



*"Re-Evaluate, Re-Focus, Re-Connect:
Adapting to the new norm in the Pacific"*

PIALA 32nd Annual Conference

Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums

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Koror, Republic of Palau





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Hello, Alii, Kasalehlie, Mogethin, Ran annim, Lenwo, lokwe, Kia ora!



Buenas Dias, Hafa adai, and Welcome to the 32nd Annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Conference as we "Re-evaluate, Re-focus, Re-connect: Adapting to the New Norm in the Pacific"!

PIALA's mission is to enhance the quality of leadership in order to support and strengthen libraries, archives, and museums across the Pacific Islands—Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae, and Pohnpei), New Zealand, and American Samoa. As you know, the Pacific region has been hit hard by the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as, being at the forefront of the devastating effects of global warming and climate change. Libraries, archives, and museums have been no exception. We have had to close our doors, reduce

our hours of operation, limit in-person services, and those that have remained open have had to adapt to new ways of working.

But the pandemic has also presented an opportunity for libraries, archives, and museums to re-evaluate their role in society. We have seen a renewed focus on the importance of information, knowledge, the preservation of our cultural resources, and the roles libraries, archives, and museums play in providing access to these important resources.

We have also seen a renewed focus on the importance of community. Libraries, archives, and museums have been at the forefront of efforts to connect people during the pandemic, providing virtual programming, online resources, and increased outreach to our most underserved communities.

In this new normal, libraries, archives, and museums have a vital role to play. We can be a source of information and knowledge, a place for community, and a space for learning and discovery.

This year, it is with great honor, that we re-unite to the roots of our Conference in that our 1st Annual PIALA Conference was held in 1991 in Palau. Back then, we had over 40 participants throughout Micronesia, Fiji, Hawaii, and the continental United States. We have indeed come a long way!

Our mission is to enhance the quality of leadership in order to support and strengthen libraries, archives, and museums across the Pacific Islands. We have accomplished so many great things this past year! These are all great things we are doing collectively for our Pacific islands!

From coordinating and planning the sharing of containers of books to Yap, Kosrae, Chuuk, and Saipan from Hawaii State Senator Glenn Wakai's Reach Out Pacific (REPAC).

To introducing and sharing with our members the amazing programs and opportunities available for the Chief Officers of State Libraries (COSLA) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

To virtually presenting at the World Library and Information Congress, the 88th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Conference and Assembly held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from August 21-25, 2023. On behalf of PIALA, we successfully presented "Navigating Climate Justice in Impacted Island Communities: Libraries Promoting Environmental Sustainability."

Moreover, we also conducted a webinar on June 07, 2023, on behalf of PIALA presenting "United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Mobile Outreach Services in the Asia / Oceania Division of IFLA." We highlighted the Palau Public Library Bookmobile, the Alele Bookmobile in Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Bookmobile and Technology Mobile Express of the Northern Marianas.



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To being invited to represent the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and PIALA as a panelist in the Western Museum Association Conference (WMA) Conference in Pasadena, CA, from October 5-8, 2023. Organized by the Hawai'i Museums Association, East-West Center Arts Program, and the University of Hawai'i's Museum Studies Graduate Certificate Program (MSGCP), the panel "Museums in Militarized/ Colonized Spaces: The Case of the Mariana Islands" took place on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The panel focused on the challenges that are faced by the indigenous people of the islands in terms of managing museums and other similar educational institutions in heavily militarized colonial spaces. Furthermore, it is a testament to the great work we continue to do for our community, as we are being nationally recognized as a model cultural institution and organization.

During the Western Museum Association Conference, I will share my work experience and our innovative library programs and services. I will highlight how the JKPL creates inclusive spaces for our employees and community by indigenizing colonized programming, thereby creating a future indigenous employment framework for national implementation.

We have also bid farewell to our dear friend and colleague Mr. Aaron Sighra, current PIALA Executive Board member representing Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, Librarian of the Rose Mackwelung Library, President of the Kosrae Library Association. A former President and Vice President of PIALA, Mr. Sighra was a dedicated and passionate librarian who worked tirelessly to promote library services and literacy throughout the Pacific region, most notably Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia.

We have also honored the memory of a master craftsman from Belau, Poland Yamada, who was a tireless and outspoken advocate of cultural values, diversity, education, lifelong learning, public service, and cultural preservation with a presentation of 5 copies of the book *Latte in the Marianas: by the Community for the Community* to the Belau National Museum during National Preservation Week (April 24-28, 2023). PIALA collaborated with the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library-NMI State Library, the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Northern Marianas Library Association (NMLA), the Palau Association of Libraries, Palau National Congress, Palau Community College, Palau Ministry of Education, and Belau National Museum.

