

## Pacific Studies Resources

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When you are beginning to study, the Library can seem like a difficult place to find your way around. This guide gives some advice for helping you to find Pacific Studies information resources in the University of Otago Library. If you cannot find the information you are looking for, please talk to a librarian at the Help Desk, or contact the Maori Resources Librarians in Central Library – we are happy to assist you.

### ***Where are the Pacific Studies information resources kept?***

The Library uses the (American) Library of Congress classification system. This means that you will find Pacific Studies resources in different areas of the Library's collections, not just in one place or one library. These are some of the main areas in Central library:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Call number (Library of Congress Classification)</b>
Art	N 7410
Bibliography	Z 4501
Description and travel	DU 20
Economic conditions	HC 681
History	DU 20 – DU 79
Politics & government	GN 660 & JQ 5995
Social life and customs	GN 663

### ***How do I find these resources?***

The Library Catalogue allows you to search for books, journals, audio-visual material and many other resources held in any of the University of Otago Libraries. You can search by author, title, subject, keyword or by course. If you are not sure where to start try:

- **Subject keywords:** There are a number of broad subject headings you can look at to find Pacific Studies information, for example:

Try	Pacific Islands	with	-- Politics and Government
	Oceania		-- Description and travel
	Polynesia		-- Discovery and exploration
	Melanesia		-- History
	Micronesia		-- Social life and customs
	Islands of the Pacific		-- Languages
	Pacific Islanders -- New Zealand		

- **Keywords :** Allows you to search for specific words, such as the names of countries. This is useful if the subject headings are too wide or if you cannot find a subject heading which is appropriate.
- **Course Reserve :** This allows you to view the resources that have been recommended for your course. As Pacific Studies is a multi-disciplinary degree, when searching on the catalogue under Course reserve it is best to search for individual paper codes. Reserve items (2 hour loan) are to be used in the library only.

**Important:** You need the *call number* to find the item on the shelf. Also check that the book is 'Available'.

### **Central Library Collections**

**Books:** below are selected examples of books located in Reference (not for loan), Reserve (2-hour loan in library only), the Maori resources Collection (not for loan) and Lending collections:

<i>The Pacific Islands: an encyclopedia 2000</i>	Central Library: Reference DU 17.P2633*
<i>The Cambridge History of the Pacific Islanders</i>	Central Library: Reserve DU 28.3 C4973 2004*
<i>Tattoos from paradise : traditional Polynesian patterns</i>	Central Library: Books GT 2346.P75 BL66

\* also available in the Maori Resources Collection

**Journals:** examples of some journals located in the Social Anthropology and History sections of the journal collection on the First Floor:

<i>Journal of Pacific history</i>	Central Library: Journals DU 1.J68 & Expanded Academic ASAP [Available via the University network]
<i>Journal of the Polynesian Society</i>	Central Library: Journals GN 2.J68
<i>Oceania</i>	Central Library: Journals DU 1.O33 & ProQuest [Available via the University network]

**Audiovisual** resources are housed together in a single collection on the Second Floor:

<i>The art of tapa</i>	Central Library: Videocassette Tapes O96460
<i>Fragile ecosystems coral reefs at risk, Palau, Micronesia</i>	Central Library: Videocassette Tapes O98463

### **Hocken Collections**

The Hocken Collections are a major repository collection for New Zealand and Pacific resources. This is a 'Reference only' collection so items must be used in the Hocken Collections, they are not available for borrowing.

The Library catalogue will help you find published material held in the Hocken Collections. The Hakena online catalogue lists unpublished (archival) material, and a card catalogue lists archives and manuscript collections of items published before 1985. The Hocken Collections are open Monday to Friday from 9.30am – 5.00pm, Tuesday nights from 6.00pm – 9.00pm and Saturdays from 9.00am – 12.00 noon.

### ***Finding articles in Journals***

The catalogue tells you what journals the Library has, not what articles are in them. To find this out you need to use either an electronic database or a printed index. There is a list of recommended databases and indexes on the Pacific Studies subject guide on the Library Webpage ([http://www.library.otago.ac.nz/subject\\_guides/pacific.html](http://www.library.otago.ac.nz/subject_guides/pacific.html)).

You can learn how to use a database by taking a class, doing an online tutorial, or by asking at the Help desk. Index New Zealand (via Te Puna) is the main New Zealand journal article database.

**Printed indexes:** are where you will find older journal material. For Pacific topics in earlier New Zealand journals, pre 1987, use Index to New Zealand periodicals. Central Library: Reference Z 6962.N5 IC5

### ***Finding resources on the Web***

The Pacific Studies subject guide has links to a number of web sites with information on the following subjects: Individual Pacific countries / Pacific cultures and languages / Pacific news & information sources / Institutions & organisations / Pacific Library Catalogues / Subject directories