

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN LOUISIANA

Current Status Assessment

December 15, 2005

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC/PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEMS	67
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARISH/PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES	339
TOTAL NUMBER LIBRARY FACILITIES	41
Closed permanently	7
Hope to open Spring	5
TOTAL LIBRARY FACILITIES OPEN	298
Open with full service but limited hours	4
Open with basic services only	2
TOTAL OPEN TO PRE HURRICANE STATUS	

Library System	Library Branch	Status (10-27-05)	Katrina Damage	Rita Damage	Collections Lost	Comments
Acadia	Crowley*	Open				All power was restored & libraries opened 9/30/05
	Church Point	Open				
	Estherwood	Open				
	Evangeline	Open				
	Iota	Open				
	Mermentau	Open				
	Morse	Open				
	Rayne	Open				
Allen	Oberlin*	Open		Moderate damage--Some shingles missing--some vinyl siding missing--air conditioning & electrical problems		All libraries were opened by 10/3/05
	Oakdale	Open		Minor damage--Some shingles missing		
	Kinder	Open				
Ascension	Gonzales*	Open				
	Donaldsonville	Open				
	Galvez	Open				

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Assumption	Napoleonville*	Open				
	Labadieville	Open				
	Pierre Part	Open				
	Bayou L'Ourse	Open				
Audubon Regional	Clinton/East Feliciana*	Open				
	Jackson	Open				
	St. Helena	Open				
Avoyelles	Marksville*	Open				
	Bunkie	Open				
	Cottonport	Open				
	Moreauville	Open				
	Outreach/Mansura	Open				
	Plaucheville	Open				
	Simmesport	Open				
Beauregard	DeRidder*	Open		Minimal damage.		Library opened on 10/7/05
	East Beauregard	Open				Power was restored & branches opened by 10/10/05
	Fields	Open				
	Longville	Open				
	Merryville	Open				
	Ragley	Open				
	Singer	Open				
Bienville	Arcadia*	Open				
	Ringgold	Open				
	Saline	Open				
Bossier	Bossier City*	Open				
	Aulds	Open				
	Benton	Open				
	East 80	Open				
	Haughton	Open				
	Koran Station	Open				
	Plain Dealing	Open				

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Calcasieu	Lake Charles*	Open		No damage--no power		10/7/05--Libraries closed until power is restored, total assessment made & staff are able to return.
	Bell City	Open		No damage--no power		
	Carnegie Memorial	Open		No damage--no power		
	Dequincy	Open		Moderate roof damage		
	Epps Memorial	Open		No damage--no power		
	Fontenot Memorial	Open		No damage--no power		
	Hayes	Open		No damage--no power		
	Iowa	Open		No damage--no power		
	Maplewood	Closed indefinitely		Extensive damage to roof & interior	1/4 collection lost	Extensive damage--will reopen after repair
	Moss Bluff	Open		Major damage to roof & mold 10/10/05		
	SW LA Genealogical	Open		No damage--no power		
	Starks	Open		Moderate roof damage		
	Sulphur Regional	Open		No damage--no power		
	Westlake	Open		No damage--no power		
Caldwell	Columbia*	Open				
Cameron	Cameron *	Closed destroyed		Destroyed	All lost	Director moved Bookmobile & some electronic equipment from parish before Hurricane Rita
	Grand Chenier	Closed destroyed		Destroyed--2 Historic Buildings		Were being readied to open but destroyed by Rita
	Grand Lake	Open with full service				

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	Hackberry	Building closed indefinitely. Bookmobile parked at community center is providing full service as best can.		Destroyed--Water to rooftop	All lost	Trying to salvage building.
	Johnson Bayou	Closed destroyed		Destroyed	All lost	
	Bookmobile	See Hackberry Branch				bookmobile is parked in Hackberry and is now being used as a temporary branch (11-22-05)
Catahoula	Harrisonburg*	Open				
	Jonesville	Open				
	Sicily Island	Open				
Claiborne	Homer*	Open				
	Joe W. Webb Mem.	Open				
Concordia	Ferriday*	Open				
	Clayton	Open				
	Vidalia	Open				
DeSoto	Mansfield*	Open				
	Logansport	Open				
	Pelican	Open				
	Stonewall	Open				
East Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge*	Open				
	Baker	Open				
	Bluebonnet Regional	Open				
	Carver	Open				
	Central	Open				

