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The Role of Libraries and Archives in Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Research

Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel

4200 Jim Walter Blvd · Tampa, Florida 33607 USA


ACURIL XLI is dedicated to all those Information Professionals who have committed themselves to the preservation and
safeguarding of Patrimonial Documentation in the Caribbean.

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TO ALL ACURILEANS AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS
Conference Theme

Disasters are not uncommon events, and take many forms. Natural disasters include weather phenomena, such as hurricanes, tropical storms, winds, floods, extremes of heat or cold, earthquakes, landslides, and volcanic eruptions. Manmade disasters generally include building collapse, transportation accidents, and industrial accidents and now include acts of terrorism, genocide, and war. Although disasters primarily are seen as sudden onsets of cataclysmic events, such as a tsunami, there are ‘slow-onset’ disasters, such as drought, famine, or environmental hazards, which occur over a longer duration of time.

Disasters, in whatever form they take, rob us of our sense of well-being, our security, our community, our loved ones, and our homes. Disasters forever change ‘life as we know it’ and seriously impact our ability to function. We may rebuild buildings and replace lost books but the impact on staff, their families and loved ones, and their communities linger.

With the hurricanes -- Ivan, Dennis, and Katrina -- and now the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, increasingly we are vulnerable to the forces of nature, which we cannot control. However, we can inform ourselves of best practices through the experiences of others and through the research. It is to this idea that I chose the theme of the 2011 ACURIL Conference: The Role of Libraries and Archives in Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Research.

The 41st conference will consist of keynote speakers, formal presentations, panels, workshops, and poster sessions to address real concerns in our response to disasters that occur in our libraries, our role in the community before and after a disaster, and our role in helping to build the evidence base in disaster research to make our communities safer and more resilient to catastrophes.

Conference Sub-Themes

The first day will be devoted to how we in libraries and archives respond to the disasters that befall us. This day will focus on management and triage, not only of books and media but will also the human side of libraries and archives, our staff.

The second day will be devoted to how archives and libraries respond within our communities before and after disasters occur. For example, what types of outreach can we provide? How do we recreate our services to meet the needs of our patrons?

The third and fourth days will examine the roles of libraries and archives in disaster research. Libraries, such as Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN) and the Regional Disaster Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID), address a broad spectrum of topics in disaster research. There are also collections that specialise in a focal area, for example, the Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library’s collection on disaster mental health collection or the Natural Hazards Research Center’s collection on post-disaster assessment and analysis, or the University of Delaware Disaster Research Center, which houses one of the largest social and behavioural sciences disaster collections.

With your participation, I look forward to a thoughtful and successful conference.

Arsis Hanson
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University of the West Indies Press
LEARNING SPACES: VISUAL SCAN AND FUTURE ORIENTATED LIBRARIES

This half-day workshop will address the changes that must take place so that the library building can provide dynamic learning spaces. The Library Visual Scan® is an evidence-based space assessment. An aid to strategic thinking and planning, the Visual Scan® uses performance criteria and measurements to evaluate space needs as they relate to services, operations and the potential for change. Emphasis will be placed on recycling existing facilities and developing new services. We will share methods to evaluate learning environments that patrons will want to visit and use. We share case studies of library building and planning, detailing measurements that make up a library/learning space.

ALEXANDER COHEN, MLS, Long Island University,
Librarian and Planning Consultant
Aaron Cohen Associates (ACA)

EXPLORING OPERATIONAL SECURITY RISK & CONTINUITY IN LIBRARY OPERATIONS

Library operations are ever-changing as they incorporate new technology, formats and content to better meet service delivery mandates. Changes introduce new risks to library operations and additional challenges to recovery of essential services after a major interruption. The session will explain the innovative ways in which security threat risk assessment (TRA) and business continuity planning (BCP) have been implemented in one institution, and how their frameworks might provide guidance in your library. This session will focus on how these two security risk management methodologies enhanced the understanding of all participants of library operations. It will also touch on the experience of using a hybrid model of external security support (students and experts).

DR. WAYNE BOONE CD, CISSP,CPP, CBCP, CISM,PCIP
Assistant Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs
Carleton University
PATRICIA MOORE, BSc., MLIS, ABCP
Assistant University Librarian & Head of Systems
MacOdrum Library
Carleton University

MONDAY
30 May

REGISTRATION, MEETINGS, SET-UP
1:00-4:00  REGISTRATION, MEETINGS, SET-UP

All Conference Attendees Registration. Exhibitors and Poster Sessions Registration. Place: Hotel Foyer, 1st floor

1:00-2:00  RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Prof. Almaluces Figueroa.

MODERATORS AND RAPPORTEURS MEETING

Dr. Vicki Gregory and Kathleen McCook, General Rapporteurs, and Dr. Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Executive Secretary

2:00-3:00  ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND FIRST TIME ATTENDEES. ORIENTACIÓN DE NUEVOS MIEMBROS Y PRIMEROS PARTICIPANTES. ORIENTATION DES NOUVEAUX MEMBRES ET PARTICIPANTS

English-speaking attendees. Chair: Mrs. Dorcas Bowler (Bahamas)
French-speaking attendees. Chair: Mme. Françoise Thybulle (Haiti)
Spanish-speaking attendees. Chair: Lic. Dulce María Núñez de Taveras (Dominican Republic)

2:00-3:00  VICE-PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MEETING

WITH CHAIRS OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND SUBJECT AREA GROUPS.