This year, we re-affirm PIALA's 25 year-partnership with the Hawaii Library Association (HLA) by awarding our 2023 Dr. Karen Peacock Memorial Award to Mrs. Erica Ruwepin, Head Librarian of Yap Public Library from the beautiful island of Yap.

The Dr. Karen Peacock Memorial Award was named in honor of Dr. Karen M. Peacock, who passed away in 2010. She was professor emeritus and retired curator of the Pacific Collection, Hamilton Library, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Born in Richmond, Indiana, Karen spent her childhood years in Palau, Pohnpei, and Saipan in Micronesia, where her father, Daniel J. Peacock, served as the director of library services. Karen was devoted to the Pacific, especially Micronesia. She gave a great deal of her time and energy to supporting the work of Pacific libraries, archives, and museums and advising and mentoring many of the islanders with whom she came into contact. As one of the founding members of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums, Karen participated in many annual conferences throughout the region.

As with our partnership with HLA, all PIALA members this year since the pandemic are granted free registration access to the Annual Hawaii Library Association Conference. The HLA Conference is a joint conference with the Hawaii Association of School Libraries and will be held December 1-2, 2023. I encourage all PIALA members to visit their website and register!

With all of our accomplishments this year, PIALA continues to recognize changes and trends in the field of library science, and help members to "Re evaluate, Re-focus, Re-connect: Adapting to the New Norm in the Pacific"! I am confident that, together, we can build a stronger and more resilient Pacific region. Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase! Biba, PIALA!

Respectfully,

Erlinda C. Naputi
PIALA President



Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums



Alii and Welcome Delegates!

Welcome to the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives, and Museums (PIALA) 32nd annual Convention. Greetings fellow librarians and archivists. Special greetings to our visitors from outside Palau, and to our local dignitaries.

I am Lorraine Tellei, president of the Palau Association of Libraries; a science teacher by occupation but a literacy advocate. I think we all agree on the importance of libraries, and archives, and museums, the treasures and repositories of literature and artifacts. You librarians and archivists are the custodians of these cultural treasures. You catalog and maintain your collections then make the information available to your clients. I think humility and introversion are almost requirements for those occupations, so this conference is an opportunity to Expand horizons and network.

Enjoy your time in the Republic of Palau and let it be an inspiration and motivation to continue your essential work in preserving and sharing legacy.

Lorraine Tellei
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Monday, November 13, 2023	8:00am-12:00pm	Registration & Pre-Conference Workshop <i>PCC Assembly Hall</i>
	8:00am-3:00pm	Pre-Registration <i>Palau Public Library</i>
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	8:00am-9:30am	Registration and Morning Tea/Coffee <i>West Plaza Hotel Ulong Banquet Room</i>
	9:30am	PIALA Official Photo <i>Place TBA</i>
	10:00am	OPENING CEREMONY
	11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch (On your Own)
	12:30-5:00pm	Sessions
	6:00pm-9:00pm	Opening Dinner (hosted by PIALA) <i>Marina Café Vita</i>
Wednesday, November 15, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm	Sessions <i>West Plaza Hotel Ulong Banquet Room</i>
Thursday, November 16, 2023	8:00am-12:00pm	Sessions <i>West Plaza Hotel Ulong Banquet Room</i>
	1:00pm-4:00pm	Entity Report / PIALA General Membership Meeting <i>West Plaza Hotel Ulong Banquet Room</i>
	6:00pm-10:00pm	Closing Dinner <i>Island Paradise Resort</i>
Friday, November 17, 2023	8:00am-2:00pm	Post Conference <i>(Rock Island)</i>

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP—DAY 1: MONDAY, NOV. 13, 2023

8:00AM—9:00AM

Registration
Morning Coffee and Refreshment

PCC Assembly Hall

9:00AM—12:00 Noon

Understanding grants and project management

PCC Assembly Hall

Jane Barnwell, University of Florida

This workshop will provide an overview of effective grant seeking and project management strategies, with an emphasis on the information you need to understand how to be successful. Equally helpful and informative to both experienced grant project directors and team members, and to anyone who is new to the world of grants, come and learn more about the how and why behind the wonderful world of grants.