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	Centroplex	Open				
	Delmont Gardens	Open				
	Eden Park	Open				
	Greenwell Springs Regional	Open				
	Jones Creek Regional	Open				
	Pride	Open				
	Scotlandville	Open				
	Zachary	Open				
East Carroll	Lake Providence*	Open				
Evangeline	Ville Platte*	Open				
	Basile	Open				
	Chataignier	Open				
	Mamou	Open				
	Pine Prairie	Open				
Franklin	Winnsboro*	Open				
	Wisner	Open				
Grant	Colfax*	Open				
	Dry Prong	Open				
	Georgetown	Open				
	Montgomery	Open				
	Pollock	Open				
Iberia	New Iberia*	Open		Minimal damage--few missing shingles		
	Coteau	Open		Minimal damage		
	Delcambre	Open				
	Jeanerette	Open				
	Loreauville	Open				
	Lydia	Open		Town evacuated-- contaminated tanks		Power was restored--opened 10/4/05
	St. Peter Street	Open		Minimal damage--few missing shingles		
Iberville	Plaquemine*	Open		Minor damage--small roof leak over meeting room		

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	Bayou Pigeon	Open				
	Bayou Sorrell	Open				
	East Iberville	Open				
	Grosse Tete	Open				
	Maringouin	Open				
	Rosedale	Open				
	White Castle	Open				
Jackson	Jonesboro*	Open				
Jefferson	Metairie*	Open with full service	Moderate damage; meeting room damaged; requires demo work in 20 spots			Open 10/3/05--Subject to inspection & environmental testing on Monday. Open Monday-Saturday 9-5 Closed Sunday 10/9/05--10/10/05--Resume regular schedule including Sundays 1-5
	Belle Terre	Closed indefinitely	Totally destroyed		39,000 volumes	Closed indefinitely--Gutting of building to be completed by 10/14/05
	Grand Isle	Closed destroyed Bookmobile will service this area after Jan. 2006.	Totally destroyed		17,000 volumes	Initial inspection & appraisal on 10/6/05. Depending on condition will tentatively open on 10/24/05 or have everything removed & gutted completely by 10/21/05
	Gretna	Closed indefinitely	Totally destroyed	Masks needed to enter building	28,000 volumes	Closed indefinitely--Remove everything except shelves & end panels on 10/3/05
	Harahan	Open--Full Service	Moderate damage--some demo work	No additional damage--Sheetrock will have to be replaced in various areas		Open 11/7/05--Regular hours

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	Lafitte	Closed indefinitely	Major damage; furnishings, carpets, duct work	Considerably more damage done to roof causing removal of interior walls in many areas	7,500 volumes	
	Lakeshore	Closed indefinitely	Totally destroyed	Masks needed to enter building	46,000 volumes	Closed indefinitely--Gutting of building to be completed by 10/14/05
	Live Oak	Closed indefinitely	Major damage; furnishings, carpets, duct work	Destroyed virtually all roof repair previously done after Katrina	12,000 volumes	
	North Kenner	Closed indefinitely	Moderate damage; carpeting ruined, minor demo work	Roof drains overflowed causing all interior walls on southwest to absorb water		
	Old Metairie	Open--Full Service	Moderate damage;; some demo work	Additional ceiling damage		Open 11/7/05--Regular hours
	River Ridge E-Branch	Open	Moderate damage; some demo work			10/3/05--Open Monday-Saturday 9-5 Closed Sunday 10/9
	Rosedale	Open--Reduced hours	Unharmed; wet carpet by window			10/3/05--Open Monday-Saturday 9-5 Closed Sunday 10/9
	Terrytown	Open--Reduced hours	Library wet; no power			Open 10/10/05--Modified hours
	Wagner	Closed indefinitely	All sheet rock must be removed	No additional damage but mold has become an issue	Some collection lost	
	West Bank Regional	Open--Full Service	Moderate damage; meeting room damaged; requires demo work		Some collection lost	Open 10/3/05--Subject to inspection & environmental testing on Monday. Open Monday-Saturday 9-5 Closed Sunday 10/9/05-10/10/05--Resume regular schedule including Sundays 1-5
	Westwego	Open--Full Service	Major damage; furnishing & carpets in children's	No additional damage--walls still have moisture from Katrina. Walls & books being monitored	7,500 volumes	Open 10/11/05--Regular hours

