



What Is Our Future ? National Libraries In 2040

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Country Report

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1 Facts and Figures

Sn	Item Description	Figures
a	Operating Budget i. Government ii. External Sources	\$2.8 milion \$400,000 (Read to Lead Project)
b	Total Staff (FTE) i. Graduate or Post Graduate with library qualifications ii. Other Qualifications (apart from library qualifications) iii. Paraprofessionals Qualification	37 3 2 21
c	Collection Size i. Physical collection ii. Digital collection preserved	120, 946 Non
d	Visitor ship (Annual) i. Physical visits to reading rooms ii. Digital visits to websites	31,785 visits in a year. Website under construction and estimated to go live on June 1 st , 2018.
e	Inter Library Loans provided (Annual)	Inter library loans have not been provided as we are yet to review the ILL policy and agreement with other libraries.

2 Overview of Major or New Developments in Library Buildings, Collections, Access or Services

- a) Library Building** – discussion has been on going with our Asset monitoring unit and Finance for the project paper for the new National Library Building.
- b) Collection** – In terms of collection the department has \$700,000 specifically for the procurement of resources, hence the collection development for the libraries are very good. Procurement of e-books and audio books are the new formats that we have started in 2018, all this will be accessible once our website goes live.
- c) Access** – Provision of access to resources is provided through our branch libraries across Fiji and into our 45 community libraries in the community. Community libraries are active as this is one way that we have increase access to information due to the geographical locations of communities.
- d) Services** – The department have the following services:
 - I. Public library services
 - II. American Corner – Western Division
 - III. China Corner – Central Division
 - IV. School library services
 - V. Community library services
 - VI. Co-ordinate National Events to advocate on libraries.

3 Collaborations with Libraries, Archives and Museums in your Country

- a) Libraries** – Library Services worked closely with school libraries and public libraries especially the Council libraries in the advocacy of library services and national events.
- b) Archives** – the two departments collaborate in terms of outreach and awareness services in terms of access to information and Government Roadshows.
- c) Museums** – the two departments collaborate in terms of outreach and awareness services.

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

- a) Involvement in the INELI –OCEANIA where one of our staff was the successful applicant.
- b) Formation of the Pacific Library Network that work together on delivering the Statement of Intent which was put together during the closing of the INELI-OCEANIA and the opening of the Pacific Library Summit.
- c) Library Services of Fiji has now become a member of the IFLA and LIANZA.