12:00PM—1:00PM

Lunch | Provided

PCC Assembly Hall

PRE-REGISTRATION—MONDAY, NOV. 13, 2023

8:00AM—3:00PM

Palau Public Library

Pre-Registration

SESSION DESCRIPTION—DAY 2: TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 2023

8:00AM—9:30AM

Registration and Morning Coffee/Tea

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

9:30AM—10:00AM

PIALA Official Photo

Place: TBA

10:00AM—11:00AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks: *Erlinda C. Naputi, PIALA President*
Lorraine Tellei, PAL President

Special Remarks: *His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps Jr., President, Republic of Palau*

11:00AM—12:00PM

Lunch | On your own

12:00PM—12:30PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Sade' yan Susu: Book Banning & Censorship in Oceania

**Roberto Santos, Archive Manager
Northern Marianas Humanities Council**

The banning of books, an age-old strategy notoriously employed by vilified and oppressive and problematic power structures throughout the history of literature, has yet again manifested in the first world in the United States' struggle with human rights. This session invites the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums to explore what censorship has looked like in the histories of our own nations, and how "book banning" manifests in the oral traditions of the Mariana Islands.

12:30PM—12:40PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

12:40PM—1:40PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Information Literacy Assessment at UOG

**Professor Roland San Nicolas
University of Guam RFK Library**

Information Literacy is a core competency that is measured and reported on for WASC accreditation. UOG uses the Threshold Achievement Test for Information Literacy (TATIL) to assess IL in graduating seniors every semester. Results on the TATIL over 6 semesters are presented and discussed.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 2023 (Continued...)

1:40PM—1:50PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

1:50PM—2:20PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Trust Territory of the Pacific Archives: Uncovering a Collection's History and Re-framing Value

**Leticia Sisior, Circulation Manager Hawaiian Pacific Collection
University of Hawaii at Manoa Hamilton Library**

The end of the United States government's administration of Micronesia, then known as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, resulted in an archival collection currently housed at the University of Hawaii Hamilton Library. An exploration of the history of how this archive came about and what is contained in it, points to how the people from Micronesia are re-framing the 'value' of this archival collection and the issues that can arise as a result of this change.

2:20PM—2:25PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

2:25PM—3:25PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Preservation of marine papers for what, for whom and where?

Richard Page, Palau Community College

Geographical, digital and social separation on preserving marine and aquaculture reports on Palau: a sample using Marine Protected areas.

3:25PM—3:30PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

3:30PM—4:00PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Palau's monumental earthwork landscape.

Jolie Liston, Palau Heritage Consulting

Age, use, event of Palau's earthworks and their significance to Palau and the world.

OPENING DINNER—TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 2023

6:00PM—9:00PM

Hosted by PIALA

Marina Café Vita

Opening Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks: ***Olympia E. Morei, Director
Belau National Museum***

SESSION DESCRIPTION—DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, 2023

8:00AM—8:30AM

Registration and Morning Coffee/Tea

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

8:30AM—10:30AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Mākau Mo'omeheu: Cultural Competency's role in diversity, inclusion, and community engagement

**Helen Wong Smith, Archivist for University Records
President, Society of American Archivists
University of Hawaii at Manoa**

Cultural competency is the ability to function with awareness, knowledge, and interpersonal skill when engaging people of different backgrounds, assumptions, beliefs, values, and behaviors. The session activities will challenge participants to examine personal perceptions and introduce strategies to increase your ability to practice inclusion. Four skills to employ cultural competency and the five stages individuals and organizations can implement to improve relations with internal and external communities.

10:30AM—10:40AM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

10:40AM—11:30AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Serving & Growing our Communities-HSPLS Looks Ahead

**Matthew Brown, Manager
Hawaii State Library for the Blind & Print Disabled (LBPD)
Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS)**

In the evolving information environment HSPLS is taking deliberate action supported by a strategic planning process to: engage patrons and prospective patrons, adapt library spaces and services to community needs, create a more safe and welcoming environment (both in person and virtually), ensure availability of materials across a wide spectrum of interests, and to expand services to our disabled population. This overview will provide a snapshot of current and upcoming HSPLS efforts.

11:30AM—12:30PM

Lunch | On your own

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15, 2023 (Continued...)