4:00-5:30  Executive Council Meeting

1600-1730  FREE EVENING

END MONDAY 30 May Preconference, REGISTRATION, MEETINGS, SET-UP
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<td>Objects of Value: Addressing emergency and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; Issues and collections.</td>
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<td>Prof Pat Young, Resource Collection Coordinator, Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware <a href="mailto:pyoung@udel.edu">pyoung@udel.edu</a></td>
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<td>Adelyne Pinchinat Mocombe, Ingenieur en Informatique, Médiatheque Institut Francais d’Haiti <a href="mailto:p_adelyne@hotmail.com">p_adelyne@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Lacroix Jeffer Pierre De Dieu-Seul, Responsable en chef de la bibliothèque du LYCEE, Lycee Henri Christoph De Carrefour, Haiti</td>
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<td>“The Library is flooded!” A Librarian’s perspective on disaster preparedness during an economic recession, the case of the University of the West Indies”</td>
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### Libraries and Disasters in the Caribbean: Response and Recovery
Gracelyn Cassell, Head, University of the West Indies, Open Campus, Montserrat

### Archives and Records Management Special Interest Group
Chair: Margot Thomas, National Archives Authority of St. Lucia

### Information Technologies Special Interest Group
Chair: Judith Rogers; Digitization Workshop at USF
1:30 – 5:00pm USF (Library tour and workshop)

### School Libraries Special Interest Group
Chair: Cindy Jiménez-Vera

### Special Libraries Special Interest Group
Chair: Almaluces Figuerora

### National and Public Libraries Special Interest Group
Chair: Astrid Britten, Director, National Library of Aruba

### Research in the Field Special Interest Group
Chair: Dr. Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies, University of Puerto Rico

*The Effective Use of Dropbox as a File Management System for the Preservation of Patrimonial Documentation in Libraries and other Information Units in the Caribbean* Pt. 1

### Students Roundtable Special Interest Group
Chair: Yariliz Quiles

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<td>Acuril/Gslis-upr/Unesco-Caribbean Workshop. Preserving Patrimonial</td>
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<td>- <strong>Mapping Disasters Through The Lens of Archival Records with particular reference to Jamaica</strong></td>
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<td>- Mrs. Beverley Lasheley, CARDIN <a href="mailto:bplashley@yahoo.com">bplashley@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Disaster Planning Preparedness and Recovery of Libraries of National Importance.</strong> Dr. Jyotsna Arora, Deputy Director of the Library, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi <a href="mailto:jyoaro@gmail.com">jyoaro@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>UNESCO’s Memory of the World Project’s response to archives after disasters.</strong> Presented by Mrs. Margot Thomas, National Archives Authority of St. Lucia <a href="mailto:mariette900@yahoo.com">mariette900@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>- <strong>The Role of Digital Libraries in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation</strong> Presented by Brooke Wooldridge, Project Coordinator, Digital Library of the Caribbean, Florida International University and Laurie Taylor, Interim Director, Digital Library Center, Smathers Libraries, University of Florida</td>
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<td><strong>Survival! The 2005 floods, University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus</strong> Ms. Simmone La Rose Senior Assistant Librarian, Berbice Campus Library &amp; Mrs. Gwyneth George, University Librarian, Turkeyen Campus Library, University of Guyana</td>
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<td><strong>10 Steps to Service Continuity</strong> P.J. Grier, National Library of Medicine Costa del Sol Ballroom</td>
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**WORKSHOP** ACURIL’s Caribbean Disaster Commons with Google Sites, being worked out collaboratively as a wiki. **Pt. 1**

This workshop is being developed as a result of the IFLA/ACURIL's Commons conference held at the University of Puerto Rico, with Ellen Tise and Ardis Hanson, in March 2011, in which President Ardis Hanson along with Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, IFLA 2011 PR Chair, indicated that ACURIL would be developing a Disaster Learning/Research Commons for the Caribbean.

Prof. Cindy Jiménez-Vera, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies, University of Puerto Rico/Librarian Baldwin School; Ms. Yariliz Quiles-Martínez, Research Assistant, and Dr. Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences & Technologies, University of Puerto Rico.

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**Flood, hurricanes, fires and storms… a look at disaster preparedness in the Open Campus Libraries**  
Kisha Sawyers, Librarian, Caribbean Child Development Centre, University of the West Indies, Open Campus

**The Impact of Disaster-Preparedness Efforts by Archives & Libraries in the Republic of Indonesia**  
Reema Mohini & Vickie Toranzo Zacker, School of Information, USF

**The Role of Health Information Literacy in Disaster Preparedness and Response: Prescriptions for Practices and Partnerships**  
Lana Brand and Brittany Deputy, USF School of Information, Shimberg Health Sciences

**Reaching Across Maryland to Come Together: Coordinating the Library’s role in a Statewide Emergency Preparedness Plan**  
P.J. Grier and Debra Berlanstein, National Library of Medicine

**Survival! The 2005 floods, University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus**  
Ms. Simmone La Rose, Senior Assistant Librarian, Berbice Campus Library, & Mrs. G. George, University Librarian, Turkeyen Campus Library, University of Guyana

**Sanitas: A Health Resource for Information Professionals in the Caribbean.**  
Ms. Carmen Santos-Corrada, Head, Special Collections, Conrado F. Asenjo Library, University of Puerto Rico

**Cultural Preservation Projects as the Basis for Community Building in Post-Earthquake Haiti**  

**Creating a Matrix for Disaster Mental Health: Building a Research Level Collection**  
Ardis Hanson, USF College of Behavioral &Community Sciences and Claudia J. Dold, , USF Libraries

