Ravi Dutt Sharma at Lautoka Campus on December 12, 2023.

This initiative supports the establishment of the Department of Library's new book bank service, ensuring a steady influx of relevant and updated reading materials for students and faculty.

These developments underscore the commitment of the Collection Development and Metadata Services team to enriching the university's library resources and providing an enhanced learning experience for the academic community.



USER ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

The workshop training hosted at Tokatoka Resort was a valuable experience, fostering learning and facilitating connections among library staff. The two-day event, from November 28th to the 29th, heightened awareness and prompted library personnel to participate in reflective discussions and attentive listening. The comprehensive reports received from each section reflected the significant impact of the workshop.

The User Engagement team, led by the Senior Librarian on the first day, delivered updates for Modules 1-5. The session transitioned seamlessly into a presentation covering a topic crucial for success in the library industry—Emotional Intelligence. Recognised for its pivotal role, Emotional Intelligence contributes to creating a positive and productive organisational culture. It enhances leadership capabilities, refines communication skills, encourages collaboration, and ultimately plays a vital role in the organisation's long-term success.

The User Engagements Librarians from CEST and CAFF spoke on Transforming Learning: The Learning Commons at Fiji National University and Enhancing User Experience and Employability. The workshop served as a platform for promoting these essential skills, empowering library staff for continued growth and success.

On December 5, the School of Medical Sciences invited the Senior Librarian to participate in their three-day mini workshop. The event aimed to familiarise staff and students with databases for retrieving medical information and referencing. The User Engagements and Lautoka staff were invited to use the Zoom platform. International guest speakers were also invited and presented on-site contributing to the workshop.

Recently, December 7 marked a historical event for the Fiji National University. A welcome ceremony was instituted for the newly elected Vice-Chancellor, the first indigenous Fijian female to hold the prestigious post. During the distinguished event honouring the traditional ceremony of the new Vice Chancellor, Professor Uncaisi Bobo, the Senior Librarian and the User Engagement team were sought to aid in the traditional attire preparations before her entrance.

The ceremony enthralled the audience with its beauty and deep significance, elevating the celebration for Fiji National University with an added touch of prestige. The impact of the User Engagement Librarian's outreach has reverberated across colleges and offices, marking a significant achievement for the library in 2023.

FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS AND EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS



At the FNU Library, we believe our success lies in the strength of our relationships and our ability to foster and sustain them.

We are dedicated to employing user experience techniques that meet the needs of our students and staff and cultivate a sense of belonging and empowerment for all individuals.

As a trusted partner in research, teaching, and learning, we aim to provide valuable services and resources that enhance the educational experience for our students and staff.

Our strategic goal is to support open research and create physical and digital spaces that foster disruptive, creative, and innovative thinking while allowing personalised learning.

LIBRARY WEBINARS & TRAININGS

Fiji National University Library organised webinar sessions for students, teachers, and the community about the library's resources, services, and events. Webinars make information more accessible to individuals who may have difficulty visiting a physical library.

- **Knovel PLUS for engineering education webinar** on August 9, 2023, presented by Mr Rajan Vinesh.
- **ANZ eBook Forum 2023** on August 31, discussing the vital role of eBooks in teaching and learning, especially in the context of online and hybrid education.
- **OHS fire warden training** - October 25 2023.



Mental Health Awareness 01 - 31 October, 2023

Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realise their abilities, learn well, work well, and contribute to their community.

The library advocated on good mental health by displaying resources and a mental health tree, which created awareness about reducing stigma and promoting a better understanding of mental health.



LIBRARY EVENTS



FNU Open Day

The FNU Open Day was held at the Nasinu, Namaka, Naduna and Natabua campuses from 5th to 7th October, 2023.

The library department aimed at showcasing the library's extensive resources and services. The objective of this event was to provide students and teachers with the opportunity to engage with the library and explore its services, digital resources such as eBooks, eJournal and the library databases with the immense print resources that the FNU library houses.

Various activities were arranged to promote interaction and learning, and giveaways were presented to students through participation in the following activities.

- **Library Tours:**

Attendees were assigned a tour guide of the library, which allowed them to explore the library in different sections and learn how to access its collection of books, databases, and digital resources.

- **OPAC Training:**

A small training was held to introduce students to the Online Public Access Catalog system.

- **Database Presentation:**

A session focused on the library's database resources was conducted so that students knew about the database and how to access and utilise it to find academic journal articles and e-books.

- **Lingo Words:**

Sessions provide entertaining and educational experiences. It allowed students to practice their skills while having fun. Students were engaged in finding words fostering teamwork.

- **Question and Answer Session:**

Throughout the event, students were encouraged to ask questions about library resources, research techniques, or any other topic of interest.

- **Library Resource Showcase:**

Alongside the scheduled activities, the library showcases a selection of its most valuable resources. Rare books, reference material, and a special collection were put on display, allowing students and teachers to explore the extensive array of materials for their academic and personal enrichment.



Prophet Muhammed's Birthday - 02 October, 2023

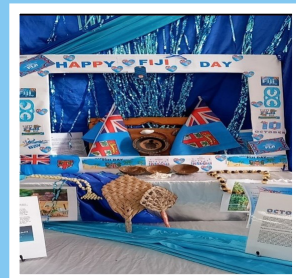
Prophet Muhammad's birthday is a significant event for Muslims worldwide. The library has displays including books and other resources about the Prophet Muhammad's life, teachings, and legacy, including photos, maps, and other artifacts related to the Prophet Muhammad's life.



