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## WELCOME TO THE FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greetings and welcome to the Fiji National University Library, where you'll discover intelligent spaces designed to facilitate your learning needs. As we embark on our seventh week, we hope you're enjoying a delightful stay with us.

Libraries at FNU serve as vital community hubs, offering access to a wide range of services including broadband, computers, classes, and programs, as well as a diverse collection of books, movies, and other media. However, perhaps most importantly, libraries serve as connectors, fostering connections among individuals.

The FNU Library offers a comprehensive blended

service essential for immersive, high-quality learning and discovery. We provide continuous, enhanced access to virtual and physical learning, teaching, and research resources to support both in-person and digital formats. Many of our resources are accessible digitally, while our physical libraries remain open for in-person visits.



**Dr Uद्या Shukla**  
University Librarian



The library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new resources to its collections: <https://www.fnu.ac.fj/library/new-arrivals/>

# KNOW YOUR LIBRARIES OPERATING HOURS

LIBRARY	MONDAY TO THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKENDS (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Nasinu	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm
Koronivia	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm
Lautoka	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm
Pasifika	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm
Samabula	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm
Nadi	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4.30pm
FSM Tamavua	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4.30pm
FSN Tamavua	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4.30pm
Labasa	7am - 8pm	7am - 8pm	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4.30pm
Ba	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
Nabua	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
Naduna	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
Maritime	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
NTPC Narere	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
NTPC Naceva	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed
NTPC Nasese	8am - 4.30pm	8am - 4pm	Closed	Closed



## USER ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

The Fiji National University (FNU) is dedicated to supporting students and staff in their academic pursuits through various means, including information literacy sessions. These sessions are conducted by the User Engagement Librarian to enhance students' learning, teaching, and research abilities. Information literacy sessions at FNU are designed to equip students and staff with the skills to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information from various sources. These sessions are conducted by the User Engagement Librarian at each campus, who is responsible for promoting information literacy among the FNU community. The sessions are usually held in the library and at ICT labs, and they cover topics such as database searching, citation styles, plagiarism, and

academic integrity. One of the ways the User Engagement Librarian supports learning is by offering tailored sessions for individual courses. The librarian works with course coordinators to identify the specific information literacy needs of their courses and develops sessions to address them. The User Engagement Librarian also supports teaching by conducting sessions for lecturers on how to incorporate information literacy into their teaching. These sessions help lecturers to design assignments that require students to use information literacy skills, such as locating and evaluating sources. These sessions are aimed at both students and staff and are designed to enhance their research abilities.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



The FNU libraries conducted Orientation for all students. The 1st year was specifically provided with the orientation and library tours for from 5th to 16th February as scheduled by the colleges. New initiatives were taken by the colleges to introduce students to the support services and the library department was able to cover most of the year 1,2 and 3 students for 2024 orientation week. The libraries displayed presentations, videos and its resources to created awareness and markets library resources and services to the students and staff.

- **On Boarding Activities Tamavua Library**

Tamavua Public Health Library event for the month of February was an on boarding activity which typically includes orientation sessions.



- **Pasifika Library**

Library Orientation for 1st year MBBSS students Orientation done by staff for new students on a regular basis.



- **Namaka Campus Library** has won the Best Booth Runner-Up Trophy. The Selfie booth competition was held during the 2023 Open Day



# LIBRARY EVENTS

## Cancer Awareness Month-1st February - 29th February

The FNU libraries did a display on cancer to create awareness which serves as a time to raise awareness about various types of cancer, promote early detection, prevention measures, and support for those affected by cancer. The goal is to educate people about the importance of screenings, healthy lifestyle choices, and available resources for cancer prevention and treatment.



## International Women's Day

The FNU library did a display on International Women's Day (IWD) celebrated on the 8th of March is a worldwide celebration of women's social, economic, cultural, and political achievements. It also serves as a call to action to accelerate gender equality.



