

The following books are in our collection of materials to work with children's outreach and education about disasters, emergencies and preparedness.

The Adventures of Lady: The Big Storm by Iris Pearson & Mike Merrill. A heartfelt and colorful story of a stranded squirrel yearning for home after a storm. A coloring book filled with pictures of Lady's first adventure through the big storm accompanies this book. Ages 5 and up.

The Adventures of Terry the Turtle and Gracie the Wonder Dog created by the Washington Military Department of Emergency Management. This booklet will help children prepare for disasters. Knowledge is power, and knowing what to expect and what to do will increase their confidence when disasters occur. Two versions: one is for ages 5-7 and the second is for ages 8 to 12. **Please note this book is not printed in color.**

The Big Honey Pot Rescue: Winnie the Pooh by McGraw-Hill. Pooh wanted to go to sleep. But the wind was blowing too hard outside. There was a very strange noise. It was very close. After the noisy wind had stopped, rain started to fall outside. Pooh went to sleep. He dreamed a heffalump ran away with his honey. When he awoke, he had different problems. Join Pooh in his adventure to keep his honey pots safe. Ages Baby to Pre-school.

Bob the Builder-Bob's Snowy Day by Annie Auerbach. Bob the Builder learns how to deal with cold and snow. Ages Baby to Pre-school.

Bob the Builder-Scoop Saves the Day by Diane Redmond. It was a wild and stormy night. All across town thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and rain poured down. By morning the storm had stopped, but a lot of damage had been done. Bob the Builder was the first to hear about it and used his resources to assist with the town's recovery efforts! Ages Baby to Pre-school.

Chimp and Zee and The Big Storm by Catherine and Laurence Anholt. There's a big storm blowing over Jungletown, but Chimp and Zee are tired of playing inside their house in the coconut tree. They want to go out to help bring in the wash, "But," says Mumkey, "you must hold tight to Papkey, and you must not squibble and squabble." Of course the mischievous twins can't resist monkeying around and it isn't long before a huge gust of wind sweeps them up, up and away into an amazing wet and windy adventure. Will Mumkey and Papkey be able to save them? This witty, rhyme-filled sequel to the delightful Chimp and Zee is full of excitement and surprises, but luckily for those two plucky siblings, there are sunny times ahead! Ages 4 to 8.

Clifford and The Big Storm by Norman Bridwell. Clifford the Big Red Dog and his friends are enjoying the beach when a big storm arrives. Clifford does some quick mitigation efforts to save Grandma's cottage and to save the lighthouse. He also does a puppy rescue in a flooded dog house. Ages 4 to 8.

Clifford Keeps Cool by Norman Bridwell. Clifford the Big Red Dog teaches his friends how to survive a hot summer drought. Ages Baby to Pre-school.

Down Comes The Rain by Franklyn M. Branley. After rain comes down, the sun comes out and dries the puddles. But the water isn't gone. The heat from the sun has turned it into water vapor—it has evaporated. Eventually, this moisture in the air condenses to form new clouds. Soon the rain will fall again. Read on to find the out all the ups and downpours of the water cycle! Ages 5 to 9.

Eye of the Storm: A Book About Hurricanes by Rick Thomas. A super-sized storm blasts in from sea. The hurricane has landed. Find out how these giant storms build and what happens when they reach shore. Ages 5 to 8.

Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll by Franklyn M. Branley. Did you know that lightning bolts can be over a mile long? Or that they come from clouds that are ten miles high? Read and find out about the flash, crash, rumble, and roll of thunderstorms. Ages 5 to 8.

Floods-A True Book by Paul P. and Diane M. Sipiera. Flood facts and how floods start. Ages 4 to 8.

Hurricanes by Matt Doeden. An informative book about hurricanes, how they start, how people get ready when a hurricane is coming and when most hurricanes happened. Ages 5 and up.

I'll Know What to Do – a Kid's Guide to Natural Disasters by Bonnie S. Mark, PhD, and Aviva Layton. EARTHQUAKES! FLOODS! FIRES! TORNADOES! HURRICANES! Pretty scary words, especially for anyone who lives in a place that has experienced any of these events. In particular, a child who has survived a natural disaster, or seen one on television, may have trouble falling asleep, have nightmares, or start worrying too much. This book will help. Ages 9 to 12. **Please note this book is not one that can be read aloud, but can be checked out and read by an individual.**

Just a Thunderstorm by Gina and Mercer Mayer. During a big thunderstorm, Mom and Dad find lots of ways to comfort Little Critter and his sister. Mom makes a fun dinner and Dad lights the candles as they both share their wisdom about thunder, lightning—and rainbows! Ages 3-7.

