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

### Bula and welcome to the Fiji National University Library!

Our libraries are dynamic learning spaces designed to support your academic journey. They serve as community hubs, offering access not only to books, movies, and other media, but also to broadband, computers, classes, and programs that connect people and ideas.

At FNU Library, we provide a blended service model that combines both physical and digital resources to deliver engaging, high-quality learning and discovery. Whether you prefer inperson visits or online access, our ongoing virtual and physical services ensure you have the tools, resources, and support you need for teaching, learning, and research success.



### **NEW ARRIVALS**

The Library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

# FNU has 16 libraries across Fiji?

The User Engagement Librarians (UELs) are here to support students throughout their academic journey. They assist students in developing strong research and information literacy skills by guiding them on how to locate, evaluate, and effectively use a wide range of resources, including books, journals, databases, and e-resources. UELs also provide training on proper citation, referencing, and academic integrity, while offering one-onone consultations for assignments, projects, and literature reviews. In addition, they help students navigate library systems, digital tools, and online learning platforms, ensuring that technology is accessible and easy to use. Through orientations, workshops, and outreach activities, UELs introduce students to library services and foster a supportive learning environment. Look no further! FNU's User Engagement Librarians are ready and eager to assist.

Specialized library staff members allocated to your campus and academic subjects are known as Subject Research Liaison Officers (SRLOs). They offer personalized research assistance, assisting you in locating the most useful information sources tohelp you succeed academically.

### **Library Services Donation to FNU Foundation**

FNU Library Services, under the leadership of University Librarian Dr. Udya Shukla, made a heartfelt visit to the FNU Foundation today.

The team's generous contributions included clothing for the Veilomani Closet, food supplies for the Veilomani Pantry, and cash donation in support of student scholarships.

This act of kindness reflects a deep commitment to community, compassion, and the empowerment of our students.



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.



### **Library Webinars**

The Department of Library Services hosted an important 'Turnitin Roadmap Presentation' at its Nasinu Campus today. The session provided a valuable insight into the future of academic integrity and the growing influence of Al in education and research.

The presentation highlighted how Turnitin, our trusted online platform for plagiarism detection and maintaining academic honesty, is developing to better support educators in assessing students' and researchers' work for originality, accurate citation, and potential misconduct.



## 140th Fiji School of Medicine Anniversary Library Services- Exhibition

As part of the Fiji School of Medicine's 140th Anniversary, the Library organized activities celebrating FSM's history and legacy. Highlights included a historical photo exhibition, a Memory Tree, and tributes from alumni, faculty, and guests, including the UK British High Commissioner. Interactive features such as a Selfie Booth and digital video tributes honored past members, blending history, memory, and community spirit. The event underscored FSM's enduring impact on Fiji and the Pacific, with the library proud to preserve and showcase this legacy.



### Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge Exhibition



The Fiji National University (FNU) Library team showcased resources celebrating the creativity of iTaukei indigenous innovations, highlighting that ancestral knowledge is not static but living, adaptive, and generative. This enduring wisdom continues to guide us in addressing contemporary challenges.



# Strengthening Regional Ties: Tuvalu Education Delegates Visit FNU Library

The Fiji National University (FNU) Library team warmly welcomed delegates from Tuvalu during a Study Tour at the Nasinu Campus.

The visit featured key representatives from Tuvalu's Ministry of Education and Human Resources, including Deputy Secretary Leilani Saitala, Assistant Librarian Sita Faalo, Archivist Mamao Tafao, and Librarian Tioata Lapana, who is also a Bachelor of Library and Information Systems student at FNU.

The delegation met with FNU Librarian Dr Udya Shukla to exchange ideas and strengthen academic and library collaborations. This fruitful



visit highlights the growing bonds between Fiji and Tuvalu in the field of education and library services.

FNU remains committed to fostering international partnerships and providing a platform for knowledge exchange.

We look forward to future collaborations that will benefit students and staff alike.

# **Library Events**

## i) August 12: International Youth Day

International Youth Day is celebrated annually on August 12th. This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of young people around the world, as well as raising awareness about the challenges and issues they face. It is an opportunity to promote the active engagement of youth in social, economic, and political processes.



# ii) 14 August: Year 13 students from Immaculate Conception College:

On 14th August, Year 13 students from Immaculate Conception College visited the Nasinu Library to explore and experience literacy education. The visit gave them a deeper understanding of how libraries support learning and personal growth.



# iii) September 8: World Literacy Day

World Literacy Day, celebrated on September 8, highlights the crucial role of literacy as a fundamental human right and a driver of sustainable development. It raises awareness about the global challenges of illiteracy and promotes the importance of education in empowering individuals, reducing poverty, and fostering social and economic progress.



# **Library Events**

### iv) 1-5 September: Hindi Diwali Week

From 1st to 5th September, the library celebrated Hindi Diwas Week with a special display and activities. The event promoted the beauty of the Hindi language and encouraged students to appreciate its cultural and literary significance.



### v) World Maritime Day

The World Maritime Day 2025 theme is "Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity". This theme highlights the ocean's crucial role in the global economy, climate regulation, and as a source of food and jobs. It calls for strengthened collective action, enhanced environmental governance, and the promotion of innovation to ensure sustainable shipping and a healthy marine environment.



### vi) National Library week

This year, the Department of Library Services proudly joined the national celebration of the Library Week 2025, under the inspiring theme "Libraries for Sustainable Communities." The library took this opportunity to highlight the role in building a more sustainable future - through access to knowledge, awareness campaigns, and collaborative initiatives.



We encourage you to check this tab regularly for updates on upcoming events! If you have suggestions for future webinar or training topics, feel free to reach out at fnulibrary@fnu.ac.fj.

# Stay informed, stay engaged, and make the most of these valuable learning experiences!

### **KEY DATES**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WEBINAR SERIES**

Dates	Webinar Training
14 July – 13 October 2025	Covidence: Data Extraction Software is on trial.
22 September, - 21 November 2025	Henry Stewart Business and Management Journals Collection is on trial.
1 - 30th November 2025	CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure) databases will be on trial.

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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

