

COUNTRY REPORT TO CDNL-AO 2011

Name of country: Kiribati

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1. General overview of recent major developments at the reporting library.

Recently the Kiribati National Library has Three major areas of developments such as:

1. **Services:** In October 2010 the Library installed three Computers which were access to the Internet.
2. **Collection:** Most of our collection acquired through Donations from some International and Regional Organizations like SPREP, USP...etc & from the local individual. Each year we purchased our Resources in accommodating the Allocated Budget which was very limited.
3. **Staff:** In 2009 we have two staff that has completed their Library Certificate Studies at the University of the South Pacific via extension learning mode.

2. Note of the reporting library's relationship to the government, citation of legislation which sets out the library's mandate, and other legislation which directly affects the library's operations.

- ✓ The National Library relationship to the Government is generally GOOD. In the mean time there is no Legislation which set out the library's mandate or directly affects the library's operation.

3. Key fact and figures:

NIL

4. New developments in creating and building collections:

NIL

5. New developments in managing collections:

- ✓ Creating I.D (Identification Cards) for all members
- ✓ Increase Fine to Lost/Late Materials.

6. New developments in providing access to collections:

- Installation of 3 Computers access to internet
- Creation of new Database on Catalogues where users can easily access to in locating their information.
- Maintaining the Manual card catalogue to encounter the unexpected issues like Mechanical problems in machines like computers or from the power loss.

7. Examples of collaboration between the reporting library and other national collecting

The Kiribati National Library collaboration to the Archives was better because we are under one division and administered under the same institution – Ministry of Education. So we always collaborated or worked together in achieving our major goals which are the Provision, Collection and Preservation of Nation's Heritage. For example once we acquired New Pacific Materials especially on Kiribati we have to deposit two copies to the Archives Section for enriching its own collection.

Another example if our clients – Researchers or Students could not find their information from the Library they had to refer to the Archives for further assistance.

I regret to report that we have experienced a lack of collaboration to the Museum. We have a Kiribati Museum however it was functioned under another Ministry.