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WELCOME BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Bula and Welcome to the Fiji National University Library Resource Center, a premier destination for academic excellence and community engagement. Our libraries function as vital hubs, providing access to essential services such as high-speed Internet, computer facilities, educational classes, and diverse programs, along with a rich collection of books, films, and multimedia resources.

The FNU Library Resource Center is committed to delivering a blended service model that fosters high-quality learning and discovery. We offer continuous

enhancements in both virtual and physical learning environments, ensuring comprehensive support for teaching and research in both in person and digital formats. Our extensive digital resources are readily accessible, and we invite you to visit our libraries to enrich the in-person experience

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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?



LOOKING AHEAD

The Fiji National University Library Resource Center remains committed to fostering an environment that supports academic achievement and personal growth. As we gear up for another year, we look forward to continuing our efforts to provide exceptional services, celebrate cultural diversity, and achieve strategic milestones by 2025.

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION THROUGH DIGITAL INNOVATION: THE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER AT THE HEART OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

Research support is facilitated through access to e-resources and downloads, which assists academic research. Emphasis is placed on enhancing information literacy and search skills through targeted training programs. Workshops are organized to cultivate knowledge and skills pertinent to education and research. Users are offered trial access to digital tools and databases, which enables them to assess their utility for academic purposes. Dedicated services address user queries, ensuring accessibility and support for academic resources. Outreach promotional activities engage the community and raise awareness of library services. Webinars also offer virtual learning opportunities and expand access to educational and training resources for quality education.

Information Literacy Module Training 2024					
Activities	Q1 Jan- March	Q2 Apr- June	Q3 July- Sept	Q4 Oct-Dec	Total
Student/Staff Orientation	3334	996	2290	266	6886
Information Research Skills	3334	996	2290	266	6886
Queries	916	1046	2015	915	5450
Webinars	0	16	10	8	34
Workshop	1	6	2	1	10
Trial-database	1	2	5	3	11
Community Outreach		1		1	2
Downloads-article, book chapters, journal articles, etc	210	504	666	541	2214



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LIBRARY EVENTS

FNU LIBRARY SHOWCASES RESOURCES AND SERVICES AT FNU OPEN DAY 2024

The Fiji National University (FNU) Library actively participated in the 2024 FNU Open Day held from October 3rd to 5th across the Nasinu, Namaka, Naduna, and Natabua campuses. The Library Department aimed to showcase a wide range of resources and services available to students and staff, emphasizing both print and digital offerings.

The event provided a platform for students, educators, and visitors to explore the library's extensive collection, including digital resources such as eBooks, e-journals, and comprehensive library databases, along with its vast collection of physical books.

A series of engaging activities were organized to foster interaction and learning: -

- **Library Tours:** Guided tours allowed attendees to familiarize themselves with the library's layout and to learn how to access its diverse collections.
- **Database Presentation:** A special session introduced students to the library's digital database resources to help them navigate tools for academic research, including e-books and journal articles.
- **Question and Answer Session:** Participants were encouraged to ask questions regarding library services, research methods, and other academic concerns.



- **Library Resource Showcase:** Rare books, special collections, and key reference materials were displayed, offering attendees a closer look at the library's unique resources.

To make the experience more engaging, giveaways were distributed to the students who actively participated in these activities. The FNU Library Resource Center is committed to supporting academic success by providing access to invaluable resources and fostering a culture of research and learning.

FNU LIBRARIES CELEBRATE FIJI'S INDEPENDENCE WITH VIBRANT CULTURAL EXHIBITS

On October 10, 2024, all 16 libraries of the Fiji National University (FNU) came alive with vibrant and educational displays celebrating the rich culture and history of Fiji in honor of the nation's Independence Day. The exhibits featured an impressive collection of traditional artifacts, historical photographs, and literary works, offering visitors a unique glimpse of Fiji's heritage and traditions. Aimed at raising awareness of the university's Pacific collection and promoting local authors, the event highlighted the significance of preserving and celebrating the identity of this beautiful island nation.



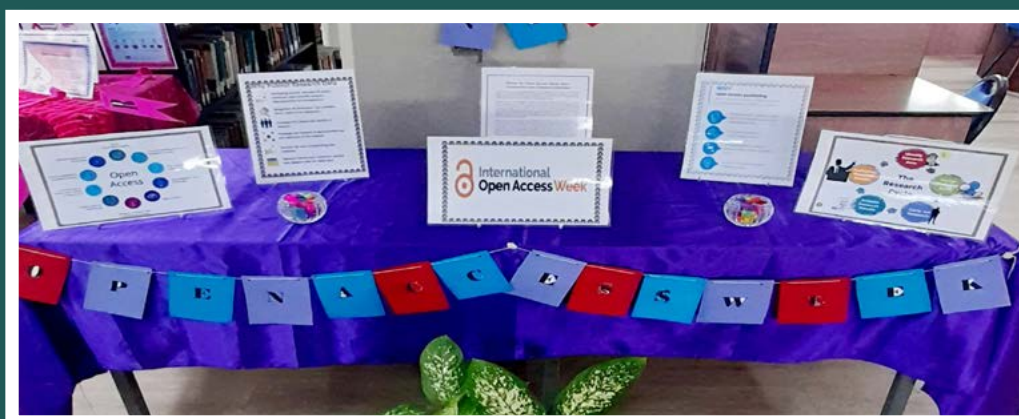
FNU LIBRARIES CHAMPION BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WITH PINK OCTOBER DISPLAY

