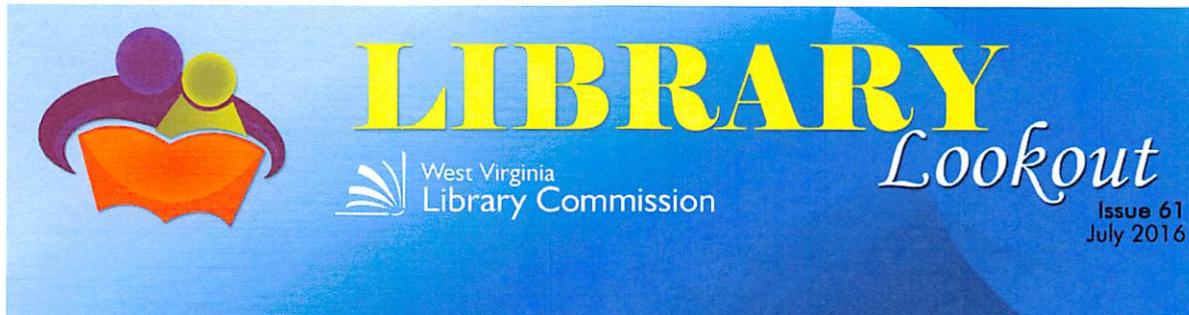


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West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC) Monthly Newsletter

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As soon as warnings of flash floods were broadcast on Thursday, June 25, we all started worrying about libraries in those areas. Carl Hackworth in Network Services called the library in Richwood Thursday before leaving work and discovered that staff member Karen Workman was spending the night at the library because high water and downed trees prevented her from getting home. Friday morning we saw photos of the devastation in Clendenin and video of Richwood with the library's red roof front and center. Amazingly, the Richwood library experienced only minor damage and soon was open and doing what libraries do – helping people. The same thing happened in White Sulphur Springs; the library had only minor damage and the librarian was reluctant to close and go home because there were people who needed help.

Network Services and Library Development continued the calling on Friday, receiving assurances that all was well, appreciation of the call, and offers of help - because libraries help each other too. At the end

of the day, we knew that the floods had destroyed the collections in Clendenin and Rainelle and that the Clay Public Library's lower level meeting room and computer lab were flooded but the collection was OK.

Now it is all about recovery. Clay, Greenbrier, and Kanawha counties have all been declared Federal disaster areas and this will certainly help with recovery. WVLC is assessing technology needs and providing other advice and assistance. West Virginia Books-A-Million stores have scheduled a book fair fundraiser for Saturday July 16. Customers will be asked if they want to donate a percentage of their purchases to library flood relief. EBSCO is

providing free access to the Home Improvement Reference Center and Legal Reference Center databases through WVInfoDepot.org ([See Below](#)).

Many, many people want to send books. I appreciate their concern but books are the last thing Rainelle and Clendenin need at this time. Rainelle does not even have a place to work out of yet. It may be months until the buildings are cleaned and safe for occupancy. There is not even any place to store book donations in Rainelle. Right now what they really need is money. Checks may be mailed to:

- Rainelle Public Library, 378 7th Street Rainelle, WV 25962.
- For Clendenin - Kanawha County Public Library, 123 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301.
- Clay County Public Library, 614 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043
- West Virginia Library Commission, 1900 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV25305.

