

Annual report of: Odile Urirau, National Library of the Cook
Islands

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Name of country: Cook Islands

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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

- Is a division within the Ministry of Cultural Development (MoCD) located at the “Te Puna Korero - 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
- The National Library has a very strong relationship with all the outputs within the Ministry of Cultural Development. The Ministry has four main events in the year where each output is required to assist Output 1. The National Library plays a big role in support of the events where the service of staff is highly needed in the areas of: ticket sales and

promotions. A lot of time is involved with the preparation and the duration of an event.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

- The National Library of the Cook Islands was established in 1992 and became fully operational in 1993 with a collection of just over 10,000 books. It has the dual function of a National and Public library.

- There are only two staff including myself, both un-qualified librarians with on the job experience only. Not many people are qualified librarians in the country and the only upskilling of the staff was through the short-term training with other Libraries in New Zealand being offered through the Human Resources Department here in the Cook Islands funded by the department and . I, on a couple of occasions, have had the opportunity to go on training, once with the Alexander Turnbull Library and the Auckland Council Library. This training was beneficial and I am always looking for more opportunities like this whenever available.

- I have looked at other options of taking online library courses and made contact with LIANZA last year to see what they had to offer. I was so interested to take the courses but not having the funding to pay for the courses discouraged me. It is my hope to become a qualified librarian one day and maybe through this report, I could be able to get assistance from one of the CDNL-AO countries.

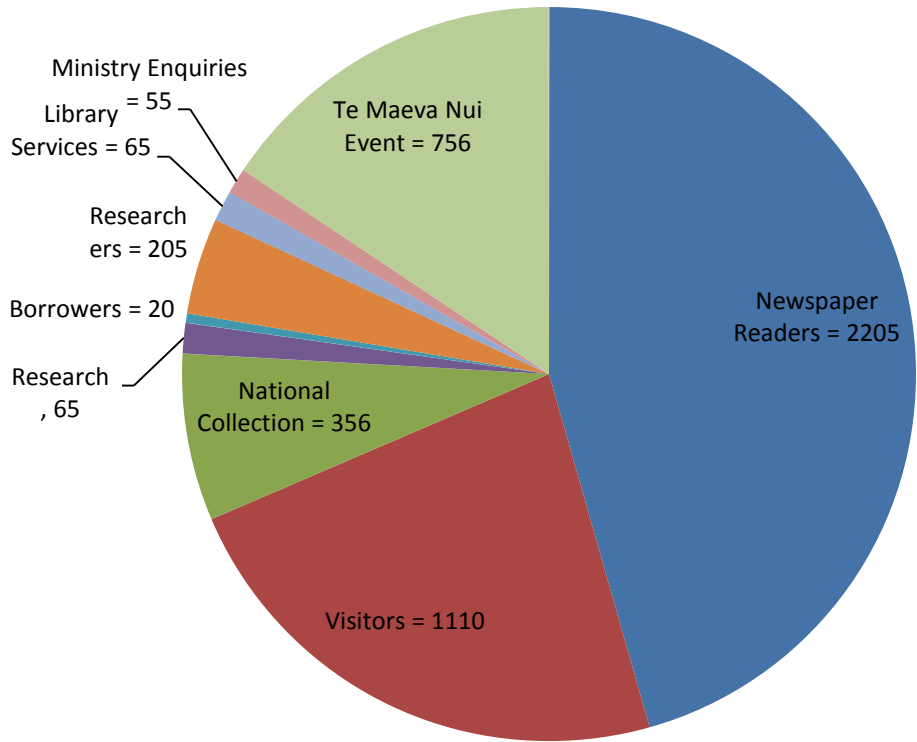
- A total budget of \$NZ5,250 per annum (since 2012) is allocated for the National Library from Government. This budget is very low and it is mainly used for our operating. The intention of the National Library is to look at international agencies who offer grants where we can request or apply for funding to assist in developing or building the resources within the National Library.

- A trading revenue of \$3,000 per annum had to be generated by the National Library. It is difficult for the National Library to generate this kind of revenue as there is a limited number of services and resources available.