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Jefferson Davis	Jennings*	Open				Director reported headquarters is open with hours being from 9 to 6 Monday-Friday & regular hours on Saturday. The library is closing earlier to support the curfew imposed upon the parish.
	Elton	Closed--Will open in new building in Spring 2006		Destroyed. Extensive damage to building--walls cracked & water poured in. Building is being abandoned. Shelving lost.	Collection put in Police Jury storage until new building that is under construction is completed in January	Employees from Elton are working at headquarters.
	Lake Arthur	Open		Some damage to roof & water in building through doors but okay		
	McBurney Memorial (Welsh)	Open		No damage to building but extensive damage to trees on library property		
Jennings Carnegie	Jennings*	Open				
Lafayette	Lafayette*	Open		Minor damage		
	Broussard	Open		Minor damage		
	Butler Memorial	Open		Minor damage		
	Carencro	Open		Minor damage		
	Chenier Center	Open		Minor damage		
	Duson	Open		Minor damage		
	Milton	Open		Minor damage		
	Scott	Open		Minor damage		
	Southside	Open		Minor damage		
	Youngsville	Open		Minor damage		
Lafourche	Martha Utley Mem. - Thibodaux*	Open				
	Bayou Blue	Open				
	Chackbay	Open				
	Cut Off-Galliano	Open		Window broke		

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	Golden Meadow	Closed but will open in new building in January 2006	Destroyed--roof blown off	More extensive roof damage-- lost computer server		New building were to move into damaged also. 9/28/05
	Gheens	Open				
	Larose	Open				
	Lockport	Open				
	Raceland	Open				
LaSalle	Jena*	Open				
	Olla	Open				
Lincoln	Ruston*	Open				
Livingston	Livingston*	Open				
	Albany	Open				
	Denham Springs/Walker	Open				
	French Settlement	Open				
	Killian	Open				
	Springfield	Open				
	Watson	Open				
Madison	Tallulah*	Open				
Morehouse	Bastrop*	Open				
	Bonita	Open				
	Collinston	Open				
	Dunbar	Open				
	Mer Rouge	Open				
	Oak Ridge	Open				
Morgan City	Morgan City*	Open		Minor damage--lost some siding		
Natchitoches	Natchitoches*	Open				

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New Orleans	New Orleans*	Open-- Limited Service & Hours	Moderate damage		Partial	Opened October 31--11:00 am to 3:00 pm--Internet access, basic computer access, copies, faxing & book returns.
	Algiers Point/Cita Dennis Hubbell	Open--Full Service but limited hours	Moderate damage--Broken windows, water in basement		Partial	Opened October 31--10:00 am to 2:00 pm--Internet access, basic computer access, copies, faxing & book returns.
	Algiers Regional	Closed indefinitely	Major wind damage--broken window, siding damaged, molding carpet & books		Some	10/7--Copper façade blew off on two sides. Wind driven rain entered the building destroying books & computer lab floors & computers. Two monitors were broken at the Circulation Desk. Ceiling tiles fell. The majority of the building contents will have to be removed because of mold damage. Building will have to be gutted.
	Alvar	Closed indefinitely	Major damage--carpets & computers ruined			10/7--Received about a foot of water. Books, furnishings, & computers damaged. Will have to be partially gutted.
	Children's Resource Center	Closed but hope to open Spring 2006	Minor damage--3 broken windows			10/7--Two large windows broken. Should be able to reopen after damage is repaired & City gives go ahead.

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	East New Orleans Regional	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed		Total collection lost	10/7--Fish in parking lot. Overturned bookdrops. Major flooding. Shelves collapsed, books floated in water. All furniture & equipment damaged. Will have to be partially gutted.
	Keller (Broad)	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--Water & mold very evident		Total collection lost	10/7--Major flooding. Broken door glass. Furniture & books scattered. Wood floors in house buckling. Mold throughout. All furniture, equipment & decorations moldy. Will have to be partially gutted.
	Martin Luther King, Jr.	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed		Total collection lost	10/7--Completely destroyed. Nothing salvageable. Hottub in front yard & a child's bike in tree.
	Milton H. Latter	Closed but hope to open Spring 2006	Moderate damage--roof damage & downed trees			10/7--Roof damage. Should be able to open when repairs are made & City gives go ahead.
	Norman Mayer Gentilly	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--Water & mold very evident		Total collection lost	10/7--Major flooding--Furniture & books scattered throughout. Mold throughout. All furniture & equipment damaged. Will have to be partially gutted.
	Nora Navra	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--Water & mold very evident		Total collection lost	10/7--Major flooding. Very little salvageable. Books, equipment & furniture destroyed. Will have to be gutted.