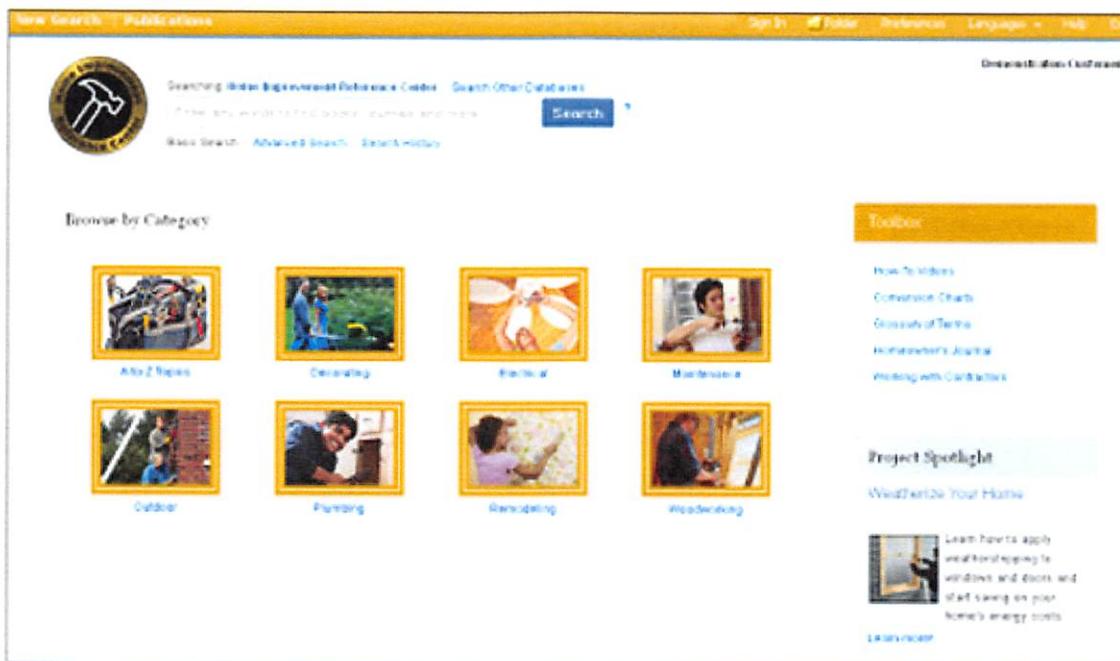
Karen Goff

WVLC Executive Secretary

EBSCO database access (Legal Information & Home Improvement Reference Center) for libraries **NOT** on the statewide network is not yet functioning, but we are working with EBSCO on a resolution.

Welcome to EBSCO's *Legal Information Reference Center* tutorial. *Legal Information Reference Center* contains hundreds of full-text publications and thousands of legal forms that can help you to independently address a wide-range of legal issues including financial planning, family law, property & real estate, rights & disputes, and estate planning. In this tutorial, we will look at conducting a search from the Basic Search screen, as well as the browsing options available in *Legal Information Reference Center*.

[EBSCO -- Legal Information Reference Center](#)



Welcome to EBSCO's *Home Improvement Reference Center* tutorial. *Home Improvement Reference Center* is a comprehensive, easy-to-use database that provides detailed "how-to" information about thousands of home improvement and repair projects, from plumbing and wiring to painting and decorating. *Home Improvement Reference Center* features full-text content from leading home improvement books and magazines, images not found anywhere else online, and how-to videos of popular home repair projects. In this tutorial, we will look at how to conduct a basic search from the home page as well as how to browse by category.

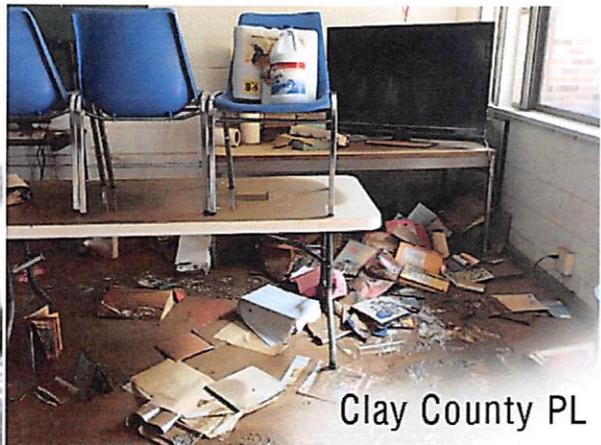
EBSCO -- Home Improvement Reference Center



Flood water found its way into the basement ruining computers, children's program supplies and the heating and cooling system.

Photo (top): Suzy McGinley and Carl Hackworth from the WV Library Commission
 Photo (bottom left): Carl Hackworth and Todd Duncan, *Director of the South Charleston Public*

