

Our Theme: “Activating and engaging communities with nation’s collection”

Presentation outline

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 - ❑ EXHIBITIONS
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 - ❑ HEALTHY PIKININI (KIDS) PROGRAM



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Country Introduction



Vanuatu is located in the western direction of Fiji and has **83** islands and divided into **6** provinces. Like any other small island state of the Pacific, our country is known to be prone to natural disasters – causing threat to libraries, buildings and its collections.

The National Government is made up of *thirteen (13) government ministries* and lead by the Prime minister and its councils of ministers.



It has a total population of **301,695**.

A brief statistics indicate a total of **563** schools of which there are **440 English** and **123 French**.

Also divided into these category

30 – Secondary schools

120 – Primary schools



and **17 – Colleges**

History, Mission & objectives of National Library of Vanuatu

❑ History

Cultural Centre Library was established in 1961

❑ Mission

Our mission is to collect, preserve, make known, provide access; and act as the National Legal Depository for all literature works published about Vanuatu within and out of Vanuatu

❑ Objectives

- Provide, maintain and develop adequate reading, shelving and storage facilities so that researchers, students and the general public may gain maximum benefit from the collections;
- Continually expand the repository of quality information about Vanuatu and the Pacific region;
- Maintain and developed the library's database and cataloguing system so that it may eventually be accessible by network to government departments and Provincial Headquarters, and;
- Encourage general awareness and observance of the Deposit of Books Act (Cap. 88)





Serah is adventurous and knows all about nature, she dreams to be an environment officer one day. Her school friends also have their own dreams but they do not own a book, neither do they have a Library or any equal access to internet. They are known as unserved and under privileged but they still sit the same national exam as the those in towns

Equal Right for all to the Nation's Collection



Our Community Engagement to National's Collection

The three (3) main engagement or involvement that we actively carried out are – the School Library Program, Exhibitions and Healthy Pikinini (kids) Program. we collaborated with schools, government ministries, departments, institutions and rural community to achieve these objectives.

These activity involve:-

- DONATIONS OF USED READING BOOKS;
- RUNNING AND CONDUCTING AWARENESS'S AND SCHOOL WORKSHOPS;
- SETTING UP RURAL COMMUNITY LIBRARIES;
- SEEKING FUNDS TO BUILD LIBRARY BUILDING, BUILD LIBRARY BOOKSHELVES, BUY LIBRARY TABLE, CHAIRS, STATIONARIES AND SOLAR PANELS

TO SUPPORT LIFELONG LEARNING FOR OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHILDREN



From Bamboo wall and thatched roof, Bamboo shelves, wooden shelves, stone bookends, and wooden bookmark to...



Non Fiction





...to Permanent Concrete cyclone proof houses equipped with proper build-in shelves, bookends, bookmarks & plastics chairs



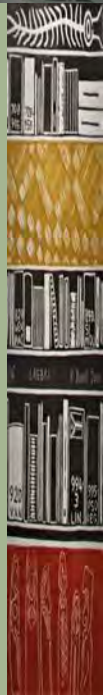
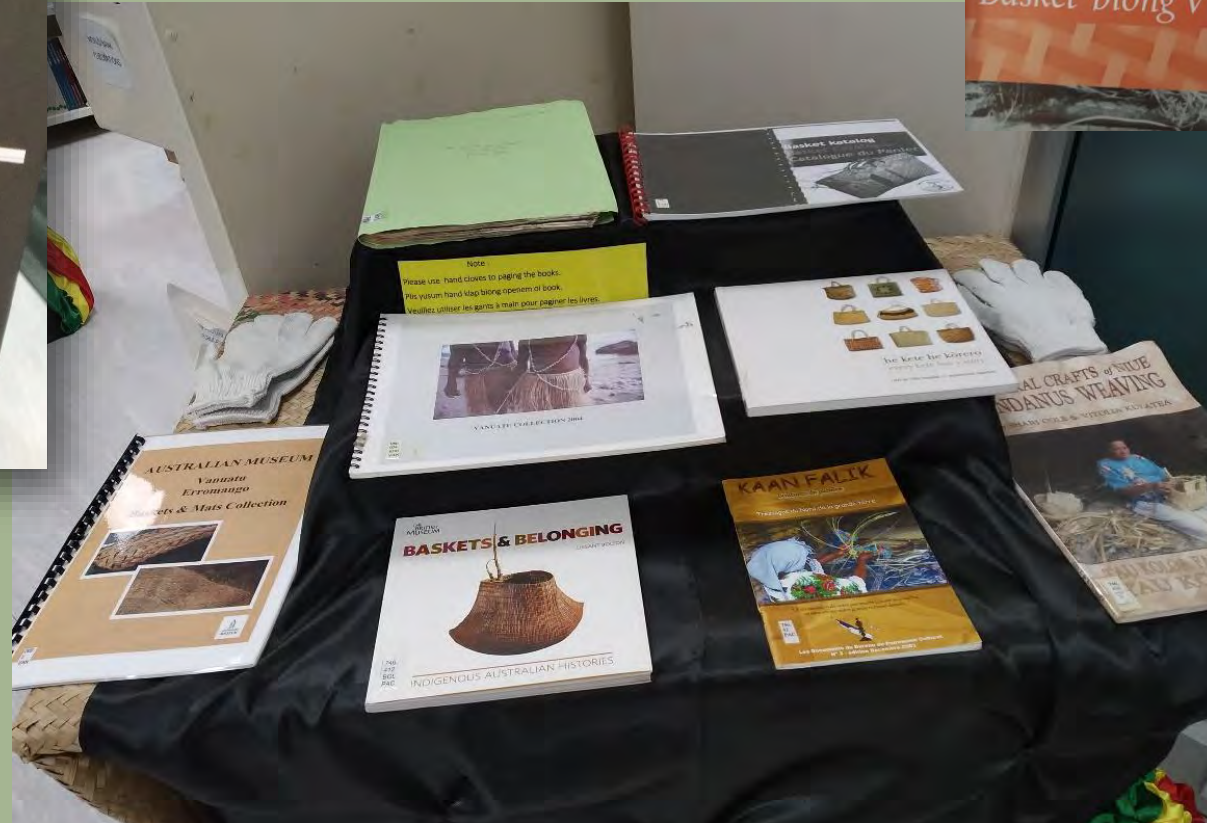
READING



**Anywhere
Anyplace
Any time!!**

EXHIBITION

An example of books borrowed out from the collection and used as center piece displays for exhibitions



HEALTHY Pikinini Program

The Vanuatu Indigenous Lands Defence Desk (VILDD) is a driving body under the Vanuatu Cultural Center which aims to protect Vanuatu's land, culture and economy. One of the biggest projects VILDD is also promoting, is the slow food movement. Slow Food connect and educate citizens on traditional knowledge to preparation of local dishes. This aligns with the national campaign to fight against NCD and promote healthy diets and healthy habits as well as revival of lost traditional knowledge of food security and preparation.

In February 2021, VILDD funded this project called "Healthy Kids/Pikinini Program" and a memorandum of understanding was signed between VILDD and; the National Library of Vanuatu, National Archives of Vanuatu and Port Vila Public Library.



With this we believe that through these programs, we have engaged and concluded our active role to communities and their access and knowledge to our nations collection



Thank you 😊!!

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