Housing the Knowledge of Tangata Whenua (Indigenous People)

Information professions building relationships towards respectful collections guidelines

Monday, August 10 | 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Lillooet Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall (UBC Campus)
Bannock and tea by Salishan Catering
RSVP by August 5 to ubclibrary.eventbrite.com

The University of British Columbia is located on the traditional, unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

Cultural organisations house most of the written historical information of tangata whenua (Indigenous people), however, not many organizations have partnerships with Indigenous peoples. Anahera Moheru (University of Auckland) will present insights from her journeys in facilitating the forming of partnerships or relationships. Through partnerships, information managers are able to discern and create guidelines that support organisations in better understanding what “indigenous traditional knowledge” is in an information profession context.

Anahera brings a discussion about developing guidelines for Indigenous traditional knowledge held in your organisations - libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. As the National Coordinator for the Mātauranga Māori within New Zealand Libraries, Anahera will present a programme that provides an insight into the world view from the indigenous people of Aotearoa (New Zealand):

Tēnā koutou e te whanaunga o te ao. Ko Anahera Morehu tōku ingoa, he uri ahau o Te Taitokerau, te raki o Aotearoa. He mihi tēnei ki ngā hau kāinga o te whenua aotearoa, arā, te honu e takoto mai ana i te ao, i te pō, nō reira, tēnā koutou katoa.

Greetings. My name is Anahera Morehu and I hail from a small area known as the “Far North” in New Zealand. I greet the Indigenous peoples of this beautiful land, the graceful Turtle Island in its splendor in both the day and the night. Therefore greetings.

Ko te kai atihau, he kai totonui, nō reira, ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, erangi he toa takimano, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Anahera Morehu is the Library Manager for Arts, Māori and Pacific at the University of Auckland. She presented at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Congress in 2011, at a time when indigenous traditional knowledge was making its initial stance within the constructs of information management. She travels and presents at many indigenous fora where she is able, and honoured, to be the National Coordinator for the Mātauranga Māori within NZ Libraries. Anahera is past Tumuaki of Te Rōpū Whakahau, convenor for the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) conference 2014, current LIANZA Hikuwai Regional Councillor, and a member of LIANZA Council.