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FLOOD RESOURCES

- [Best Way to Help WV](#)
- [American Library Association](#)
- [Disaster Volunteer Registration Form](#)
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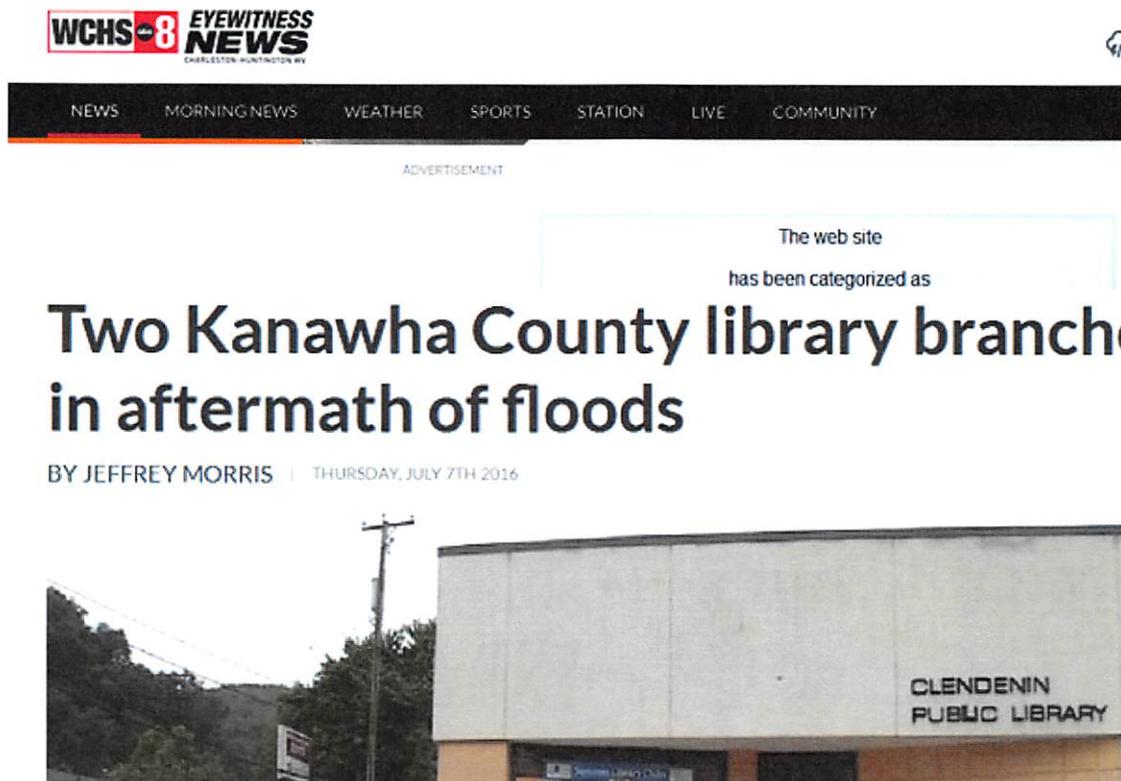
Saturday, July 16, 2016

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Any WV Books-A-Million Store

Books-A-Million is working hard to help get Clendenin and Rainelle Public Libraries functional again! On Saturday, July 16th, customers at every BAM in WV will donate a portion of their sales to go to the WV Library Commission for flood relief efforts. Get more information by calling your local Books-A-Million location. *Gift cards, Millionaire's Club memberships or magazine subscriptions are not eligible for book fair sales. Millionaire membership discounts cannot be applied to book fair.* Please mention "Flood Relief Donation" at the time of purchase, or print out this [VOUCHER](#).

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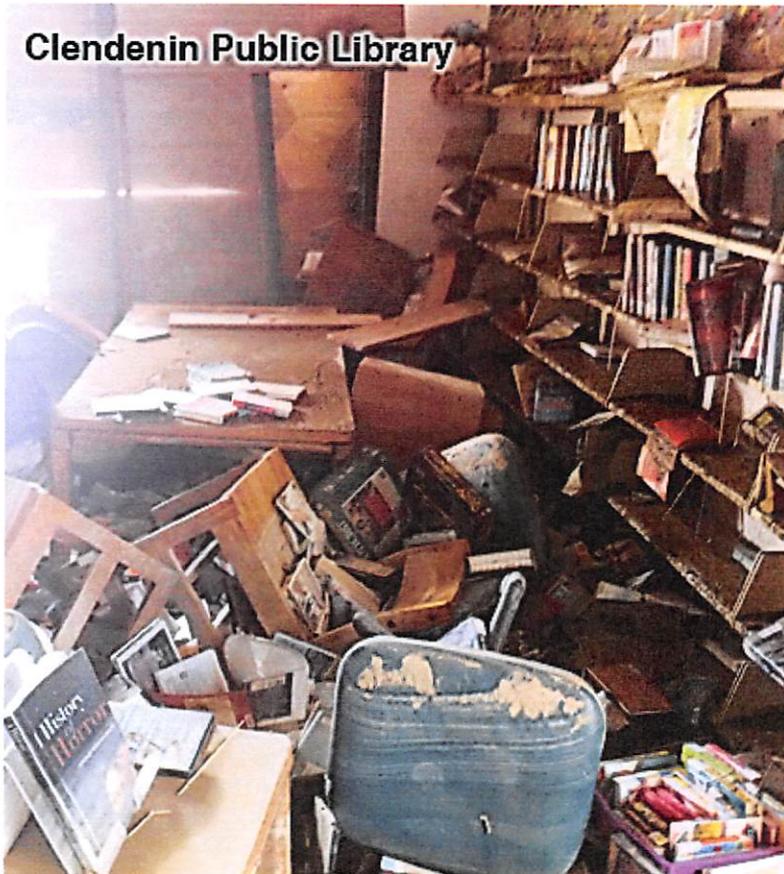
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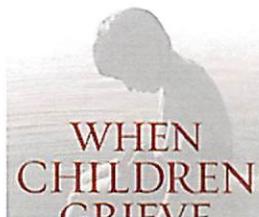
After The Flood