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	Nix	Open with Full Service but limited hours.	Moderate damage--Windows blown out		Partial	Opened October 31--12:00 pm to 4:00 pm--Internet access, basic computer access, copies, faxing & book returns.
	Robert E. Smith	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed		Total collection lost	10/7--First flood completely destroyed. Nothing salvageable. Will have to be gutted.
Opelousas-Eunice	Opelousas*	Open		Minor damage--Lost slates from overhang on side of building.		
	Eunice	Open		Small leaks		
Ouachita	Monroe*	Open				
	Anna Meyer	Open				
	Carver	Open				
	Ouachita Valley	Open				
	West Monroe	Open				
	West Ouachita	Open				
Plaquemines	Buras*	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--water up to roof		Total collection lost	
	Belle Chasse	Open with very limited service	Major damage--7 skylights blown out--flooding & mold present	Blew off covering placed over skylights after Katrina causing rain to again get in building. FEMA assessment team has classified it as a major project.	All of collection lost except for Adult Collection that was in original part of building	Partially open--old section of building survived
	Port Sulphur	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--water up to roof		Total collection lost	
Pointe Coupee	New Roads*	Open	Tree down on property			
	Innis	Open				
	Livonia	Open				
	Morganza	Open				
	Julian Poydras	Open				

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Rapides	Alexandria*	Open				
	Boyce	Open				
	Fuhrer	Open				
	Glenmora	Open				
	Carl N. Gunter, Sr.	Open		Minor shingle damage; 1 interior leak		
	Hineston	Open				
	Georgie G. Johnson	Open				
	Martin L. King Jr. Mem.	Open		Lost trim from roof causing significant damage to equipment & materials	Amount of collection lost is unknown at this time.	10/7--Most of damage was because of car going through wall before hurricane, then the storm blew water in.
	Martin	Open				
	J.L. Robertson	Open		Minor damage--shingle loss, small leaks		
Red River	Coushatta*	Open				
Richland	Rayville*	Open				
	Delhi	Open				
	Mangham	Open				
Sabine	Many*	Open		Minor damage--shingles off; flagpole down		
	Converse	Open		Minor damage		
	Fisher	Open		Minor damage		
	Florien	Open		Minor damage		
	Pleasant Hill	Open		Minor damage		
	Toledo	Open		Minor damage		
	Zwolle	Open		Minor damage		
St. Bernard	Chalmette*	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--underwater		Total collection lost	
	Ducros Museum	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--underwater		Total collection lost	
St. Charles	Luling*	Open				
	East Regional	Open	Minor roof damage			
	Hahnville	Open				

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	Norco	Open				
	St. Rose	Open				
St. James	Lutcher*	Open				
	West St. James (Vacherie)	Open				
St. John the Baptist	LaPlace*	Open	Minor roof damage			
	Frazee-Harris Memorial (Garyville)	Open				
	Reserve	Open				
	West (Roland Borne, Sr.)	Open				
St. Martin	St. Martinville*	Open		Minor damage--water blown under eaves		
	Arnaudville	Open		Minor damage--to rail & ramp at entrance		
	Breaux Bridge	Open		Minor damage		
	Catahoula	This branch was closed permanently before hurricanes hit				
	Cecilia	Open		Minor damage--water seeping in light fixtures & ceiling tiles		
	Parks	Open				Closed permanently
	Stephensville	Closed permanently				Closed permanently
St. Mary	Franklin*	Open				
	Amelia	Open				
	Bayou Vista	Open				
	Berwick	Open				
	Patterson	Open				
	West End	Open				