**METS Editor & Viewer Tool for Libraries, Archives, Museums, and More**  
Laurie Taylor, Interim Director &
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<td><strong>Anansesem (Anancy Stories) as Medicine: a Pedagogical-Didactic Approach to be Used in the Curriculum/Educational System, through the cooperation between Instituto Pedagogico Arubano (Aruba’s Teachers Training Center) and Biblioteca Nacional di Aruba (The National Library of Aruba)</strong></td>
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Ballroom  

*From Construction to Conceptualization: Catastrophe across Three Occasions*

Dr. John Barnshaw and Lynn Letukas

*Conceptualizing Risk*

Dr. Kathryn Hyer, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida

12:00  

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

12:00 - 1:00  

LUNCH BREAK

1200 - 1300

1:30 - 2:30  

GOSIC at the University of South Florida Libraries: Using Geographic Information Systems to Support Information Access and Collaboration for Disaster Research and Planning

John Abresch, Assistant Librarian, University of South Florida Library

1330 - 14:30  

Digitization Is Not Enough: Digital Archiving for Disaster Preparedness

Mark V. Sullivan, Digital Library of the Caribbean, University of Florida

Using Census Data to Inform Disaster Planning: Aruba as a Case Study

Dr. Martijn J. Balkestein, Centraal Bureau van de Statistiek van Aruba (Central Agency of Statistics of Aruba)

3:00 - 5:00

1500 - 1700

WORKSHOP Enhancing the Role of Libraries and Archives in Disaster Preparedness, Response and Research

Presented by Dave Stephens, COMPanion Corp., dstephens@companioncorp.com

Room: Livorno

The Effective Use of Dropbox as a File Management System, Pt.3


Prof. Yadira Avendaño-Avendaño, Director of the Civil Rights Library of the Government of Puerto Rico; and Mrs. Jeannette Lebrón-Ramos, Research Assistant/Public Administration Library, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus.

FREE EVENING

END THURSDAY 2 JUNE  THE ROLES OF LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES IN DISASTER RESEARCH
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Chair: Dr. Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies, University of Puerto Rico

**ACURIL’s Caribbean Disaster Commons with Google Sites, being worked out collaboratively as a wiki** (This workshop is being developed as a result of the IFLA/ACURIL’s Commons conference held at the University of Puerto Rico, with Ellen Tise and Ardis Hanson, in March 2011, in which President Ardis Hanson along with Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, IFLA 2011 PR Chair, indicated that ACURIL would be developing a Disaster Learning/Research Commons for the Caribbean).

Presented by Prof. Cindy Jiménez-Vera, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies, University of Puerto Rico/Librarian at Baldwin School; Ms. Yariliz Quiles-Martínez, Research Assistant, and Dr. Luisa Vigo-Cepeda, Professor, Graduate School of Information Sciences and Technologies, University of Puerto Rico.

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**END FRIDAY 3 JUNE**  THE ROLES OF LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES IN DISASTER RESEARCH
ARRIVING AT THE AIRPORT

When you arrive at the Tampa International Airport, you will arrive at an airside.

If you are flying from Miami or another US entry point and have been cleared through Customs and Immigration, you will take the monorail to the centre of the airport. You will then take the escalator down to Baggage Claim. In the Baggage Claim area, there is a kiosk for the Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel. You may call the hotel and they will send their shuttle to pick you up for free.

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An assessment of the level of disaster management and preparedness in four (4) high school libraries in selected parishes in Jamaica

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The extent to which disaster management and preparedness measures are in place in high school libraries is not readily known. In an attempt to bridge this gap in knowledge a study will be undertaken to assess the level of disaster management and preparedness in four high schools in select parishes in Jamaica. The importance of protecting a school library’s valuable collection and resources in the event of natural disasters cannot be overlooked thus the general objective of the study will be to: (1) determine the extent to which disaster management and preparedness planning occur in four high schools in the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Catherine St. Elizabeth and Portland. The specific objectives will be to: (1) determine the level of knowledge and awareness of library staff to disaster preparedness in four (4) high school libraries in the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Catherine St. Elizabeth and Portland; (2) assess the extent to which preventive measures are in place to protect the library’s collections and resources in the event of a disaster in four (4) high school libraries in the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Catherine and St. Elizabeth; (3) examine the extent to which the school’s administration provides support for disaster management and preparedness in four (4) high schools in the parishes of St. Andrew, St. Catherine St. Elizabeth and Portland. The research study will be qualitative in nature, utilizing a case study approach and focusing on four high school libraries in the aforementioned parishes. The main data collection instruments will be questionnaires and interviews.

Anansesem (Anancy Stories) as Medicine

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This presentation views the use of bibliotherapy in the framework of a pedagogical-didactic approach to be used in the curriculum and educational system, through the cooperation between Instituto Pedagogico Arubano (Aruba’s Teachers Training Center) and Biblioteca Nacional di Aruba (The National Library of Aruba).

Digitization Is Not Enough: Digital Archiving For Disaster Preparedness

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Digitization is often lauded as means of preservation for priceless heritage and cultural materials. However, digitization is useless without archiving. Digital archiving standards and practices continue to evolve. As stewards of our cultural heritage, libraries and archives are entrusted to understand these emerging
Archiving materials implies standards and formats that will never decay and is often an active process of continual migration. Metadata standards such as EAD (Encoding Archival Description) for finding guides and EAC’s (Encoding Archival Content) for people and corporate bodies will play a major role in archiving. METS (Metadata Encoding Standards) form the backbone of archiving of digital resource files and are instrumental in validating digital archives. Building upon these standards are international associations which look to certify and validate digital archiving systems. These certifications are more than checks on the software, hardware, or standards compliance. They are a holistic examination of best practices and transparency of operation.

