



Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA)

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Dear Delegate,

It is with great honor that we humbly invite you to the 34th Annual Pacific Island Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Conference "Promoting Access and Indigeneity in Pacific Archives, Libraries, and Museums," which will be held on the beautiful island of Majuro in the Republic of the Marshall Islands at the University of South Pacific (USP) Hall from November 24th to 27th, 2025. The 34th PIALA Conference is co-sponsored by the Marshall Islands Library Association (MILA), RMI National Alele Museum, Library and Archives, Nitijela (Parliament) of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs, RMI Public School System (PSS), College of the Marshall Islands (CMI), and the University of South Pacific (USP). PIALA is a regional association committed to fostering awareness and encouraging cooperation and resource sharing among libraries, archives, museums, and related institutions of the Pacific Islands.

The conference theme, "Promoting Access and Indigeneity in Pacific Archives, Libraries, and Museums," aims to foster important conversations and initiatives around preserving our cultural identities while promoting access to knowledge and heritage resources across our Pacific Island communities. We believe this theme closely aligns with your ongoing work and advocacy in the region, and your insights would be invaluable to our members and regional partners. We will hear from experts in the field, share best practices, and develop new strategies for collaboration. We will be hosting a series of presentations, panel discussions, workshops, and networking sessions that will provide valuable insights and practical strategies for implementing indigenization initiatives in our own institutions.

The 34th Annual PIALA Conference consists of 4 full days of event-filled activities held on November 24th -27th, 2025. We will be expecting close to 100+ attendees from across the Pacific –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) and the U.S. Mainland. Attendees will be composed of librarians, school librarians, library workers, archivists, educators, scientists, high school/middle school students/college students, museum curators, cultural practitioners, academics, Parliament members, and various community stakeholders/partners.

About Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA)

PIALA is a regional association committed to fostering awareness and encouraging cooperation and resource sharing among libraries, archives, museums, and related institutions of the Pacific Islands. The seeds of PIALA were first planted during the Governor's meeting held on Saipan in 1990, which was finalized in Guam the year after. Since then, the PIALA Conference is hosted by each island entity once a year in the Fall. For more information, please visit <https://piala-pacific.wixsite.com/piala-pacific/>.

Please confirm your participation as a delegate by before October 24, 2025 with the PIALA Program Committee via email: karbenroxene@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support as we continue "Promoting Access and Indigeneity in Pacific Archives, Libraries, and Museums." Looking forward to a successful 34th Annual PIALA Conference! Kommool tata!

Sincerely,

Suciana Mark

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