PORTS IN A STORM

FROM FACILITIES TO TRAUMA:
DISASTER PLANNING & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY
AT YOUR LIBRARY

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Section 403 of the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to provide federal assistance to meet immediate threats to life and property resulting from a major disaster. According to the provision, the act allows for the provision of temporary facilities for schools and other essential community services, when it is related to saving lives and protecting and preserving property or public health and safety.

Libraries are now eligible for temporary relocation facilities during major disasters and emergencies under the FEMA Public Assistance Program.
LIBRARIES SHOULD PREPARE & EMBRACE THEIR ROLES AS COMMUNITY DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS/INFORMATION HUBS BEFORE & AFTER AN EMERGENCY

Can you think of an example where your library may have served your community in this capacity?

Lakeville, MA (SteveBrown/WBUR)
The Library is filled with refugees from their cold, dark, powerless houses: Welcome to the Berkeley Heights Public Library 07922 ‘After Sandy’
THE LIBRARY IS A SAFE HAVEN

Middletown, Princeton, Chatham, Princeton Libraries
LIBRARIANS ARE
INFORMATION FIRST RESPONDERS

Image: GoFleet

West Deptford Public Library, NJ
NEPTUNE PUBLIC LIBRARY &
OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

130,000 - Residents served with disaster crisis counseling
PREPARING LIBRARIES TO STEP INTO THE ROLE OF A DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER

1. Prepare library facility and staff
2. Make plans to keep library website, online resources, and social media accessible and updated
3. Form a Regional Emergency Response Network
4. Inform elected officials
5. Develop a relationship with community emergency responders
6. Work with other community partners
7. Help prepare your community for a disaster
8. Be familiar with Salvaging Family Treasures materials
POCKET DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

DO YOU HAVE A DISASTER PLAN? WHO WOULD YOU APPOINTMENT TO A COMMITTEE?

https://www.statearchivists.org/programs/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness-resources/pocket-response-plan#prep-tm-english-template

THE PLAN

Beneficial information categories:

1. The Disaster Team
2. Emergency Contacts
3. Procedure to Close the Library
4. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
5. Communication Equipment
6. Disaster Supplies
7. Emergency systems
8. Plans for Specific Emergencies
9. Priority List of Collections and Administrative Records
10. Recovery Services Contacts
11. Insurance/ Legal Contacts
12. Business Continuity Plan

Indiana State Library disaster template

https://www.webjunction.org/content/dam/WebJunction/Documents/webJunction2018-01/disastertemplate.docx
JOIN FORCES:
REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORKS

Make a list of your potential regional partners.
LIBRARIAN’S DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY TOOLKIT
HTTP://WWW.NJSTATELIB.ORG/SERVICES_FOR_LIBRARIES/RESOURCES/DISASTER_PLANNING/

• Guidebook
• Workbook
• PowerPoint Presentation
• Archived Webinar
WORKING WITH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Where is your local office of Emergency Management located? Who is the director?
INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100b.asp
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (CERT)

https://www.ready.gov/community-emergency-response-team
WORKING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

LIST 3 POTENTIAL PARTNERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Images www.umc.org
SOCIAL MEDIA & DISASTER RESPONSE
THE VITAL ROLE OF INFORMATION FIRST RESPONDERS

Image: Shawn Gossman
VIRTUAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT TEAM

Social Media in Emergency Management

#SMEM

Who is an ideal staff person for the lead?
TARGETED COMMUNITY GIVING

IDEAL FOR FACEBOOK

Occupy Sandy and Occupy Sandy's Wedding Registry

Shipping Address: Occupy Sandy - Brooklyn, New York
Event Date: November 15, 2012
Couples' Style: Warm, non-perishable
Description: Help donate to the victims of Hurricane Sandy by shipping items to the Occupy Sandy relief outpost at the Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew in Clinton Hill (520 Clinton Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238). Our team: John Heggestuen, Alex Nordenson, and Katherine Dolan. We are Brooklyn residents and are in touch with the Occupy Sandy team who will receive the shipped items and organize daily deliveries to priority response areas. We are the updating the registry as we get updates on what is needed most in affected areas. PLEASE pay for the most expedited shipping - these items are needed ASAP! PLEASE NOTE the registry does not update automatically. Your purchases may not be reflected for 24-48 hours, but you will receive a purchase confirmation right away.

***UPDATE: To help us track inventory instantaneously send an email to sandyregistryinventory@gmail.com letting us know what you donated*** Please follow us on Twitter for further updates: @SandyRegistry ***@Sandyregistry is back up!!! Email sandyregistryinfo@gmail.com with questions/feedback on the registry and email sandyregistrypr@gmail.com for additional info about our team*** ***Tweet @amazon for free shipping and tech support for the registry**** We are setting up an inventory management team at the church to ensure donations are accounted for**** ***If you are having any issues with the "Gift Registry" saved address for the church not auto-populating please enter it manually: The Church of St. Luke and St. Matthew 520 Clinton Ave Brooklyn, New York 11238 ***

NOTE: This couple has requested no gift wrap.
September is National Preparedness Month

There's no need to be scared when you are prepared.

Learn more about National Preparedness Month and personal emergency preparedness at www.ready.gov

www.ready.gov
www.cdc.gov/features/emergency.html