

# Library Update



## WELCOME

We hope that you all have had a good mid-semester break and ready to resume the rest of the semester till exams in June 2025. We also congratulate all graduating students who successfully completed their programmes and are ready to work, continue working or planning to pursue further tertiary studies at the university. Our very best wishes for your future endeavours!



## BOOK RETURN AMNESTY

The 2 months amnesty for overdue books to be returned to the Library without meeting a charge for the period Monday 10/2/25 – Saturday 29/3/25 is now over. We thank all staff members who returned overdue books during this time period.

## LIBRARY OPENING HOURS



### SAWENI & SAMABULA CAMPUSES

Good Friday (18/04/25) – **CLOSED**  
Easter Saturday (19/04/25) – **CLOSED**  
Easter Monday (21/04/25) – **CLOSED**  
From Tuesday (22/4/25) – 8am-6pm

### DURING EXAMS IN JUNE

Monday (2/6/25) – Friday (6/6/25):  
**8am – 8pm**  
Monday (9/6/25) – Thursday (12/6/25):  
**8am -8pm**  
Friday (13/6/25):  
**8am – 6pm**

The Main Issue Desks cease operations 10 minutes prior to Library closure.



## DID YOU KNOW:

- Most virtual assistants use female voices.
- Sophia, a humanoid robot with AI became the first robot to gain legal personhood in any country. Sophia is now a citizen of Saudi Arabia.
- The EU has created ethics guidelines for AI.

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## **INFORMATION RESEARCH & LITERACY SKILLS**

The following schools have taken advantage of the IRS and Literacy Skills sessions offered by the Library during this semester: UPSMHS, JDPSoL, SoBE, SoHA. We encourage others to contact us if you need your students to learn about: Searching Skills Required for Databases, Using a Reference Management tool, Research skills for PGs, Using Boolean Logic to Search, Accessing Databases and How to Search them, Where and How to Search to Save time. The Library has so far provided sessions F2F and online too for both UGs and PGs. Let us know the medium to best deliver these sessions to your students for the upcoming semester!

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Library is helping to establish the book and reference collection of the St. Francis College located in the province of Ra. A preliminary visit to the school was made last month and accessioning of books is currently underway before the records are sent to UoF library staff for the process of cataloguing.

## **LIBRARY USER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2025**

The Library will be putting out an online survey for 2 weeks from May 19 – May 30 to library users to capture your reaction, thoughts and suggestions on improving our library services, facilities and resources. We request your support and appreciate your input in taking the library forward.



## **DATABASES YOU CAN ACCESS FROM THE LIBRARY PORTAL**

- Cambridge Journals Online
- HeinOnline
- Nature Publishing
- Oxford Journals
- Oxford Reference
- ProQuest
- Research4Life
- Scopus Preview
- UpToDate
- Web of Science
- Wiley Online

Use your student or staff login credential to access the databases from within UoF premises or from home.

If you are experiencing difficulty to access the databases, please contact us on phone **6640660 Ext 131** or email **[library@unifiji.ac.fj](mailto:library@unifiji.ac.fj)**

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

On this day, the Library is inviting the university community to a 'pre-loved' book exchange day commencing 9am – 4pm. There will be a table at the library level 2 foyer with all 'pre-loved' books. Bring a book to exchange with another and also receive a book-mark to commemorate the day.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 2025 BOOK EXCHANGE ACTIVITY**





## **RECREATIONAL READING IN THE PARK NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**

The 'Recreational Reading in the Park National Campaign' is an initiative in partnership between the University of Fiji and the Ministry of Local Government; in particular Town and City councils throughout Fiji. The campaign was officially launched on Friday 24 January 2025 by the Director, Ministry of Local Government Ms. Bindula Devi to commemorate the United Nations World Education Day. The purpose of this campaign is to draw the community of book lovers, book worms and avid readers in Fiji to a space where they can enjoy both the act of reading in a leisurely manner and within the surrounds of nature. The city and town councils partnered with the UoF to provide the secure parks for the reading campaign to happen every Saturday 2pm-5pm. It is envisaged that a 'community of readers' will naturally grow itself from this campaign. Not only are we raising a nation of readers but more importantly, national thinkers as those who read are known to do much better at school, university, at work than those who don't. The actual reading commenced on Saturday 25 January and continue in town and city council parks around the nation. Here are the Parks in the towns and cities.

- Ba – Patel Park, Ba
- Labasa – Adi Laisa Park, Labasa Town
- Lautoka – IYC Park, Thompson Crescent
- Levuka - Nasau Park, Levuka
- Nadi – Koroivolu Park, Raniga Street
- Nausori – Syria Park, Nausori Town
- Sigatoka – Amphitheatre, Sigatoka Town
- Suva – Rt Sukuna Park, Victoria Parade

**JOIN US AND OTHER READERS EVERY SATURDAY 2pm-5pm!**



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