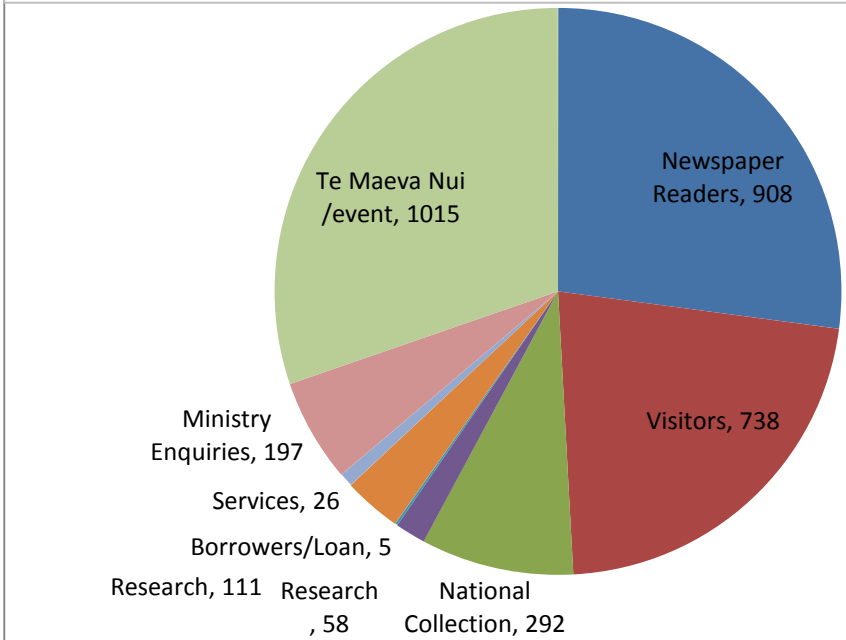
Total Collection in the National Library

National Library Collection as at January 2016			
Type of Collection	Total No.	Description of the Collections	
Cook Islands Collections:	429	Documents and stories of the Cook Islands	
Cook Islands Acts/ Legislations	100	Laws of the Cook Islands of the Cook Islands	
Theses	95	Research about the Cook Islands	
EIA -Reports	150	Environmental Impact Assessment Report	
Cook Islands Reports	250	Reports by Cook Islanders	
Taira Pere's Collection	86	Genealogies, Short stories about the Cook Islands	
MOC DVDs	30	DVDs of Ministry events	
Pacific Collections	2,955	Cook Islands and Pacific Islands Books	
JPS	26	Journal of the Polynesian Society	Special Issue - 1997 -2003
JPS	20	Journal of the Polynesian Society	Special Issue -1925 -1941
Rare Books Collections	250		
References Collections	1,841	Encyclopedias	
		Dictionaries	
		World Maps, Atlases	
Non-Fiction			
Adult Non Fiction	3,077		
Children's Non-Fiction	2,055		
Other Collections			
French Collection	1,127		
Chinese Collection	137	Books about China	
Children's Fiction Books	3,558	Children stories	
Today's Vision Magazine		February 1999 -January - February 2000	
Cook Islands Times	28	June 2012- December 2012	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	20	August 2012 - December 2012	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	48	January 2013 - December 2013	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	48	January 2014 - December 2014	
Cook Islands Herald News Paper	36	February 2015 - October 2015	
Cook Islands Newspaper	250	January 2010 - December 2010	
Cook Islands Newspaper	250	January 2011 - December 2011	
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Cook Islands Newspaper	250	January 2015 - October 2015	
	17,866		

Statistics for July 2014 to June 2015



Statistics for July 2015 to February 2016



3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

The National Library started developing a legal deposit policy and bill in 2012. The advice and assistance of personnel from the National Library of New Zealand and Auckland Council Library were incorporated and discussed with National Depository Committee members to help develop the legal deposit draft policy and the legal deposit draft bill. The draft policy and bill were completed in 2014 and was handed over to the Head of Ministry for next level of development.

However, 2015 being the 50th year of self-government meant that the Ministry of Cultural Development became one of the key Ministries with the preparation of the Independence events for the whole year. Therefore, the progress of the legal deposit was then put on hold.

The National Library is now looking at other ways to build its National collection (listed below) instead of depending on the legal deposit.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

1. Having the National Library as the main depository for:
 - All Government agencies publications either in hard or electronic copies especially on the main island of Rarotonga
 - Private sectors on the main island of Rarotonga which includes audio visual what things are deposited?
 - All schools on the main island of Rarotonga
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2. Finding a suitable database for the management of the national collection

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

- Looking at uploading the national bibliography onto the Ministry website

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

- More promotional awareness about the National Library available through the media

7. NOTES ON YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OTHER LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS IN YOUR COUNTRY:

The National Library together with the National Archives and National Museum are all divisions within the Ministry of Cultural Development. The collaboration between these divisions is very strong in terms of sharing of information as well as assisting each other in the promotion and exhibition of many activities and events.

The National Library also collaborates with some government department and school libraries assisting them mainly with the setting up of their small libraries. Most government departments have many published materials but

have no idea how to set up or even use the dewey decimal cataloguing system for the numbering of their books.

8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

- There is no formal arrangement for cooperation with other international libraries or organization. However, the National Library have created relationships with other international libraries and organizations.