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

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Country Profiles

- Federated States of Micronesia (Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk & Yap)
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Republic of Palau
- Guam
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan)

Population estimate: 407,000 (Jul 2013 est.)

106,000 (FSM: Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae)

21,000 (Palau)

69,000 (RMI)

51,000 (CNMI)

160,300 (Guam)





Country Profiles

Spread out over the Pacific ocean

Unique culture, language, government structure for each island

Libraries:

10 Academic: FSM (5), RMI (1), Palau (1), CNMI (1), Guam (2)

9 Public: FSM (4), Palau (1), CNMI (1), Guam (3)

50+ School

5 Special: Law (1), Congress (1), Palau (1), Guam (1), CNMI (1)

Including Museums and Archives





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Island Profiles: Marshall Islands





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Island Profiles: Kosrae, FSM





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Island Profiles: Pohnpei, FSM





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Island Profiles: Chuuk, FSM





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Island Profiles: Guam, USA





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Island Profiles: CNMI





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Island Profiles: Yap, FSM





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Island Profiles: Palau





PIALA Profile



- Established in 1991 by a small group of participants from each of the U.S-affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI)
- To address the lack of information resources and human networks for resource sharing within the region.
- Member institutions spread across the Pacific region
- Regional Association
 - Libraries, archives and museums





PIALA Goals



- to foster awareness and encourage cooperation and resource sharing among the librarians, archivists, and related institutional personnel of the Pacific Islands;
- to promote knowledge of the functions, resources, services, and needs of regional collections;
- to develop and promote programs for the extension and improvement of library, archival, museum, and related services in the region;





PIALA Goals



- to provide a forum for discussing issues of interest to librarians, archivists, museum curators and related personnel;
- to provide a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and information among librarians, archivists, museum curators, and related personnel; and
- to offer continuing education experiences to librarians, archivists, museum curators, and related personnel.





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Membership

Membership includes:

150 individuals and 45 institutions representing countries including Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Japan, Tuvalu, Singapore, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Hawaii, United States and the United Kingdom.





BSLA Project Objectives

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Formulate and draft a three-year strategic plan for PIALA
- Establish committees to plan and implement projects for the association
- Develop partnerships with local associations
- Support collaboration between PIALA and its local associations and implement activities for continued development of projects to support libraries and information institutions in the region





Success Stories

- Workshop on strategic plan going through – IFLA-BSLA
- Successful partnership with PREL:
 - Library Education for the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (LEAP1) 2011-2013 – 23 MLS students
 - LEAP 2 – 2016-2018 – 15 MLS Students





Forthcoming activities – 2016/2017

- June 28-July 1: Strategic Plan workshop, Guam
- Nov 2016: Annual PIALA conference – 25th anniversary





Challenges

- Communication barriers with technology in getting people to meet deadlines and respond to communication sent out
- Budget limitations on necessary equipment and resources
- Distances between the islands
- Different government structures





Addressing the Challenges

- Seek funding from other institutions or agencies for support
- Involve stakeholders in association activities
- Strengthen membership involvement





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The future of the association and libraries in our country

- Implementation of plans derived from SP
- Strengthened network to increase membership and collaboration
- Partnerships with other organizations/associations





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