

When the Disaster is Over

Write articles and give interviews to let the library and general community know what happened during your crisis. If you wish the donation of services and materials, specify what you want and in what format. For instance, if the library lost a large number of books and reference materials to a fire or flood, don't just ask for books. Request the titles or topics needed. Specify whether and how you wish them to be cataloged.

If you are part of a consortium, enlist the assistance of the organization to coordinate the acceptance of donations of services and materials. They can be a

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channel of communications and information. Perhaps they have emergency response policies and services available to your organization.

Most of all, don't be shy. Ask for help from friends, colleagues, and professionals in the area. The more people who know about the disaster, the more support you will receive, be it moral, emotional, physical, or financial.

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