Lightning by Seymour Simon. Scientists say that the recent discoveries of elves, sprites, and jets make it likely that there are more forms of lightning that we don't know anything about yet. Lightning flashes may even have been detected on other planets, such as Jupiter and Venus. Despite all we have learned since Ben Franklin's experiment over two hundred years ago, lightning remains a mystery that we are only slowly beginning to understand. Ages 5 to 9.

The Littles and the Summer Storm by John Preston. Thunder booms...lightning flashes...rain pours down. This is a storm that the Littles will never forget! Ages 5 and up.

The Magic School Bus Kicks up a Storm by Joanna Cole. One hot muggy day, a superhero appears in Ms. Frizzle's classroom—it's Weatherman! Actually, it's only Ralphie. He's pretending he has superpowers and says he can start a thunderstorm that will cool everything off. The kids think Ralphie's flipped out, but Ms. Frizzle thinks it is time for a field trip. It's an all weather extravaganza! Ages 7 to 10.

Miss Twiggley's Tree by Dorothea Warren Fox. Funny Miss Twiggley lived in a tree, with a dog named Puss and a color TV. The townspeople made fun of Miss Twiggley's eccentric ways until a flood happened and Miss Twiggley's "elevated" home turned into a shelter for many of the people who had thought Miss Twiggley strange until this resourceful night! Ages 4 to 8.

Otis and the Tornado by Loren Long. Otis and his farm friends are enjoying a summer's day playing their favorite game, follow-the-leader. The bull, however, has no interest in making friends and delights in scaring the other animals. Suddenly the day turns frightening: the birds stop chirping, the wind picks up, and the sky turns dark and stormy. It's a tornado! Otis rouses a game of follow-the leader and guides the farm animals to safety in the soggy bed of Mud Creek. But then Otis hears a cry in the distance—it's the bull, still locked in his pen! Quick as his tires will take him, Otis putt puff puttedy chuffs back to the farm to save the day. Will he make it in time? Ages 3-7.

STORM by Matchbox Books. A book about storm chasers and the work that they do and the lessons that they learn. Ages 4 and up.

Storms by Seymour Simon. 16 million of them occur every year, all around the world. Some drop more than 125 million gallons of water in just twenty minutes. Others give off more electrical energy than a city uses in a week. In a clear, concise text and spectacular full-color photographs, noted science writer Seymour Simon examines thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, explaining how they form and why they die out. Ages 5 to 9.

The Storm by Marc Harshman. Jonathan hated feeling different. He hated being singled out. Why would he be more afraid of a storm than his classmates, just because he was in a wheelchair? The discussion of tornadoes went on until school was out. He was glad to get home. He had the horses to tend but it was a job he liked. He hears the storm warnings and hurries to finish. Suddenly, in the west appears the black wall of storm, and out of it, the tornado. After the twisters' rampage is done, Jonathan is changed. He might never like the way people stare at him, but now, when they hear the story of the storm, they might also see him...Jonathan. Ages 8 to 10.

The Storm by Kathy Henderson “All this is mine!” Jim shouts triumphantly, as he plays on the grassy bank near his house. But soon the sky grows dark, the wind picks up, and a terrible storm howls in from the sea. As Jim and his mother run from the rising water and wait in safety for the tide to turn, Jim develops a new respect for nature and its power. Kathy Henderson’s lyrical text and sensitive illustrations bring to life the beauty and ferocity of a stormy night. Ages 4 to 8.

The Storm Book by Charlotte Zolotow. A summer storm sweeps over countryside, city, and seashore. People and animals alike listen to the rumble of the thunder and the patter of the rain, and wait for the storm to end. And when it does, something very special happens. “An outstanding book!” Ages 3 to 7.

Storm is Coming by Heather Tekave. As the news travels across the farm, the animals fear the worst. Who is this terrifying creature named Storm? Huddled in the barn, the animals anxiously wait for his arrival. But when the sky gets darker, growling fiercely and flashing bright lights, the animals are relieved. The sky must be trying to protect them by scaring away Storm. Young children will relish the daffy humor of this farm tale, made all the more delightful through its dynamic, endearing illustrations. Ages 5 to 8.