The FNU Libraries marked Pink October (1st – 31st October) with a vibrant and educational display aimed at raising awareness about breast cancer. The display featured an array of pink-themed books, informational pamphlets, resources focused on breast health, and the importance of early detection. It provided students and staff with the opportunity to engage with critical information on breast cancer prevention, detection, and support. Serving as a visually striking centerpiece, the Pink October display not only educated, but also encouraged conversations about health and well-being. This initiative highlighted FNU Libraries' commitment to fostering a well-informed and health-conscious campus community.



LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVES DURING INTERNATIONAL OPEN ACCESS WEEK

The International Open Access Week, an annual global initiative held each October, is dedicated to promoting open access to scholarly research and information. In the celebration of this event, the library organized a special book display featuring literature on open access, accompanied by an engaging exhibition. The exhibition showcased articles that emphasized the advantages of open access and provided insights into publishing and accessing open content. Through such initiatives, the library contributes to raising awareness about open access and its critical role in fostering the free flow of knowledge, ultimately benefiting researchers, students, and the wider community.



LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH WITH ENGAGING DISPLAY



The library joined the global effort to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, running from October 1st to October 31st. Mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, enabling individuals to cope with life stress, realize their potential, learn effectively, work productively, and contribute positively to their community.

To support this initiative, the library created an engaging display featuring a variety of mental health resources. A prominent feature of the display is the "Mental Health Tree," designed to inspire awareness, reduce stigma, and promote a deeper understanding of mental health issues.

The library invited everyone to explore these resources and participate in conversations about mental well-being, fostering a community of empathy and support.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVES DURING INTERNATIONAL OPEN ACCESS WEEK

By displaying both National Braille Week and World Standards Day, libraries highlight themes of inclusivity, innovation, and accessibility, encouraging users to appreciate systems and tools that improve their lives and bring communities together.



WORLD FOOD DAY (OCTOBER 16TH)

It marked the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945 and focused on addressing global hunger, food security, and sustainable agriculture. The importance of Displaying World Food Day in a Library is that it educates and raises awareness among users about global hunger, food insecurity, and the importance of ensuring access to nutritious food for everyone. A World Food Day display in a library also serves as an educational platform to spark discussions, raise awareness, and encourage action toward creating a world free of hunger and malnutrition.



RKS STUDENT VISIT TO LIBRARY

The students from RKS had an exciting opportunity to explore the library and familiarize themselves with its diverse collection of valuable resources. They had a quick tour of the library's extensive collection, which included books, magazines, journals, and digital resources covering a wide range of topics, such as fiction, non-fiction, science, history, and more.



LIBRARY CELEBRATES DIWALI ON 1ST NOVEMBER

The library marked the joyous occasion of Diwali, celebrated on 1st November, with vibrant decorations and a unique cultural display. Diwali, also known as Deepawali, is a festival of joy and happiness that symbolizes the victory of good over evil, and the triumph of light over spiritual darkness.

To honor this tradition, the library showcased an array of items reflecting the essence of Diwali, aiming to raise awareness of cultural diversity and foster a welcoming and inclusive social environment for all. This initiative highlighted the library's commitment to celebrating cultural heritage and promoting unity through shared experiences.



MOVEMBER 1ST -30TH NOVEMBER

Movember is an annual event that takes place during November, involving the growth of mustaches 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, the Library did a display on Movember to create and promote awareness of prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention.



LIBRARY WORKSHOP -26TH-27TH NOVEMBER

The staff engaged in a comprehensive two-day library workshop on November 26th and 27th at Fiji Hideaway Resort and Spa in Sigatoka, Japan. The primary objective was to enhance the standing of the FNU Library and increase its global presence. Dr. Udaya Shukla, University Librarian, facilitated the Library Operational Planning Workshop, supported by Senior Librarians, User Engagement Librarians, and the Quality Liaison Officer. The library team concluded the year with this significant Operational Planning Workshop, which convened library professionals to collaboratively brainstorm, strategize, and finalize the library's strategic goals and annual work plan for 2025.



NUKUI VILLAGE SCHOOL VISIT TO LIBRARY (28TH NOVEMBER)

The visit from the Nukui Village School with 33 students to the library was a memorable experience that provided students with valuable learning opportunities and exposure to a wealth of resources.



LIBRARY STAFF ANNUAL DINNER PARTY

The annual dinner parties of library staff hold several significances, contributing to the overall well-being and efficiency of the library. The significance of an annual dinner party for library staff goes beyond social gatherings. It plays a crucial role in fostering a positive work environment, strengthening team dynamics, acknowledging staff contributions, and promoting a healthy and inclusive organizational culture within the library.



KEY DATES



Webinar Series

Date Time GMT-	Webinar Training	Webinar Link
January 22, 2025, 11:00 AM	Performing a PICO Search on EBSCOhost Database	Launch Meeting - Zoom

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