While there is not globally recognized certification and no standard has been embraced by all communities, similarities begin to arise when examining the nascent standards and emerging practices.

We will review the history of digital archiving, focusing on the major milestones and advancements in both the United States and European archivist groups. Pros and cons of each approach will be provided. Tools for archiving of digital materials will be examined. Finally, recommendations for moving forward with digital archiving and preservation will be provided.

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Disaster Planning Preparedness & Recovery of Libraries of National Importance

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Libraries and information centres are vulnerable to a whole range of disasters. No library is entirely free from risk and disasters. They can happen anywhere. Yet some libraries of national importance in Delhi still do not have appropriate disaster management procedures. Disaster management, however, has been traditionally been a neglected field of the librarianship in India. The main objective is to explore and identify various needs and lacunas in the progress made towards disaster prevention and planning in the libraries of national importance in Delhi. Literature review revealed a very little data available on experience and response to a disaster by the librarians of India. Of course enough data was available pertaining to the sharing of experiences by the librarians and administrators of the developed countries.

This paper takes a look at the case of some important libraries of Delhi where disaster management is still an alien term for librarians with practically no training and understanding for disaster management as such. The study highlights the central role of the written disaster control plan and emphasizes the need for these to be managed and supported by risk assessments and regular inspections of buildings and equipment, the identification and use of reliable expert advice, staff training programmes and contingency planning. The study have led to inference that the majority of the librarians investigated were lacking awareness related to disaster control plans and were generally under prepared for any potential disasters which may occur. This was attributed to inadequate resources, the apathetic attitude of library staff, inadequate trained manpower, lack of staff to write and implement a disaster control plan as well as lack of a model, inadequate reference material and documentation which keeps them
updated by learning from their past mistakes and expanding their learning base.

The paper concludes that all libraries and archives need to take practical measures to minimize the risk of disaster and be prepared to react quickly and effectively when a disaster occurs. Disaster training is an essential requirement of any disaster management programme.

Enhancing the Role of Libraries & Archives in Disaster Preparedness, Response & Research

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In this workshop, we address Software, Technical Support, Search Interface, Backup and Archive Strategies, and much more, and showcase two of our systems that enhance the role of libraries and archives in disaster preparedness, response and research.

Alexandria Library Automation Software: Alexandria is a library automation system best known for its power and ease-of-use. This program is available for both Macintosh and Windows, single site, distributed union, central union and multi-datastation configurations. You may host it on your site or we would gladly host it for you. While Alexandria may be run as a client-server software solution, it also provides a browser-based interface that makes it accessible from virtually anywhere. Alexandria is a powerful all encompassing library automation system that is currently used by thousands of happy libraries throughout the world.

Textbook Tracker Asset Management: Textbook Tracker is a textbook lending system built to handle thousands of copies of textbooks and other assets. Textbook Tracker saves schools and school districts unbelievable amounts of money by tracking and reporting lost and damaged textbooks. By making students, teachers, and schools responsible for lost and damaged textbooks, Textbook Tracker has proven to be a critical money-saving tool for thousands of sites. Textbook Tracker is cross-platform, and is also web-based for easy access.

Expanded Roles For Libraries And Archives In Disaster Preparedness And Response

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As we know, every library and archives must have disaster plans that address the welfare of their staff, the health and safety of their users, and meet the preservation needs of their collections. This is an organization's responsibility to both parent agencies and to the community at large. Libraries and archives, acting as repositories of the cultural heritage material of their local community, the state, the region in which they are based, and sometimes the country, engender a tremendous amount of public trust in these institutions. All are familiar with disaster planning and its components, but there are expanded roles for which libraries and archives should plan—that of community shelter, information center, and occasionally a symbol of continuity for local residents.
Over the past few years libraries and archives have been asked to act as shelters during disasters. Libraries and archives have also become information centers because these institutions often have internet access and the technological infrastructure for emergency communications. In addition, these organizations are critical because they hold information resources that can be used by emergency first responders, local government and businesses, as well as, offering access to resources for displaced citizens. These institutions can become symbols of community health. Having access to cultural resources, usable collections, and a safe building all represent a healthy and recovering community to the public at large.

In both the presentation and paper, LYRASIS staff will address these new and emerging roles for libraries and archives. Identification of institutions that have played a part in the recovery of their community’s health and how institutions have made this transition will be fully examined. Staff will also suggest how organizations may make inclusions into institutional disaster and continuity of operations plans, and how they might work in collaboration with local first responders to offer services. The presentation is based upon case studies from previous disasters as well as new advances in disaster planning and recovery developed through work being done as part of LYRASIS’ new National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Education grant.

Exploring Operational Security Risk & Continuity in Library Operations

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Library operations are ever-changing as they incorporate new technology, formats and content to better meet service delivery mandates. Changes introduce new risks to library operations and additional challenges to recovery of essential services after a major interruption. The session will explain the innovative ways in which security threat risk assessment (TRA) and business continuity planning (BCP) have been implemented in one institution, and how their frameworks might provide guidance in your library. This session will focus on how these two security risk management methodologies enhanced the understanding of all participants of library operations. It will also touch on the experience of using a hybrid model of external security support (students and experts).