by Suzy McGinley

The recent flooding in West Virginia reminds us of our vulnerability to the ravages of nature even in the twenty first century. It also reminds us how unpredictable things can be. Areas that have been damaged before, were spared. Areas that had not seen many problems, were terribly damaged or destroyed.

Children can be particularly shaken by these disastrous events, even if they are not personally involved. We have seen this following 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina coverage where kids are bombarded by media coverage of disasters and national tragedies. There are several good sources for parents and care givers to use to help children through many kinds of lose.

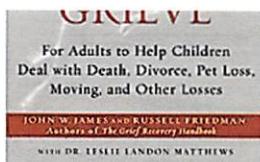
The Healing your Grieving heart series includes *Healing Your Grieving Heart for Kids: 100 Practical Ideas*, and *Healing Your Grieving Heart for Teens: 100 Practical Ideas*.



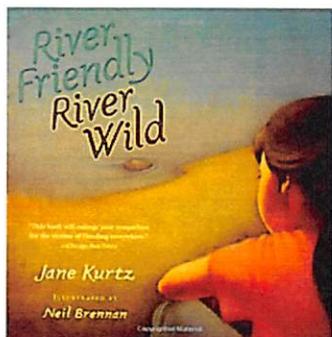
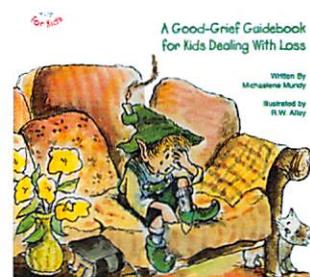
It's Okay to Cry: A Parents' guide to Helping Children through Loses in Life deals with all sorts of lose that affect children. So does *When Children Grieve: For Adults to Help Children Deal with Death, Divorce, Pet lose, Moving and Other Loses*. Having to move, and losing a pet are events that are real to children and are definite possibilities after a flood.



Sad Isn't Bad



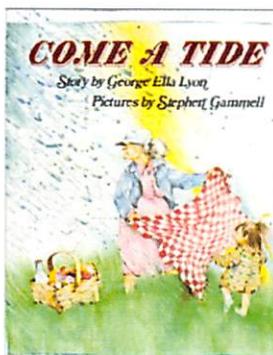
Michaelene Murphy has written several good books about emotions for young children that are good for these times. *Sad Isn't Bad: A Good-Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing with Loss* and *Sometimes I'm Afraid: A Book About Fear*.



Picture books are a great way to help children understand and talk about events and concerns. In Jane Kurtz's picture book *River Friendly, River Wild*, Jane Kurtz explores what it's like to struggle through a flood and pull your life together afterward. Inspired by Kurtz's own flood experience, this tale is realistic and unforgettable. Not just a moving story of one girl's courage, *River Friendly, River Wild* is a tribute to anyone who's ever faced great loss.



Flood by Alvaro F. Villa is a beautiful wordless picture book about the effects of a flood on a family and their home.

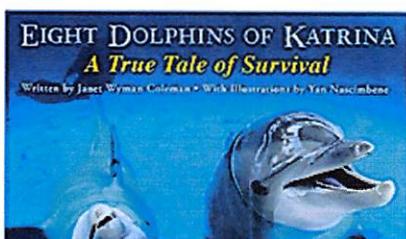


One of my favorite read aloud books of any kind is *Come a Tide* by Kentucky, author George Ella Lyon. I used to read it to school groups every spring when I worked at the Jackson and Mason County Libraries. I love the clever words and the pictures by Steve Gammell that perfectly illustrate and add to the story. "Four days and nights of rain and snow in the mountains and, Grandma predicts, it'll "come a tide". When the water recedes, everyone pitches in, excavating household goods--their "buried treasures"--with good cheer. One feels buoyed by the characters' matter-of-fact resilience; this is a striking and thoroughly captivating portrait of grace and humor, in the face of adversity." This book has a strong Appalachian flavor and deals directly with the kind of flooding we have in this region.

The flood that seems to have had the most written about it is the one caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Although a tragic event, some truly heartwarming stories have come out.

