

INLS 690-220 Disaster Planning for Libraries (1.5 credit hours)

Fall Semester 2017, Mondays 10:10-12:40, Room 208 Manning Hall

meets October 16 – December 4

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Course Description:

Disasters can come in a variety of forms (e.g. hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes, etc.) and strike at any time. Preparedness, prevention, and planning are all critical components of effective disaster responsiveness. In this course, students will learn about disaster prevention, recovery, training, and outreach as they apply to the library setting.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, it is expected that students will:

- Have a rudimentary knowledge of disaster prevention, preparedness & response
- Be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the role libraries play during all types of disasters

Course Requirements:

Readings will be posted on Sakai under the folder for the subsequent class session.

Session Number <i>Date</i>	Topic	Readings <i>Due Dates</i>
Session 1 – <i>October 16</i>	Course overview; An ounce of prevention	Beales; Halsted, Clifton & Wilson; Leventhal
Session 2 – <i>October 23</i>	Disaster Plans & Policies	Green & Teper; Halsted, Clifton & Wilson; Holderman
Session 3 – <i>October 30</i>	Personnel, patrons, police: it's all about people	Alire; Torpy
Session 4 – <i>November 6</i>	It's about the natural environment too	Chambliss; Claeson & Long; Diamond; Gugliotta; Lazar; Milles; Suzuki & Miura <i>Assignment 1 Due</i>
Session 5 – <i>November 13</i>	Water, water everywhere: the Sidney Library flood	Calzonetti & Fleischer V; Davis; Topper
Session 6 – <i>November 27</i>	Emergency, it's a lockdown <i>Presentations</i>	Campbell; Huffington Post <i>Assignment 2 Due</i>
Session 7 – <i>December 4</i>	The Library as community support system	Dickerson; Halsted, Clifton & Wilson; Phillips <i>Assignment 3 Due – 12/8</i>

Readings:

Session 1:

Beales, D. L. (2003). Before disaster strikes: essentials of formulating a library emergency management plan. *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, 3(4), 11–24.

Halsted, D.D., Clifton, S. & Wilson, D.T. (2014). Risk assessment and continuity of operations plans in *Library as safe haven*. (p. 1-15). Chicago, IL: American Library Association.

Levental, S. (2012). A New Geospatial Services Framework: How Disaster Preparedness Efforts Should Integrate Neogeography. *Journal of Map & Geography Libraries*, 8(2), 134–162.

Session 2:

Green, S. L., & Teper, T. H. (2006). The importance of disaster planning for the small public library. *Public Library Quarterly*, 25(3-4), 47–59.

Halsted, D.D., Clifton, S. & Wilson, D.T. (2014). A One-page service continuity plan in *Library as safe haven*. (p. 47-58). Chicago, IL: American Library Association.

Holderman, S., holderman.11@osu.edu. (2012). Be Prepared: Writing a Practical Disaster Manual. *Library Leadership & Management*, 26(2), 1–6.

Session 3:

Alire, C.A. (2003). The Silver Lining. *Journal of Library Administration*, 38(1-2), 101-107.

Torpy, J.M. (2013). Health care concerns after a disaster. *JAMA* 310(5), 550.

Session 4:

Chambliss, D. (2011). Tornado -- A Narrative. *Georgia Library Quarterly*, 48(3), 38–41.

Clareson, T., & Long, J. S. (2006). Libraries in the Eye of the Storm: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina. *American Libraries*, 37(7), 38–41.

Diamond, T. (2006). The impact of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on 3 Louisiana academic libraries. *Library Administration and Management*, 20(4), 192–200.

Gugliotta, T. (2006). Fire at University of New Mexico Library. *Public Library Quarterly*, 25(3-4), 61–69.

Lazar, D. (2010). Rebuilding Dreams: A School Library in Haiti after the Earthquake. *International Leads*, 24(2), 1–6.

Milles, J. G. (2004). Managing after a disaster, or there and back again. *Library & Archival Security*, 19(2), 35–52.

Suzuki, S. & Miura, T. (2014). The librarians of Fukushima. *Journal of Library Administration* 54(5), 403-412.

Session 5:

Calzonetti, J. A., & Fleischer, V. (2011). Don't count on luck, be prepared: Ten lessons learned from the "great flood" at the University of Akron's Science and Technology Library. *College & Research Libraries News*, 72(2), 82–85.

Davis, L. A. (2006). Riding the surf: dealing with library disasters in island communities. *Public Library Quarterly*, 25(3-4), 99–112.

Topper, E. F. (2011). After Hurricane Katrina: The Tulane Recovery Project. *New Library World*, 112(1/2), 45–51.

Session 6:

Campbell, J. *JFK Library Bombing? 3rd Bomb Suspected Following Boston Marathon 2013 Explosions*. (April 15, 2013). Retrieved from <http://www.christianpost.com/news/jfk-library-bombing-3rd-bomb-suspected-following-boston-marathon-2013-explosions-video-photo-93991/>

Huffington Post. *JFK Library explosion: Boston police investigating blast, connection to Marathon incidents (UPDATED)*. (April 15, 2013). Retrieved from http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/15/jfk-library-explosion-boston-bombing_n_3087446.html

Session 7:

Dickerson, L. (2007). Capitalizing on a Disaster to Create Quality Services: Some Lessons from Hurricane Katrina. *Public Library Quarterly*, 26(1/2), 101–115.

Halsted, D.D., Clifton, S. & Wilson, D.T. (2014). Leveraging the library in *Library as safe haven*. (p. 91-102). Chicago, IL: American Library Association.

Phillips, S.J. (2013). The National Library of Medicine's Disaster Information Management Research Center. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 1, 70. doi:[10.3389/fpubh.2013.00070](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2013.00070)

Assignment 1

Identify two libraries that experienced some type of disaster in the past year. Describe the circumstances of the disaster, how the library responded and the financial implications of the event. Also provide information on where the library is currently in terms of recovery from the event. Written assignment (5-7 pages double-spaced). *Due November 6*.

Assignment 2

Choose one of the libraries described in assignment 1 and present your findings to the class. Also include any lessons that can be gleaned from the event and the library's response. Presentation to class (8-10 minutes). *Due November 27*.

Assignment 3

From the list provided, choose 10 public libraries in NC and determine if they have a current disaster preparedness plan. Describe how you made the determination and where you found the information. Written assignment (1-3 p. double-spaced). *Due December 8*.

Grading:

Assignment 1 – 25%
Assignment 2 – 20%
Assignment 3 – 20%
Class Participation – 35%

Based on the UNC Registrar Policy for courses (<http://regweb.unc.edu/resources/rpm24.php>) semester grades will be H, P, L or F for graduate students. Grades for individual assignments will be based on points obtained on each assignment, weighted by percentages listed above, to calculate final grades. Numerical grades for the course as a whole will roughly translate into the following letter grades:

96.0-100% = H (High Pass)

80.0-95.9% = P (Pass)

65.0-79.9% = L (Low Pass)

< 64.9% = F (Fail)

If you have any concerns or questions about your grades (or any other issues) at any time, please feel free to discuss with me.

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- Participate in outreach to underserved groups in the State.

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