From Construction to Conceptualization: Catastrophe across Three Occasions

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This paper explores the process of developing and refining the conceptualization of catastrophe utilizing the extant literature collected following the Chernobyl nuclear reactor leak, the Indian Ocean tsunami, and the BP oil spill. A catastrophe is different from a disaster in that most or all of a community or area is impacted, many local individuals are unable to undertake their usual roles, the community undergoes a period of prolonged inoperability, media plays an increasing role in
the construction of the public perception of the occasion, and the political arena shifts from a local or regional issue to a national or international issue. The distinction between disaster and catastrophe is not simply an academic one, as national and international policymakers have recently become sensitized to differences between these occasions, and emergency management professionals and policymakers have asserted that more academic research is needed to empirically falsify conceptualization distinctions. This paper offers additional conceptual clarification on catastrophe and emphasizes the benefits of utilizing specialized disaster research collections to access high quality data on catastrophe across social and geographic boundaries.

GOSIC at the University of South Florida Libraries: Using Geographic Information Systems to Support Information Access and Collaboration for Disaster Research and Planning

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The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill which occurred between April 20 and July 15, 2010 off the coast of Louisiana generated a steady stream of information and data exchanges on diverse topics between different individuals, groups, public and private organizations. Much of the information communicated and data associated with the oil spill was often not easily accessible or was temporary in duration.

In response to the information needs of researchers, the University of South Florida Libraries (USF) developed the Gulf Oil Spill Information Center (GOSIC) web site. The GOSIC web site hosts and provides access to information integral to understanding the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill upon the human and natural environments of the Gulf of Mexico region. It also integrates a data portal design constructed with ArcGIS geographic information software, which can store spatially defined research data. The web site also facilitates access to relational databases of related information such as documents, images, sound and video media.

GOSIC not only hosts information from scientists engaged in primary research, but allows for collaboration, publishing, and discovery of new ideas in oil spill research. The web site adopts an open-access strategy to ensure that researchers around the globe will have access, regardless of location. GOSIC at the USF Library will be a useful tool in preparation and planning for future oil spill crises.

Grief and Trauma Intervention with Children after Hurricane Katrina

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Post-disaster interventions for children need to be easily accessible, address prior and current traumatic events and losses and be easily implemented. One intervention that meets these criteria and also has promising support for its effectiveness is the Grief and Trauma Intervention (GTI) for children. GTI has been tested with children experiencing posttraumatic stress due to witnessing or being a direct victim of violence (often multiple types of violence), death of a loved one (including homicide) and disasters (specifically Hurricane Katrina). Results indicate
Katrina and Haiti: Experiences after the disasters

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Learning Spaces: Visual Scan And Future Orientated Libraries

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Library and Dissemination of Research on Natural Disasters: The Example of The Caribbean Studies Journal

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Katrina and Haiti: Experiences after the disasters

Project Recovery is an IMLS grant to educate the next generation of librarians preparing for "careers of service in libraries" in Southern Louisiana. The goal of the grant is to rebuild the professional staff in parishes devastated by the hurricanes of 2005 that shook the southern Gulfcoast. According to Dr. Dawson,, the grant is an active collaboration between the LSU School of Library and Information Science and its partner libraries and organizations.

The horrific aftershocks of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti affected 3 major patrimonial libraries and twelve of the 16 association libraries. Haiti only has 10 professional librarians, and 100 paraprofessional librarians, for 9 million people. Mrs.Thybulle says: 'Our challenge is to give to the people a sense for new life. Rebuilding libraries is rebuilding the Haitian people.'

The Library Visual Scan© is an evidence-based space assessment. It uses performance criteria and measurements to evaluate space needs as they relate to services, operations and the potential for change. It is an aid to strategic thinking and planning. This workshop will address the changes that must take place so that the library building can provide dynamic learning spaces. The workshop will run from 9:00am to 1pm. During the morning session, emphasis will be placed on recycling existing facilities and developing new services. We will share methods to evaluate learning environments that patrons will want to visit and use. We share case studies of library building and planning, detailing measurements that make up a library/learning space.

The academic research on topics related to natural disasters is a priority at the University of the West Indies and Guiana (UAG). The University is located in the French Antilles, which are vulnerable territories, threatened by all natural hazards -- seismic risk, hurricanes, tsunamis, floods, etc. -- with the exception of avalanches. Many of our university scientists, geographers, economists, and mathematicians study natural disasters. In its traditional mission, the University Library supports research by forming and developing initiatives in line with institutionally defined.
Since the late 1990s, these missions have expanded with the influx of electronic access with university subscriptions to various heritage digitization programs. But beyond the increase in collections and political documentaries, what role can the library play today to support research on issues affecting the Caribbean?

Electronic publishing is part of the new missions of libraries that can sustain the momentum of our research areas and to improve scientific communication. From the beginning of the movements for open access (open access and open archive), professionals are involved in the documentation supporting these alternative publications.

The founding texts of librarianship traditionally have emphasized access to information. With the advent of electronic access and its economic impact on libraries, librarians have become involved in many digital initiatives. In addition, documentation professionals are longstanding experts in structuring information (bibliographic description), formats and standards, creating an information infrastructure for the long-term, and understand the inner workings of bibliometric analysis. In 2006, the Common Service for Literature from the University of the West Indies and Guyana proposed, in conjunction with its laboratories, a new project: Digital Library Cassava http://www.manioc.org.