12:30PM—2:00PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Harvesting, nourishing, and thriving – Digitalpasifiks journey to provide access and visibility of Pacific Culture

**Taputukura Raea, Pacific Virtual Museum Programme Manager
Ulu Afaese, Pacific Virtual Museum Content Analyst
National Library of New Zealand-Pacific Virtual Museum**

Harvesting Digital Pasifik will take you through the process of harvesting content from institutions around the world using the digital tool Supplejack, which can harvest digital metadata at a great scale. We have also developed a new feature to allow more Pacific based institutions to share their catalogues online, especially institutions that do not have digital repositories providing more access for our Pacific people. Nourishing through harvesting this data, we connect our Pacific people with their history and stories. With this increased visibility and access to our items, Pacific people can contribute their knowledge and reclaim their own narrative. This is through the 'User Contribution' function on our website where our knowledge, stories give meaning and truth alongside the metadata. Thriving Digital Pasifik will share some examples of how Pacific communities and institutions have benefitted from the visibility and access measina (treasures).

2:00PM—2:10PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

2:10PM—3:10PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Disaster Preparedness Training: Damaged paper recovery

**Erlinda C. Naputi, PIALA President/Library Director
Ray Jr. Deleon Guerrero, Computer Specialist/Pacific Room Coordinator
Joeten-Kiyu Public Library**

In this hands-on workshop, we will remediate damaged paper-based items (books, photographs, and archives). After a brief training the group will dry drenched books and materials, triage damaged archives, and create a disaster kit. We will end the discussion of best practices and what was learned in the training, options for other paper-based risks such as pests and mold, and create preliminary disaster plans for paper-based items in individual collections. Includes gloves, sponges, paper towels, and printed materials.

3:10PM—3:20PM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

3:20PM—4:20PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Children of Homeland (COHL), Bookmobile Outreach Services, Teen Services

**Celina Foreman-Librarian II, Leoralynn Terlaje-Admin. Assistant,
& Shiana Lizama, Outreach Assistant
Joeten-Kiyu Public Library**

Highlights on events, programs and activities.

SESSION DESCRIPTION—DAY 4: THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2023

8:00AM—8:30AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Registration and Morning Coffee/Tea

8:30AM—8:45AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Oiedel a Chas: Safeguarding Our Precious Cultural Heritage Through

**Sandy Fernandez, Cultural Affairs Program Coordinator
Department of State & Cultural Affairs, Koror State Government**

This presentation will be showcase the work that the Koror State has been doing to preserve and protect its cultural heritage. preservation, Collection, Education and Community Participation.

8:45AM—8:50AM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

8:50AM—9:20AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

End of Life: Books

**Ngirbechat Arsenio, SWM Program Coordinator
Koror State Government**

To inform the audience about recycling activities; what happen to books after they have been disposed.

9:20AM—9:30AM

Short Break | Prepare for next Presenter

9:30AM—11:30AM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries: High-Impact Programming on a Low-Cost Budget

Brooks W. Mitchell, STAR Net, Space Science Institute

Are you interested in doing more space and solar science programming with your library patrons? It doesn't need to be expensive in order to be engaging! Drawing from the Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) project, this interactive session will highlight free hands-on STEM activities, resources, and programming ideas that work with smaller budgets and are accessible and engaging to library patrons. This session will feature interactive discussion and the opportunity for informal educators to share out some of their own lessons-learned and resources related to STEM programming. The session will also spend time sharing out some of the initial results of the SEAL project's efforts to provide solar science programming opportunities for public libraries across the country.

11:30AM—12:00PM

**West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room**

General Conference Closing Ceremony

Closing Remarks: **Sesario Sewralur, PCC Navigation Instructor**

12:00PM—1:00PM

Lunch | On your own

DAY 4: THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2023 (Continued...)

1:00PM—4:00PM

West Plaza Hotel
Ulong Banquet Room

Entity Report / Gift Exchange & PIALA General Membership Meeting

CLOSING DINNER—THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2023

6:00PM—10:00PM

Island Paradise Resort

Closing Dinner

Closing Remarks: *Honorable J. Uduch Sengebau-Senior, Vice President
Republic of Palau*

POST CONFERENCE—DAY 5: FRIDAY, NOV. 17, 2023

Rock Island & Jelly Fish

8:00AM—2:00PM

Departure Place: TBA

LUNCH:

Lunch will be provided, but feel free to bring your snacks and drinks.

2:00PM

Depart to Koror

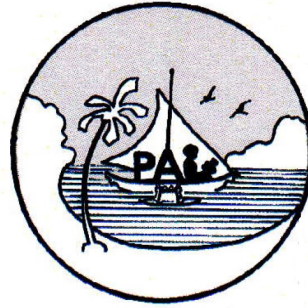
Must register and confirm no later than Tuesday,
November 14, 2023 @ 9:30AM.

Detail information will be announced on the last day of the conference,
Thursday, November 16, 2023.

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