

World Language and World Poetry Day 2021

The Department of Language, Literature and Communications celebrated Language and Poetry Day at the University of Fiji's both campuses: Saweni and Samabula on 19th March, 2021. The theme for Language Day was "Multilingualism for Inclusion in Education and Society" while the theme for Poetry Day was "Everyone should touch the flow of love which is flowing through the Poetry World".

Language and Poetry Day recognizes the significant role that languages play in all areas of life. It celebrates the diversity that multilingualism offers to the people of a multi-ethnic nation like Fiji.

Similarly, World Poetry Day is a popular day among students here at The University of Fiji. Zealous students share their original poems which are displayed at the University Foyer open for viewing to staff and students. Many students shared their favourite couplets during Language and Literature lectures appreciating the role of poetry as well as suggesting the best suitable topics for poetry in the current time.

The Department continues to encourage its learners to buy a good poetry book of their taste or download an app and also contribute their creative pieces for LLC's 'First Landing Chronicles' – an in-house hub for creativity, art and raw talent.

Dr. Kamala Naiker, LLC Head of Department and the Coordinator of this event, shared her thoughts saying: "The art of communication is the language of leadership. Language is the greatest communication in the world."

She noted that the purpose or theme of world poetry day was to recall the role of poetry in the survival of ancient languages, in the development of the world, and the enlightenment of the world.

"The global community is convinced that the development of the modern world is indebted to the poets of the past. They used language in various ways that led to the enrichment and beautification of human knowledge and understanding," she said.

The students' talents as writers and artists were exhibited at the University foyer. Colourful posters illustrated the myriad aspects of language and the poems and short stories on display attested to the versatility of the faculty and students with the written word.

