TE RUNANGA PUKA – NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE COOK ISLANDS

• Is a division within the Ministry of Cultural Development (MoCD) located at the Sir Geoffrey Henry Culture Centre.

• Was established in 1992 but became fully operational in 1993 with a collection of just over 10,000 books comprising mainly of:
  
  • Children’s Fiction and Non Fiction
  • Adult Non-Fiction
  • Reference Collection
  • Cook Islands and Pacific Books, Reports and Theses
  • A very small collection of Pacific rare books

• Has a dual function that of a National and a Public Library
National Library Collaboration with MoCD

The Ministry of Cultural Development has a total of 22 permanent staff and 4 outputs consisting of:

- Output 1: Cultural National Identity – National Auditorium for events, property maintenance health safety
- Output 2: Cultural Heritage – National Museum and Anthropology Division
- Output 3: National Records and Information -National Archives and National Library
- Output 4: Corporate Services – Policy, Finance and Administration
Acts Administered by the Ministry of Cultural Development:

A total of 7 Acts are being administered by the Ministry of Cultural Development and the National Library is guided by the MoCD Act 1990

1. Ministry of Cultural Development Act 1990
2. Public Records Act 1984
3. Cultural and Historical Places Act 1994
4. Artefacts and Antiquities Act 1994
5. Reo Maori Act 2003
6. Traditional Knowledge Act 2013
7. Copyright Act 2013
National Information & Library Strategies

The National Library has two main key deliverables to:-

1. Ensure that the national collection is collected, preserved and made accessible to all Cook Islanders
2. The National Bibliography is fully overhauled, updated and made accessible to the public
Issues Faced by the National Library

1. Legal Deposit
   (a) The legal deposit has not been accomplished
   (b) Lack of resources to continue with the development of the legal deposit
   (c) Government had a very busy schedule to pass the legal deposit in a short time
   (d) The hot and mouldy climate change increases the workload for the preservation of the collection
Issues Faced by the National Library...continued

2. **Budget**
   (a) A library database no longer exists to help achieve the 2\textsuperscript{nd} key deliverable
   (b) Limited budget
   (c) Has a trading revenue that cannot be achieved
   (d) New publications could not be purchased to help build the collection

3. **Training** (a) Training needs in:
   (i) library field to obtain qualifications
   (ii) management field
   (iii) computer programmes
   (iv) website uploading
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:-

The National Library collaborations

- Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand
- National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand
- National Library of Australia
- Auckland Council Library, Auckland, New Zealand
- University of Auckland Library, Knowledge Basket, New Zealand
- University of the South Pacific Library, Fiji
- UNESCO
Library Statistics

Statistics for July 2014 to June 2015

- National Collection = 356
- Research, 65
- Borrowers = 20
- Library Services = 65
- Ministry Enquiries = 55
- Te Maeva Nui Event = 756

Statistics for July 2015 to February 2016

- Newspaper Readers = 2205
- Visitors = 1110
- National Collection = 356
- Research, 65
- Borrowers/Loan, Research, 111
- Ministry Enquiries, 197
- Services, 26
- Te Maeva Nui /event, 1015

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Visitors = 1110
National Collection = 356
Research, 65
Borrowers = 20
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Readers = 908
Visitors, 738
National Collection, 292
Research, 58
Borrowers/Loan, Research, 111
Ministry Enquiries, 197
Services, 26
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## National Library Collection as at January 2016

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The Way Ahead for the National Library

1. Increase the collaboration between the National Library and:
   a) all government departments in Rarotonga
   b) all the schools in Rarotonga
   c) all non-government organisations in Rarotonga
   d) international libraries and organisations

2. Seek for funding or assistance from international stakeholders or funding agencies

3. Seek for training opportunities in the required fields to help develop staff

4. Having a stronger network with other stakeholders

5. Need to be more pro-active