



PASIFIKA COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Pasifika collection at the Albany Campus Library is a research-level collection, focusing largely on the humanities and social sciences. The collection contains material relating to:

- Pasifika peoples living in Aotearoa New Zealand and their cultures
- Pacific peoples living in the islands of the Pacific and their cultures

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION

The Pasifika collection was established in 2010 as a research collection covering a range of disciplines in order to support the teaching and research needs of staff and students. Material included in this collection contains significant (50%+) Pasifika content.

This collection is housed adjacent to the Ngā Kupu Ora collection on Level 3 of the Albany Library. Material is interfiled regardless of format. The intention is to make Pasifika material more accessible to students and staff.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Monographs

The collection consists of some 3,500 monographs, mainly in the social sciences and humanities. A large number of Polynesian language dictionaries are held. Two significant donations have contributed to the collection – Professor Kerry Howe (mostly Melanesia material) and Professor Cluny Macpherson (mostly Polynesia material).

Journals

All significant Pasifika journal titles are collected, including the *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, *The Contemporary Pacific*, *Pacific Economic Bulletin*, *Country Reports & Profiles*, *Islands Business*, *Journal of Pacific History*, *Pacific Studies*, *Oceania*, and *Pacific Islands Monthly*. Where possible electronic access is purchased along with print format.

Newspapers

Many Pacific newspapers are sourced from digital collections such as Newztext Newspapers, Australia & New Zealand Reference Centre and historical online collections such as Niupepa. Physical holdings include the *Fiji Times* (microfilm), *Fiji Gazette* (microfilm), and the *Solomon's News Drum* (microfilm).

Databases

There are a number of databases which include Pasifika content – Pacific Islands News & Information Database (PINI), INNZ, Newztext Plus, Newztext Newspapers and Newztext

Magazines, Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre. Pacific content can also be found in the multi-disciplinary databases Discover, Web of Science, Scopus and Academic Search Elite, as well as subject specific databases such as in health and business.

Other media

Audio-visual material including films, documentaries and music is collected. Material held on VHS and cassette tapes will be format-shifted where appropriate and where copyright allows.

Collection Priorities for Selection

Pasifika material is collected according to the following geographical priorities:

1. Polynesia*
2. Melanesia**
3. Micronesia***

* All material related to Polynesia is collected.

** General treatments; and material related to those island nations with a closer relationship to New Zealand, such as Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

*** General treatments only.

Multiple copies are purchased if there is expected high demand. Electronic format is purchased in addition to print, as appropriate platforms allow.

Relationships with other libraries

Manawatū Library collects Pasifika material relating to Pasifika peoples living in New Zealand, with this material residing in the NZ Collection. Wellington Library collects Pasifika art material.

Withdrawal and Weeding

The majority of the collection is kept. Weeding of superseded editions is done on a regular basis as new editions are published.

Preservation and security

Print journals and some reference works are classified 'not for loan'. Resources that are damaged and have sufficient significance to retain in the collection are mended or replaced if possible.

Related Collection Development policies

Ngā Kupu Ora (Albany)

Ngā Kupu Ora (Manawatū)

New Zealand Collection (Manawatū)