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City of Brownsville, Office of Emergency Management. (2008). *Emergency management* [Electronic resource]. Brownsville, TX: City of Brownsville, Office of Emergency Management Retrieved March 24, 2009, from http://oem.cob.us/emergency/default.asp

This web site includes a list of sites for current weather, disaster preparedness, emergency planning, and children's resources.

Eberhart, George, Flagg, Gordon, Goldberg, Beverly, Goodes, Pamela, Kniffel, Leonard, Landgraf, Greg, et al. (2005). Katrina's terrible toll: Librarians rally to provide information for a devastated gulf coast population. *American Libraries*, *36*(9), 14-18, 20-25. Retrieved February 13, 2009, from WilsonWeb database.

This article details the impact of Hurricane Katrina on gulf coast libraries, such as damage to libraries and collections, recovery efforts, and impacts on staffing. Post-disaster services to evacuees and others are discussed, including help filling out FEMA forms, contacting loved ones, general Internet access, borrowing privileges, and bringing library materials to shelters.

Ellis, Jamie Bounds, & Shambra, Jane. (2008). Reshaping public services after a disaster. *Mississippi Libraries*, 72(3), 51-53. Retrieved February 13, 2009, from http://www.misslib.org/publications/ml/fall08/Libraries_Fall_08.pdf

This article presents a case study on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on a public library systems department. The article addresses the following issues: collections reassessment, relocation, alternative resources, communication, technology, programming, continuing education, and grant funding.

Fialkoff, Francine. (2005). Government that works: A defining moment for public libraries. *Library Journal*, *130*(16), 8. Retrieved March 26, 2009, from http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6261417.html

This article lauds the efforts of public libraries in the wake of Hurricane Katrina concerning their service to FEMA. The article discusses ways libraries relaxed rules, brought services to people in shelters, hosted reception centers in the library, tracked colleagues and other on library blogs and web sites, etc.

Harris County Public Library. (n.d.) *Harris County Public Library – reference – find it! – hurricane preparedness* [Electronic resource]. Houston, TX: Harris County Public Library. Retrieved March 26, 2009, from http://www.hcpl.lib.tx.us/ref/fihurricane.htm

This page from the library web site provides a directory of local and state resources related to hurricane preparedness, including insurance, health, and travel assistance.

Jaeger, Paul T., Langa, Lesley A., McClure, Charles R., & Bertot, John Carlo. (2006). The 2004 and 2005 Gulf coast hurricanes: Evolving roles and lessons learned for public libraries [Electronic resource]. *Public Library Quarterly*, 25(3/4), 199-214. Retrieved February 13, 2009, from Haworth Press database.

This article details the roles played by U.S. Gulf Coast public libraries in the aftermath of the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons. It explores the place of libraries in society and details lessons learned and recommendations for public library disaster planning.

LeBoeuf, Mary C. (2006). Disasters strike, public libraries prevail: The impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Louisiana public libraries. *Louisiana Libraries*, 68(4), 3-7. Retrieved May 18, 2009, from WilsonWeb database.

This article discusses the activities of parish libraries in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LeBoeuf discusses the stories of librarians helping hurricane victims locate missing relatives, file for FEMA forms, provide comfort to victims, assist organizations (i.e. Red Cross and FEMA) set up local areas of operation, volunteering their time to assist organizations in providing aid to victims. The article also discusses the rebuilding phase of destroyed libraries and the lessons learned from the two disasters.

O'Connell Heather (2004) Weathering the storms: Hurricanes impact Florida libraries. Florida

O'Connell, Heather. (2004). Weathering the storms: Hurricanes impact Florida libraries. *Florida Libraries*, 47(1), pp. 4-5.

This article discusses ways Florida libraries responded to the 2004 storms. It talks about damage to libraries and related closures, services libraries provided (including conversion to emergency operations centers and locally assigned services), and external support for libraries from publishers, vendors, and the library community.

Rogers, Michael. (2004). Hurricanes in FL: Floods in wake. *Library Journal*, *129*(17), 15. Retrieved May 13, 2009, from http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA470974.html
This article is a news brief that reports on Florida libraries and the 2004 hurricane season. In the article, State Librarian Judi Ring comments on the roles (e.g. serving as day care centers, providing Internet access, and serving as shelters. Insurance is also mentioned.

St. Lifer, Evan. (1994). Andrew's aftermath: Hurricane "saves" Miami Public Library. *Library Journal*, *119*(10), 48-50. Retrieved February 27, 2009, from WilsonWeb database.

This article discusses how the Miami Dade Public Library System met the challenges of post-disaster recovery. After Hurricane Andrew devastated the south eastern communities of Florida, the Miami Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) assumed emergency response roles by turning libraries into relief centers and centers of communication. The article identifies the challenges the libraries faced by the libraries and how the libraries successfully faced those challenges.