One component of the Digital Library Cassava project has been the development of the Caribbean Studies Journal, which has grown from a local-use journal to international recognition by a review in the international journal Environmental Science. Natural hazards are a subject of study by the magazine with, since its creation, with special issues and articles devoted to natural hazards in the Caribbean, the latest in late 2010. Caribbean Studies Journal broadcasts in "open access", available free on the internet to ensure researchers in our regions access to full text content, http://etudescaribeennes.revues.org. The work done by professional documentation, such as accompanying editorials, structuring documents, and improved dissemination has ensured a high profile in this area of publishing. Today, the Caribbean Studies Journal is viewed by over 8000 people each month.

Mapping Disasters Through The Lens of Archival Records with Particular Reference to Jamaica

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Some disasters, especially those involving natural hazards, follow a pattern according to the geographical environment and physical structure of the particular area of occurrence. Very often resulting from lack of knowledge or poor planning, human settlements have been established in vulnerable areas. There is therefore surprise and consternation in the public domain when disasters occur with loss of human life and property. A careful study of the records of past events can assist modern planners in identifying potential danger areas for human settlements.

This has happened in Jamaica and the rich resources of the National Library, the Jamaica Archives and the Library and Archives of the University of the West Indies, Mona, have been used to interpret and track natural disasters reported or recorded in the historical records. The paper will discuss research work in this area so as to establish the value of archival records with a view to encouraging others.
to use their records for similar purposes. The particular areas utilized in the paper will examine reports of flooding – including that caused by the hurricane of 1780, which destroyed the southern coastal town of Savanna-la-Mar, hurricanes, earthquakes and landslides.

**Objects of Value: Addressing Emergency and Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery: Issues and Collections**

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In a world facing the impacts of natural and human-caused disasters with ever increasing frequency and scale, there is a growing awareness of the need to incorporate as many resources as possible to minimize their impacts on societies. Often overlooked in the past, libraries and archives have a great capacity to play a critical and vital role in disaster preparedness, response, and research. This keynote address will set the tone for the 41st ACURIL Conference by discussing the two major disaster related areas that libraries and archives need to address: their responsibility as information disseminators before and after disasters and their responsibility to care for their collections both pre- and post-disaster. Case studies highlighting local and statewide best practices will be presented and the stage will be set for further related discussion in the days to follow.

**Role Of Digital Libraries In The Disaster Preparedness & Mitigation**

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Significant natural and man-made disasters in recent years have reinforced the need for libraries and archives to be prepared for and respond to disasters. Libraries and archives must play a vital role in the protection of their collections and the accessibility of vital information as governmental and non-governmental agencies respond to the immediate needs created by disasters. Proper digitization provides a worst-case scenario preservation copy of materials that could be lost due during disasters.

Digital access with remote backup provides immediate access to information about the population, the geography, laws, and many other areas vital to effective response to the disaster. During the immediate response to the earthquake in Haiti, digital copies of a rare set of topographic maps and spatial data of Haiti owned by the University of Florida provided responders with necessary geographic data.

Newspapers digitized by the Caribbean Newspaper Digital Library provided information for a research study of the impact of the media response comparing Haiti and Chile. Digital libraries must play an important role in the development of disaster plans for libraries, and this panel seeks to explore the role of digital libraries in both the disaster preparedness and response.
Role of Libraries and Archives in the Upcoming Global Recession

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The best way to deal with manmade and natural disasters, next to preparing emergency agencies, is to educate the community how to survive the most unthinkable scenarios that might overcome them. I am convinced that libraries, through acquisition and diversification of literatures and/or electronic information and data, will play an important role in making communities better prepare for these “futuristic” threats.

Role of Libraries’ “Makeshift Camps” In The Rehabilitation of Young People in Disadvantaged Areas after a Natural Disaster: The Case of Haiti

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Survival! The 2005 floods, University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus

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Disasters have no face and come in varied forms, but this presentation is focused on the 2005 floods, which was experienced by the University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus. Library services at the University Library are critical since it is said that a library is the gateway to the University. However, in 2005, it was faced with a major natural disaster- a flood, which severely affected the university as a space and also its population. Great inconvenience was suffered, for example, staff and patrons had to be accommodated and operated at split locations.

This paper is informed by research literature, drawing on published literature, on present models and draws on the Turkeyen Campus experiences. Questionnaires form part of the method to be used, to gather information on the library operations and practices regarding the management and management challenges, all in all, seeking to find the gaps in the whole process “the before, the during and after the floods”. Added to this, the findings will highlight the changing needs of individual’s everyday work situation at all levels. These include effective educational communication and programmes, which are necessary as well as to relate the effects of the environmental forces on the library. In conclusion, ever present is the presence of the threat taking into consideration our position to the sea walls. The library nevertheless has to continue its quest to be prepared in the event of another. Highlights will also be of the best practices, the challenges and showcasing the activities that helped to overcome them; identify the lessons learnt that will influence the way the library operates, key drive of change how we use this experience to prepare in the event of another. Added element of photographs depicting real life scenes to bring the presentation alive will also be included.

UNESCO’s Memory of the World Project’s Response to Archives after Disasters

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University Libraries of Haiti & the Disaster of 12 January 2010: The Impact & Future

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The Central Library of the Universidad Central de Venezuela (UCV), through the Guidance Department, Information and Documentation (DOID) has been conducting since 1997 various activities related to risk mitigation and disaster research. Is part of the Coordinated Program for Hazard Mitigation UCV (COMIR) and information support, performing a series of promotional activities, training and dissemination of issues in the area of disaster and risk mitigation. Provides information and advice information within the area, through electronic resources using databases and online journals. Since 2001 he has been running the COMIR Photo Contest - Central Library, which seeks to promote, through photographic images, reflecting on their attitudes to the prevention and mitigation of socio-natural disasters.

