



Country Report
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Name of Library : Library Services of Fiji
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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources: - Read to Lead Project – For 732 Primary Schools - Donations of Books (cost of containers of Books)	\$2,899,000.00 \$800,000.00 \$15,000.00
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications (para professional) iii. Support staff	37 1 23 13
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved (e-books and Audiobooks) iii. Audiovisual collection iv. Offline digital reference resources (SolarSPELL) Open source	144,500 500 300 1,000 + databases
d	Visitorship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms (total from 5 branches) ii. Digital visits to websites	26,495 NA

e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	30
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2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

Library Services of Fiji is still in the automation implementation stage, since 2016 when the library embark into automation, a major challenge that we faced was the data entry or input of those collection from other branches. Another challenge was the short of staff in other branches, for example our Tavua and Rakiraki branch is sole managed whereas our branch in Savusavu is manned by two staff, thus the slow input(catalogue) of resources as they serve customers at the same time. The only library that is now fully automated is our Suva branch.

In-terms of collection access or services, the Department worked in partnership with peace corp volunteers and the staff of Arizona State University to pilot the SolarSPELL which is the Offline digital reference library to 4 schools in 2018 and then in 2019 it was introduced to 15schools in the remote rural area, the impact evaluation and assessment will be carried out on the 19th – 28th February, 2020 by professors of the ASU.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

The Department of Library Services of Fiji is under the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, Archives is part of the Ministry and the Museum is part of Culture, Heritage and Arts Department. All department under the Ministry collaborate to plan and chart their way forward in terms of Strategic Development and Annual Corporate planning workshop.

Secondly, with the 14 departments under the Ministry of Education, collaboration is always a priority where we advocate and create awareness of activities and services of the Ministry to the wider community. Government roadshows are a good platform for marketing of services, this is always hosted by provincial officers around Fiji and in each quarter all government ministry and agency participated and are expected to take the services to the hard to reach members of the community.

4 International Collaborations such as Formal Arrangements for Cooperation with National Libraries [Please provide a maximum of 5 highlights]

Attempts has not been successful and our Department looks forward for international collaborations with other National Libraries.

However, National Library of New Zealand and Australia has helped with establishment of the PACIFIC LIBRARY Network, after the Pacific Library Summit at the end of the INELI, in 2017 this was lobby after the CDNLAO meeting in Wellington, NZ in 2016.

Apart from National Libraries the Department has since worked closely with Peace Corp volunteer, in 2019 to upgrade school libraries and accessibility of information through offline digital reference library (SolaSPELL).