Fiji Day - 10 October, 2023

On October 10, 2023, all 16 FNU libraries showcased a vivid and educational display celebrating Fiji's rich culture and history to mark the Fiji Islands' independence.

The exhibit featured a collection of traditional artifacts, photographs, and literature, providing insight into the heritage and traditions of our beautiful island nation to raise awareness about the Pacific collection and local authors.



International Open Access Week 24 - 30 October, 2023

International Open Access Week is a global event celebrated each year in October to promote open access to scholarly research and information.

Libraries play a vital role in supporting open access by providing resources and services, advocating for open access policies, and educating the public about the benefits of open access.

The library conducted a book display featuring books about open access, including articles about the history of open access, the benefits of open access, and how to publish and access open-access content.



Pinktober 01 - 31 October, 2023

The FNU Libraries exhibited a vibrant “Pinktober” display to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The display featured an array of pink-themed books, informational pamphlets, and resources related to breast health and early detection.

Students had an opportunity to learn about the importance of breast cancer awareness and access valuable information.

The “Pinktober” display served as a visually engaging and educational focal point within the library, promoting health and well-being among students and staff.



Ratu Kadavu School Visit

Ratu Kadavu School visited the library as part of student’s career counselling and academic guidance programmes.

These visits are valuable steps in helping school children make informed decisions about their educational and career paths.



Diwali - 13 November, 2023

Deepawali is the festival of joy and happiness. The tradition of lighting oil lamps on Diwali symbolises the victory of good over evil and freedom from spiritual darkness.

Thus, the library put on a display to create awareness of the festival and promoted unity in our diverse university environment.

Library Workshop 28 - 29 November, 2023

The staff participated in a two-day library workshop on the 28th-29th of November at the Tokatoka Resort in Nadi. This workshop and training session focused on planning and delved into how quality management systems could be effectively implemented for planning, gaining international recognition, and fostering international relationships.

The goal was to enhance the status of the FNU Library and elevate FNU on a global scale. Dr Udyia Shukla, the University Librarian, led the Library Operational Planning Workshop and Module Training, along with Senior Librarians, User Engagement Librarians, and the Quality Liaison Officer.



Library Staff Annual Dinner Party

The Library Staff Annual Dinner Party contributes to the overall well-being and efficiency of the library.

The significance of a library staff annual dinner party goes beyond just a social gathering. It plays a crucial role in fostering a positive work environment, strengthening team dynamics, acknowledging staff contributions, and promoting a healthy and inclusive organisational culture within the library.



Movember 01 - 30 November

Movember is an annual event that takes place during November, involving the growing of moustaches to raise awareness and funds for men's health issues, particularly prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention.

The term "Movember" is a combination of "mustache" and "November". Thus, Library has done a display on Movember to create and promote awareness of prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention.



Christmas Display 01 - 31 December, 2023

Christmas is an annual festival celebrated by billions of people worldwide on December 25 each year. It marks the birth of Jesus Christ in Christian tradition and is a significant cultural and religious holiday for Christians.

However, it has also become a secular celebration observed by many people, regardless of their religious beliefs.

The library put on a beautiful display to promote the importance and celebrate the spirit of Christmas.

KEY DATES

Webinar Series

View EBSCO's public training calendar and register for webinars.



| Date Time GMT- | Topic | Webinar Link |
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| 22 February, 2024 12:00pm | GOBI User and Library Profile Preferences | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rmlAwdDSRQKLZrNTTb0EXA |
| 22 February, 2024 14:00pm | Using GOBI Notifications | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1SeHyyemREWy1F1i3zB35w#/registration |
| 23 February, 2024 15:00pm | GOBI Library Reports | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yt2ywrjERIWc5_-QMwZgYw |
| 29 February, 2024 16:00pm | Searching and Ordering in GOBI | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nb2zweMITsWv_P5WnMVM0A |
| 01 March, 2024 14:00pm | Using GOBI Spotlight Lists | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JXxFaxZ6R_mfWIE5GPoiFA |
| 07 March, 2024 12:30pm | Demand-Driven Acquisitions (DDA) Programs through GOBI | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-YF3UkGVRmWJghgag1Mb4w |
| 08 March, 2024 12:30pm | Evidence-Based Acquisitions (EBA) Programs through GOBI | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cNi-2hVwTLul7O8r9CgBSQ |
| 14 March, 2024 11:00am | GOBI Library Reports | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hW9o7UuBTs-Vw8z2K8gkpw |
| 15 March, 2024 12:30pm | Using GOBI Notifications | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yBW5R2e-QwufdkUcsPlvfw |
| 15 March, 2024 14:00pm | GOBI User and Library Profile Preferences | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OLdCK703TAaariOexE5U6w |
| 21 March, 2024 15:00pm | Using GOBI Spotlight Lists | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kvVYnKISaOKBwoO_t5_HA |
| 22 March, 2024 14:00pm | Searching and Ordering in GOBI | https://ebsco-australasia.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Z8Jtrz5uQouuEAg6XJ5k9g |

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Library Resource Requests - for FNU Staff

Kindly email the completed form to the Subject Research Liaison Officers (SRLO) in your respective college.

[Click here to fill in the Resource Request Form \(RRF\) for all your requests for printed books, e-books, electronic databases, or for any electronic reference/course materials for the academic year 2022-2023.](#)

User Oriented Services

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