## International Mother language Day

The FNU libraries did a display on International Mother Language Day which is observed on February 21st each year to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.



## World Poetry Day

The FNU libraries did a display on World Poetry Day is observed on March 21st to create awareness to promote the importance of poetry, support linguistic diversity through poetic expression, and encourage creative writing and reading poetry around the world.





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# DIGITAL LEARNING DAY



**Dear All,**

I am pleased to announce that **February 29th, 2024**, will be recognized as Digital Learning Day at Fiji National University. As we continue to embrace technology and its role in education, Digital Learning Day serves as an opportunity to celebrate the innovative ways in which digital resources enhance teaching and learning experiences.

Digital Learning Day provides us with an opportunity to showcase the transformative power of digital resources and platforms in enhancing teaching and learning experiences. As we navigate the evolving landscape of education, it is imperative that we harness the full potential of technology to meet the diverse needs of our students and faculty.

On this day, we encourage all members of our Fiji National University community to explore the various digital learning tools and resources available to us. Whether it is utilizing online databases for research, participating in virtual classrooms, or engaging with multimedia content, let us take full advantage of the digital platforms that enrich our academic journey.

The FNU Library offers a variety of services aimed at enhancing digital education and supporting the academic endeavors of students and faculty. Among these services are online resources access, providing users with a broad spectrum of digital materials, including e-books, e-journals, databases, catalogues, and multimedia resources, catering to research, teaching, and learning needs across diverse disciplines.

Additionally, the library offers access to digital learning platforms and tools, facilitating online learning and collaboration through platforms such as learning management systems, virtual classrooms, and interactive multimedia resources. Information literacy training sessions are also conducted to equip students and faculty with essential digital research skills, covering topics such as effective searching techniques, source evaluation, and digital citation.

Furthermore, users can avail themselves of online reference services, receiving timely assistance from library staff with research inquiries, reference questions, and navigating digital resources. The library also manages digital archives and repositories, preserving and granting access to institutional research outputs, scholarly publications, and other digital materials, thus supporting open-access initiatives and knowledge dissemination.

Moreover, the library organizes online workshops, webinars, and training sessions focused on digital education and technology integration, providing opportunities for professional development and skill enhancement for the university community.

As we embark on this journey of digital learning, let us remain steadfast in our dedication to excellence and innovation. Together, we can shape the future of education and empower our students to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence in teaching, learning and research.

University Librarian  
**Dr Udyia Shukla**

## International Day of Forests

The International Day of Forests, observed annually on March 21st, is a global celebration aimed at raising awareness about the importance of forests and promoting sustainable forest management practices. Forests play a crucial role in maintaining biodiversity, combating climate change, and supporting the livelihoods of millions of people around the world. The theme for the International Day of Forests varies each year, reflecting current issues and challenges facing forests worldwide. By working together, we can ensure that forests continue to thrive and provide benefits for both people and the planet for generations to come.



in the New Testament of the Bible. The FNU libraries did the display to create awareness about a cultural and secular celebration observed by many people around the world, often with family gatherings, feasting, and various customs and traditions specific to different regions and cultures.



## Holi

The FNU libraries celebrated Holi on 25th of March 2023. It's best known for its bright colors. People gather in crowds to pelt each other with perfumed, colored powder called gulal. They'll also use water pistols and water balloons to make the powder stick.



## Easter

Easter is a Christian holiday that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as described

## Library Information Session

The 2024 Library Informative Session holds great significance for the University.

The Chief Guest was the Acting Director of the National Training and Productivity Centre, Mr. Amrish Narayan. The focal point of the discussion revolved around the theme of "ISO 9001: Quality Management System." This session serves as a platform to promote learning, enhance quality standards, increase productivity, and fulfill the strategic objectives of both the department and the entire FNU institution.





## KEY DATES

### Upcoming Events

There is a 30-day trial for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) database will be activated from 18th March to 17th April 2024.

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## NEW ARRIVALS

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