A Storm Called Katrina by Myron Uhlberg is an incredible picture book told from the point of view of ten-year-old Louis Daniel, who is only able to save his prized cornet. As the storm and its aftermath continue, Louis Daniel becomes the family's provider in this tale of family, loss and recovery.

Like the pets now waiting in shelters here, animals were also gravely affected by Katrina. Two wonderful books based on true stories tell of companionship, resilience and dedication.

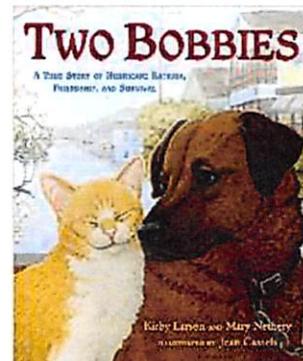


Hurricane Katrina crashed a forty-foot tidal wave over the Marine Life Oceanarium in Gulfport, Mississippi. The dolphin house was demolished, and its inhabitants swept from their tank into the Gulf of Mexico. After growing up in captivity, how could the eight bottlenose dolphins feed and protect themselves in the wild? And if they could survive, would their trainers ever see them again? *Eight Dolphins of Katrina: A True Tale of*



Survival by Janet Wyman Coleman is a fascinating picture book that tells this dramatic, happy-ending story.

Two Bobbies: A True Story Of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival by Kirby Larson, Mary Nethery and illustrated by Jean Cassells is my favorite pick. Found wandering the streets together four months after the Hurricane, a cat and a dog are taken in to the Best Friends Animal Society. Because they both have bobbed tails, the volunteers called them Bobbi and Bob Cat. Distressed when separated, the workers realize that Bob Cat is blind and Bobbi acted as his "seeing eye dog" for all that time. The pair were news sensation and were adopted together in a safe and happy home. The afterward has pictures of the pair and more information on Katrina and the volunteers who helped out humans and animals during that awful time.



In our region's great flood, the Clendenin and Rainelle Public Libraries were totally ruined. The Clay County Public Library's lower level had 3 ½ feet of water pour in and they lost all the computers, children's program supplies and the heating and cooling system. Several schools libraries are severely damaged, including Clay County and Herbert Hoover Highs.

During these times of disasters, people want to help out. Many well-meaning people immediately think of donating books to flood damaged schools and libraries. The trouble is there is no place to put book donations right after a flood. The libraries are still cleaning out ruined furniture and materials. Many school and public libraries have had no electricity or running water for days and mold build up is a danger until the building can be aired out. Several of the facilities will have to be completely gutted because contaminated water has soaked into the flooring and dry wall. What the libraries need now are monetary donations.



UPDATE: School Flood Damage

Nicholas County: Summersville Middle School, Richwood Middle School, Richwood High School. Only the HS has a librarian. Damage at Summersville and Richwood Middles was serious, if not total for the library. At Summersville MS, the Librarian left mid-way through the year and, due to budget cuts, they were not going to replace the position. They did have a plan to have parent volunteers keep it open 3 days a week, but this is not a job for a volunteer. [There is a funding site setup through the Nicholas](#)

[County Community Foundation, Inc. You can designate it for the library here.](#)

Summersville MS Library - Cleaned, but just about everything had to be thrown out. No certified School Library Media Specialist to rebuild the collection. The former moved to a new position and the position was not replaced.

Kanawha County Schools: Because so many have asked to donate, Kanawha County set up a [GoFundMe Account](#)

Elkview Middle School - moderate damage

2 inches of water in school

Gym floor ruined

Clendenin Elementary - severe damage

4 feet of water in school

HVAC and electrical system under water

Herbert Hoover High School - severe damage

7 feet of water in school

Estimated damages to exceed \$1 million

Everything on the first floor will need to be replaced, including two gym floors and auditorium HVAC and electrical service under water

Bridge Elementary - severe damage

3 feet of water in school

Bridge Elementary's Library: The water was approximately 3-4 feet deep in the entire school. I do not have pictures of the library, but classrooms on either side were extremely damaged. The KCS team was able to get into both schools today and begin to plan their recovery strategy.

Right now, there is really no place to put anything that is clean or safe at any of the schools that were impacted by water.

**Library Directors:**

[Bibliostat Collect](#)/Public Library Survey will open on Friday, July 1st, 2016. You will have until Monday, August 15th, 2016, to submit your survey.

Details on webinar offerings and changes to the survey will be announced soon on the Directors Only list-serv and on our website.

If you need a reminder of your username and password, please send an [email request](#).

Thanks!

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