Storm in the Night by Mary Stolz. Too early to go to bed, and with only flashes of lightning to see by, Thomas and his grandfather happily find themselves rediscovering the half-forgotten scents and sounds of their world, and having a wonderful time learning important, new things about each other in a spirited conversation sparked by darkness. Mary Stolz and Pat Cummings have each brought their unique talents to this lyrical tale about a magical, stormy night and a special relationship. Ages 4 to 8.

Story of a Storm: A Book about Hurricane Katrina By Reona Visser & Children of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. This is the story of Hurricane Katrina, as told by children of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Guided by friend and teacher Reona Visser, these intricate collage illustrations, created by children whose lives have been forever changed by Katrina, create a beautiful and moving account of this unprecedented natural disaster. Ages 4 to 9.

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco. A loud clap of thunder booms and rattles the windows of Grandma’s old farmhouse. “This is Thunder Cake baking weather,” calls Grandma, as she and her granddaughter hurry to gather the ingredients around the farm. A real Thunder Cake must reach the oven before the storm arrives. But the list is long and not easy to find....and the storm is coming closer all the time! Whether the first clap of thunder finds you buried under the bedcovers or happily anticipating the coming storm, Thunder Cake is a story that will bring new meaning and possibility to the excitement of a thunderstorm. Ages 8 to 10.

Tornadoes! by Gail Gibbons. Tornadoes are swirling, funnel-shaped clouds that can cause massive destruction when they make contact with the ground. Most, however, are classified as the least violent kind and last less than 10 minutes. Here is information on how tornadoes are formed, how they are classified, where they most commonly appear and what to do if you find out one is approaching. Ages 6 and up.

Tornadoes by Matt Doeden. An informative book about tornadoes and how they are formed, where they strike and how to stay safe during a tornado. Ages 5 and up.

Twister by Darleen Bailey Beard. The story, both thrilling and reassuring, recounts an experience familiar to many children. Tenderly written, it shows how people, young and old, face natural disaster and simply go on. Ages 7 to 10.

Two Bobbies by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery. Bobbi and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, they lost everything, as did so many others. Only by staying together could Bobbi and Bob Cat survive. This is the true story of their remarkable friendship. Ages 4 to 8.

Watching the Weather by Edana Eckart. A story of how the weather changes during a storm. Ages 4 and up.

Additionally, the following audio, video tapes and DVDs are in our collection to work with the kids:

“The Adventures of Disaster Dudes” VHS

The imaginary adventures of three young friends help them learn how they can get ready for a disaster. This 13-minute video is divided into three segments to help guide a discussion about disaster preparedness with children in the 4th-6th grades.

“Bill Nye the Science Guy: Storms” DVD

In *Storms*, see what happens when huge masses of air collide. Destructive or not, storms benefit us. The tropical regions of the Earth would be too hot to inhabit—and the sub polar regions too cold—if we didn’t have hurricanes and typhoons to distribute the Earth’s heat so efficiently. Ages 9 and up.

“Mimi Mouse Learns to Prepare for Emergencies” DVD

Storybook video helps preschoolers and their families feel ready for emergencies. Ages 2 through 5.

“Miss Twiggley’s Tree” DVD

For over forty years, children have been enchanted by the shy and strange Miss Twiggley, who lives in a comfy tree house on the outskirts of a small village. She and her grocery-shopping dog, Puss, entertain bears and are considered peculiar by the townsfolk. “Simply disgraceful,” they say—but their opinions change when a hurricane hits and Miss Twiggley and friends come to the rescue!

“Sesame Street’s: Friends to the Rescue” DVD

There’s a hurricane headed toward Sesame Street! When weatherman Al Roker issues a weather warning for Sesame Street, the neighborhood prepares for the big storm by collecting supplies, taping windows, and gathering together to stay safe and dry. But after the storm passes, Big Bird is heartbroken to discover that his nest has been destroyed. All of Sesame Street joins together to rebuild Big Bird’s nest twig by twig and raise his spirits hug by hug. This video special is powerful tool to encourage children to help each other when facing real challenges. Pre-school and up.