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Curriculum Materials Center
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A selection of titles available in the Curriculum Materials Center that address recovery from both natural and man-made disasters. For PreK to Grade 12. Additional resources can be found at https://libservices.wpunj.edu/library/Currmats/resource.cfm?SubjectID=44

Picture Books

Buckley and his mother cope with the loss of their father/husband by sending small wooden boats, built by Buckley, into the ocean.
Call Number: PJ Bag

The “Trashcan Wizard” sings and dances his way through the French Quarter keeping his New Orleans clean, until Hurricane Katrina’s devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.
Call Number: PJ Bil

When riots break out in their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the value of getting along with others no matter their background or nationality.
Call Number: PJ Bun

Mica Mouse’s father tells him the story of a brave little rhino who discover that with the help of friends and family, compassion and love, he can get through anything.
Call Number: PJ Bur

Suzy spends her year in first grade waiting for her father who is serving in Vietnam. When the postcards stop coming she worries that he will never make it home.
Call Number: PJ Col

Junior tells of the games he played in his mind during the eight days he was trapped in his house after the devastating January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.
Call Number: PJ Dan
When Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time, his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him.
*Call Number: PJ Pen*

When a busy family’s activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.
*Call Number: PJ Roc*

A young African-American girl is traumatized when a gang attacks her and her brother on their way home from school and spray-paints her face white. Based on a true story.
*Call Number: PJ Sha*

With intensely colored art, Villa depicts the effects of a devastating flood on a family and their home in this wordless picture book.
*Call Number: PJ Vil*

A young boy is excited when he hears that a hurricane is coming to his oceanfront home in San Juan, Puerto Rico, but when it comes, he learns how dangerous hurricanes can be.
*Call Number: PJ Wal*

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.
*Call Number: PJ Wil*

**Juvenile Fiction**

Living in the midst of civil war in Beirut, Lebanon, Zeina and her brother face an evening of apprehension when their parents do not return from a visit to the other side of the city.
*Call Number: J Abi*

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda’s freshman year in high school.
*Call Number: J And*
Mile’s first year at preparatory school includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
**Call Number: J Gre**

Nina tries to hold her family together after the drowning death of her little brother. She agrees to pose for her artist mother, but things spiral out of control when the paintings are displayed.
**Call Number: J Has**

There seems no way to save four hundred villagers from imminent and unsuspecting death; then the wise old man high on the mountain knows what he must do.
**Call Number: j398.2 Hod**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.
**Call Number: J Lai**

After the Haitian earthquake, fifteen-year-old Shorty is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital. As he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life.
**Call Number: J Lak**

Wounded in Iraq while his Army unit is on convoy and treated for many months for traumatic brain injury, the first person Ben remembers from his earlier life is his autistic brother.
**Call Number: J Maz**

In New Orleans’ Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina arrives.
**Call Number: J Rho**

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

Hurricane Katrina’s monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around New Orleans. This graphic novel explores this devastating storm.
**Call Number: j363.34 Bro**
Ms. Frizzle, her intrepid students, and the magic school bus experience a hurricane and a spin-off tornado firsthand.
Call Number: j551.55 Col

Recalls the tense days when the world faced the possibility of a deadly nuclear accident for the first time and the recollections from the people who struggled to avert it.
Call Number: j363.17 Col

Provides first-person reports of those who've witnessed the violent rage of a volcanic eruption
Call Number: J551.21 Fra

Describes the experiences of a United Nations photographer who has recorded the terrors of war in such places as Lebanon, Cambodia, and Bosnia.
Call Number: J770.92 Gre

This book provides a brief examination of Hurricane Sandy, which struck the United States Northeast in 2012.
Call Number: J363.34 Gre

Tells the tale of the sinking of the Titanic using the narratives of the witnesses and survivors to the disaster.
Call Number: J910.916 Hop

An adaptation for young people of the New York Times section, "A nation challenged." It records how the world was changed due to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
Call Number: J973.93 Nat

Brings readers face-to-face with nine survivors who speak about the abuse they experienced, how they have healed, and how they are moving forward with their lives.
Call Number: J362.76 Str
Exames Hurricane Katrina from the devastation on the Gulf Coast and the tales of those who survived to the controversy surrounding aid efforts.
*Call Number: j363.34 Mil*

(Grades 2-6).
Discusses a family's experience during a storm and the chaos immediately following.
*Call Number: j959.3 Mor*

(Grades 5-12).
Provides riveting accounts of what happened during the world's most spectacular natural disasters accompanied by stunning you-are-there photography.
*Call Number: j363.34 New*

When Wangari came home from college the streams were dry, the people malnourished, and the trees gone. Here is how she brought back the trees and restored the gardens and people.
*Call Number: jB Maathai*

Depicts the reality of how victims suffer from and live with the AIDS virus.
*Call Number: j616.97 Ree*

Find out how hurricanes form, how scientists track the storms, and what you can do to keep yourself safe if one strikes.
*Call Number: j551.55 Ste*

Discusses the effects of trauma on children and how they can heal.
*Call Number: j616.92 Str*

Geologist Simon Winchester looks at the science, technology, and societal impact of these interconnected natural phenomena.
*Call Number: j551.2 Win*

Examines the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech University, detailing the horrifying massacre, the lives of the killer and victims, and the sociological problems surrounding school shootings
*Call Number: j364.152 Wor*
Teaching Aids


Call Number: Curr.Mats. GF86 .R43 2008 Ages 4-8

Call Number: Curr.Mats. GF86 .R425 2008 Ages 8-11

Websites

**Be a Hero!**
Prepared by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) this website has sections for kids, parents and educators. The Educators section has teaching activities divided by grade level. The Kids section has games and activities that test kids’ knowledge of emergency preparedness. (Grades: K-12).
http://www.ready.gov/kids

**FEMA.gov – Response & Recovery**
Information for adults from the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding recovery resources for emergency situations.
https://www.fema.gov/recovery-resources

**National Child Traumatic Stress Network**
Provides resources for parents, teachers and others to provide support to traumatized children and adolescents. Resources are available for all types of traumas from natural disasters, physical and sexual abuse, terrorism, and acts of violence. (Grades PreK-12).
http://www.nctsn.org

**Sesame Street: Traumatic experiences**
Resources from Sesame Street to help young children recover from a traumatic experience. Includes videos, short articles, teaching activities, reproducible worksheets, and other resources for children and families. (Grades: PreK-1).
http://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/

**Teachable Moment**
From the Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility, the Teachable Moment was created after 9/11 to assist teachers in helping students cope with the tragedy. Lesson plans are available for a wide range of natural disasters, and manmade tragedies, and to support children’s social and emotional learning. (Grades K-12).
http://www.morningsidecenter.org/teachable-moment

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