Another product is the Virtual Disaster Library, which is responsible for collecting and systematizing information on existing and future disasters in different formats (literature, audiovisual and digital, published or unpublished), from different sources, produced both by the member organizations network, for local or national sources. Over time, the Central Library, has also supported the implementation of promotional materials, posters and printing of books in the area of risk mitigation.

Using Census Data to Inform Disaster Planning: Aruba as a Case Study

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What Does "Coordination?" Mean: Understanding Disasters as Social Interaction

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PANEL: Defining and Hearing the Voices of Catastrophe

Hurricane Katrina, 911, the BP Oil Spill, and H1N1, have all been have been described as “unnatural disasters” -- events that cannot be separated from social concerns or political interests. In their aftermath, they are accounted for in social terms such as “poor decision making,” “lack of coordination,” and “crisis of leadership,” accounts which do very little to explicate the in the moment interaction and step by step choices of participants that set disaster outcomes in motion. Using a unique data set of nine recorded and transcribed telephone calls between local, state, and federal officials that took place just prior and during Katrina’s landfall until loss of communication (from August 25 to August 29, 2005), where officials discussed parish evacuations (as per weather report and contributions by Governor Blanco ), contraflow, opening shelters, when to make announcements, and that FEMA “commodities coming into the state” were “in full swing,” I use discourse analysis to look closely at how “coordination” is accomplished in features of
participants' communication.

Discourse analysis (DA) is an inductive method within the language and social interaction tradition which analyzes talk in interaction and the embeddedness of talk in the social order. It takes talk as consequential: that is, talk accomplishes (or does) social action and it is enacted within a social matrix. DA connects the content and functions of participants' talk to its implications. I am interested in showing how choices in direct vs indirect communication, accountable vs unaccountable formulations, and the maintenance vs the violation of a pre-set structure in the phone call meetings are all indicative of the situated construction of "coordination" in disaster settings. Specifically, I analyze how risk is accomplished both in strategies of indirect and direct communication. Phone call data from Katrina can thus act as a spring board to develop a model of coordination applicable to other disaster settings, and the starting point for understanding the viability of additional discourse data from interviews and testimony accounts where participants reconstruct "coordination" after the fact to the prevention of disaster.
Creating a Matrix for Disaster Mental Health: Building a Research Level Collection

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Rethinking how we do collection development is a critical skill as we create collections for specialists and for research. At the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library, we were tasked to develop a focal collection on disaster mental health services and policy research. We re-examined the traditional models of collection development and chose instead to frame our collection development initiative around an 'all hazards' model. This matrix-driven model allows us to proceed within both a national and international framework and to utilize the best of traditional collection analysis to build a focal collection. The scope of this collection includes titles pertaining to the nature, causes, prevention, mitigation of, and response to different types of disaster threats, with a particular focus on their psychosocial aspects.

Cultural Preservation Projects as the Basis for Community Building in Post-Earthquake Haiti

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One of the goals of the Association of Cultural Equity (ACE) is to ensure that the work of ethnomusicologist Alan Lomax is preserved, disseminated and repatriated to the Caribbean cultures where it was originally produced. While the plans for digital repatriation of the Lomax recordings across the Caribbean are well underway, the return of these recordings to Haiti after the devastating earthquake on January 12, 2010, illustrates the potential for preservation and digitization of cultural heritage as both mechanisms for disaster preparedness and active factors for social rebuilding after the disaster. Lomax’s 1936 Haitian recordings—1,500 audio recordings and six films—are the earliest major set of audio and audiovisual recordings of cultural expression to have been made in Haiti, and the largest to-date. ACE began to digitize and catalog these materials in 2004. Working with NGOs (the Green Family Foundation and the Clinton Global Initiative), Haitian government ministries, the FOKAL cultural center (The Fondation Connaissance et Liberte/ Fondasyon Konesans Ak Libete) and ISPAN (Institute de Sauvegarde du Patrimoine National), ACE has begun an effort to repatriate digitized copies of these intangible cultural assets of Haiti to be made available to the Haitian people through access in diverse Haitian repositories, reintegration into school curricula, representation via local media, and reuse by living artists and traditions. What does it mean to have these recordings suddenly available to the people of Haiti? What might the impact of such a project be in a country struggling to sustain its population and to rebuild its infrastructure after a massive natural disaster such as an earthquake? This poster will link digital repatriation of intangible cultural heritage with community building efforts currently underway in Haiti.
Flood, Hurricanes, Fires and Storms … A Look At Disaster Preparedness in the Open Campus Libraries

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The poster explores training of staff, identification of emergency exits and management perspective on the subject. The poster will illustrate: the variety of roles that librarians can assume in emergency and disaster planning, preparedness, response, and recovery; phases of preparedness to avoid unnecessary loss of collections and equipment, and the type of damages that library properties can sustain in periods of disaster.

