

Annual report of Tuvalu National Library and Archives

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Name of country: Tuvalu

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1. RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT:

- The Tuvalu National Library and Archives is a department under the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports Tuvalu Government. It operates under the PUBLIC RECORDS ACT CAP.22.15 OF TUVALU LAWS WHICH STATE AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TUVALU. The department also enforces Copyright and the destruction of public records. The Tuvalu National Library and Archives is the only library in Tuvalu offering library services to the people of Tuvalu and its Government. It also provides archival services and other record management services to the people and the Government.

2. FACTS AND FIGURES:

- The Tuvalu National Library and Archives was established on 1st September 1978. In leading up to the political independence from the British Colony, Tuvalu needed a library and archives to safeguard Tuvalu Cultural, Political and Public records. Since its establishment the Tuvalu National Library and Archives was housed on an old Red Cross building in the capital Funafuti. Up to date the department is still operating on that same old building which is about almost fifty years old.
- This year 2017 the department receives a huge budget from the Government. This is the biggest budget ever the department has encountered which amounts to \$426,298.00.
- The department's staff structure is as follows;
- 1 x Chief Librarian/Archivist & Head of Department - Mr. Noa Petueli Tapumanaia - Holds a BA Information System & Information Library Studies, Diploma in Information System and a Certificate in Basic Library/Information Skills
- 1 x Librarian - Ms Kana Teafiula - Holds a Certificate in Basic Library/Information Skills
- 2 x Assistant Librarian - Ms Fagatia Niko & Ms Mamao Tafao - both hold a Certificate in Basic Library/Information Skills and are currently doing part-time studies for their Diploma in Information Library Studies
- 1 x Assistant Archivist - Position Vacant
- The Tuvalu National Library and Archives collections consist of 10,000 titles including fiction and non-fiction and about 6000 reference collection. We have about 900 Tuvalu Archival boxes which contain Tuvalu public records and another 1000 plus unindexed boxes in offsite storage. About 5000 plus records have been preserved through digitalization but there are many more left needed to be preserved.
- About 30 people visit the library collection each day and about 20 plus visitors for the archives a day. In a year the Tuvalu National Library and Archives serves up to 500 plus customers.

3. A BRIEF GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS:

- Recently the department is working on a project proposal to build a new Tuvalu National Library and Archives complex building.
- Government has allowed a \$300,000.00 for the project so that the department can conduct a designing and consultation phase.
- A building plan has been drawn up and negotiations with the lands department have been made to secure the land for the proposed new complex building.

4. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BUILDING AND MANAGING COLLECTIONS:

- This year the department ordered new library materials for its children's section. For the past decades the library has been operating on

donated and out date materials so it is about time for the children of Tuvalu to be introduced to new library materials.

- The department spent about \$4000 Fiji Dollar to purchase 50 titles fiction and 50 titles non-fiction for its children section.
- The department also purchase 10 steel book shelf, 10 visitors chairs, one conference table, 3 desktop computers and 5 office chairs to upgrade office furniture.

5. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS:

- This year the department will procure a book censor, barcode reader, 2 new desktop computers, and a library software so that the circulation and managing of the library collection will be friendly to its users.
- Also the library is hoping to introduce library ID cards so that patrons can check out books using their library ID cards.

6. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER SERVICES:

- The library have order a new set of library cataloguing tools so that librarian can work independently without disturbing or asking to borrow tools from other staffs.

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

- The Tuvalu National Library and Archives is collaborating with the Fiji Library Services, National Archives of Fiji, National Archives of Vanuatu, Kiribati National Library and Archives, Island Culture Archives
- The main aim is to share ideas that might help and improve other library with their collection.

8. NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION:

- This year the Tuvalu National Library and Archives is planning to visit the Kiribati National Library and Archives, National Archives of Fiji for archives training attachment