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St. Tammany	Covington*	Open				
	Abita Springs	Open				
	Bush	Open	Moderate roof damage resulting in mold			
	Causeway	Open				
	Folsom	Open				
	Lacombe	Open	Major damage--Critical structural & flood damage		Partial	Opened with full service
	Lee Road	Open	Roof damage resulting in mold			
	Madisonville	Closed indefinitely	Critical structural & flood damage		Partial	10/7--Waiting on estimates, will be reopened after repairs or alternate location if unfeasible to repaire
	Mandeville	Open				
	Pearl River	Open				
Shreve Memorial	Pontchartrain	Closed permanently	Catastrophic structural & flood damage		Partial	10/7--Will not be reopened here or at another location
	Slidell	Open	Minor roof leak			
	Shreveport*	Open				
	Atkins	Open				
	Belcher	Open				
	Blanchard	Open				
	Broadmoor	Open				
	Cedar Grove/Line Avenue	Open				
	Gilliam	Open				
	Hamilton/South Caddo	Open				
	Higginbotham/Bryson	Open				
	Hollywood/Union	Open				
	Hosston	Open				
	Means/Ida	Open				
	Mooretown	Open				

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	Mooringsport	Open				
	North Caddo	Open				
	North Shreveport	Open				
	Oil City	Open				
	David Raines	Open				
	Rodessa	Open				
	Wallette/Lakeside	Open				
	West Shreveport	Open				
So. St. Landry Community	Sunset*	Open				
Tangipahoa	Amite*	Open				
	Genealogy/Administration	Open				
	Hammond	Open	Broken window			
	Independence	Open				
	Kentwood	Open				
	Loranger	Open				
	Ponchatoula	Open				
Tensas	St. Joseph*	Open				
Terrebonne	Houma*	Open				
	Bayou Dularge	Open				
	Bourg	Open				
	Chauvin	Closed indefinitely		Flooded with 1.5 feet of water. May be able to save building. Branch manager moved books on lower shelves, so no books or computers lost, & they were able to get in early enough to remove everything before dampness set in.	Computers & collections seem okay	May salvage
	East Houma	Open				
	Gibson	Open				

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	Grand Caillou	Closed indefinitely		Destroyed	Total collection lost	Closed indefinitely
	Montegut	Open				
	North	Open				
Union	Farmerville*	Open				
Vermilion	Abbeville*	Open				
	Cow Island	Closed permanently		Major damage--possibly destroyed	Total collection lost	10/7--In school, probably will lose whole collection, save shelving, will know after this weekend. May not rebuild--may make this a bookmobile stop.
	Delcambre	Open				
	Erath	Closed but hope to open Spring 2006		Water damage--1 foot of water, books & carpeting damaged	Partial	10/7--Pulled wet books & deleting, will get estimates, doesn't know how long--structurally building is good.
	Gueydan	Open				
	Kaplan	Open				
	Maurice	Open				
	Vaughn-Copel Mem. (Pecan Island)	Closed permanently		Major damage--possibly destroyed	Total collection lost	10/7--Building gone, surge moved building 25 feet--total loss. Probably will not be rebuilt--if school is not rebuilt, will make bookmobile stop
Vernon	Leesville*	Open		Minor damage--small leaks & 1 downspout torn off		Reopened 10/4/05
	Paul Laurence Dunbar	Open		No damage		
	Pitkin	Open		No damage		
Washington Municipal	Washington* (not yet opened)					

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Washington Parish	Franklinton*	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed		Total collection lost	Building closed until can be rebuilt--trying to rent space for temporary use or get FEMA to put trailer on library property for use
	Angie	Open				Open 3 days a week with limited hours
	Bogalusa	Open	Moderate damage--tree on building causing water damage		Amount of collection lost is unknown at this time	Increased hours--Open Monday-Saturday 9-6
	Enon	Open				Open 3 days a week with limited hours
	Mount Hermon	Closed permanently				Closed permanently
	Pine	Closed permanently				Closed permanently
	Thomas	Open				Open 3 days a week with limited hours
	Varnado	Open				Open 3 days a week with limited hours
Webster	Minden*	Open				
	Doyline	Open				
	Heflin	Open				
	Willie & Mary Mack Mem.	Open				
	Dr. John Pugh	Open				
	Sarepta	Open				
West Baton Rouge	Port Allen*	Open				
West Carroll	Oak Grove*	Open				
West Feliciana	St. Francisville*	Open				
Winn	Winnfield*	Open				
	Atlanta	Open				
	Calvin	Open				

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	Dodson	Open				
	Sikes	Open				
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