The Impact of Disaster-Preparedness Efforts by Archives & Libraries in the Republic of Indonesia

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The Republic of Indonesia is sadly no stranger to disasters, having suffered from multiple tsunamis, terrorist attacks, earthquakes, volcanoes, and flooding since the year 2000 alone. The sheer number of disasters, along with the knowledge that future disasters are likely, has led to a focus on disaster-preparedness within this country. Disaster-preparedness and response efforts are government led in Indonesia but have become increasingly localized following the 2001 decentralization of government services. Following the decentralization, archives and libraries play an important role in disaster-preparedness efforts in local regencies and municipalities by providing information, assisting with research, and otherwise meeting the needs of local communities. By looking at the official disaster-preparedness efforts of archives and libraries, and the affect of these efforts during and following disasters, the impact of disaster-preparedness efforts by archives and libraries can be better understood. More specifically, this poster presentation will focus on three geological disasters that took place in Java and their impact on this region's disaster-preparedness.

METS Editor & Viewer Tool for Libraries, Archives, Museums, and More

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Disaster preparedness and recovery is dependent on resources and planning that facilitate restoration. Finding aids and other metadata about collections are essential documentation resources for recovery activities because they provide information on the contents and locations of collections. These metadata resources can only be useful if they are preserved and accessible following a disaster. This poster explains the development, functionality, and use of the open source METS Metadata Editor & Viewer used by the State University Libraries throughout Florida and by the Digital Library of the Caribbean. The METS tool can be freely downloaded and used. It best serves those working on digital projects or working with multiple metadata formats. The METS tool runs as a simple windows application and allows the creation of METS from a folder of items. It additionally allows the user to enter all of the bibliographic information, and assign page names and divisions to the structure map. The METS tool was designed to support the metadata needs of libraries, archives, and museums. Because of this key focus on interoperability, the METS tool already supports METS/MODS, MARC, Dublin Core, and EAD metadata formats. The METS tool also allows users to create metadata in all of these formats by importing a
spreadsheet with labeled columns for the different metadata elements. The METS tool was created by the University of Florida to meet the State University Libraries’ complex needs for working with multiple types of metadata standards. The tool has evolved and is now used by libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions.

**Reaching Across Maryland to Come Together: Coordinating the Library’s role in a Statewide Emergency Preparedness Plan**

An Express Planning and Assessment Award was received by the University of Maryland’s Health Sciences and Human Services Library from the NNLM - SE/A Region to plan and organize a conference of representatives from across Maryland to discuss the role of libraries in emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. The goal of the one-day conference was to bring together and introduce people from various types of libraries and from first responders and emergency coordinators to begin a statewide effort to define the library’s role and establish regional partnerships. Setting: Campus Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland. November 2010. Participants: Librarians from Health Science Libraries, Public Libraries, Academic and Special Libraries from across Maryland as well as state and county emergency personnel and state public health workers in the field. Program: Contributed agency expertise included the State Library of Louisiana, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the US Homeland Security Digital Library, the National Library of Medicine’s Disaster Information Management Research Center and the UMB Center for Homeland Security. Afterwards time was allowed for the expression of participants’ ideas on future collaboration, impressions from emergency personnel, followed by breakout sessions to foster regional networking and goal setting. Main Result: The one-day conference was a starting point for further planning in the event of local and/or regional disasters in Maryland. Follow-up meetings were planned to continue the process. A follow-up questionnaire will be administered 9-12 months following the conference to assess continued progress across the state. Conclusion: Bringing librarians, first responders and public health workers together to discuss how libraries can contribute to the State’s Emergency Preparedness plan will foster partnerships and open discussion in advance of the need occurring, as well as highlight the role that libraries can play in providing continuity of information during a disaster. This was the first step in a new ongoing partnership with different libraries and emergency personnel across Maryland.

**Role of Health Information Literacy in Disaster Preparedness and Response: Prescriptions for Practices and Partnerships**

In 2003, the Medical Library Association Task Force on Health Information Literacy (HIL) developed a working definition of HIL: “the set of abilities needed to recognize a health information need; identify likely information sources and use them to retrieve relevant information; assess the quality of the information and its applicability to a specific situation; and analyze, understand, and use the information to make good health decisions.” HIL levels have a significant impact on individual health status and on health care systems, and this impact is only compounded in the context of disaster preparedness and response. This poster will illustrate the underpinnings of this relatively new concept; its application to health care providers, their patients, and the public at large; the importance of raising HIL levels to improve disaster preparedness and response; and the need for involvement and collaboration from libraries. The poster will showcase what libraries are already doing concerning health information literacy and disaster preparedness and response, particularly in respect to creating and leveraging
partnerships with other libraries, healthcare providers, and community-based organizations. Based on the analysis of these efforts, the poster session will delineate best practices and forecast future trends. Additionally, available grant opportunities will be presented so that interested librarians can explore ways to initiate similar projects in their own library.

Sanitas: A Health Resource for Information Professionals in the Caribbean

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SANITAS is an ACURIL (Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries) repository project with services geared to facilitate access to health related information in the Caribbean region. In early January 2010, to assist with the response to the earthquake in Haiti, SANITAS added open access materials on disaster mitigation and response.

Survival! The 2005 floods, University of Guyana Turkeyen Campus

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This poster draws on the Turkeyen Campus experiences. Questionnaires were used to gather information on the library operations and practices regarding the management and management challenges, seeking to find the gaps in the whole process “the before, the during and after the floods”. The findings highlight the changing needs of individual’s everyday work situation. Highlights will also be of the best practices, the challenges and showcasing the activities that helped to overcome them; identify the lessons learnt that will influence the way the library operates, key drive of change how we use this experience to prepare in the event of another. Added element of photographs depicting real life scenes to bring the presentation alive will also be included.
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