

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN LOUISIANA
Current Status Assessment – Hurricane Damage
January 6, 2006

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC/PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEMS	67
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARISH/PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES	339
TOTAL NUMBER LIBRARY FACILITIES CLOSED	41
Closed permanently	7
Hope to open Spring 2006	5
TOTAL LIBRARY FACILITIES OPEN	298
Open with full service but limited hours	4
Open with basic services only	4
TOTAL OPEN TO PRE HURRICANE STATUS	292

Library System	Library Branch	Status (10-27-05)	Katrina Damage	Rita Damage	Collections Lost	Comments
Calcasieu	Lake Charles*	Open		No damage--no power		
	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 be rebuilt
	Moss Bluff	Open		Major damage to roof & mold 10/10/05		
	SW LA Genealogical	Open		No damage--no power		
	Starks	Open		Moderate roof damage		
Cameron	Sulphur Regional	Open		No damage--no power		
	Westlake	Open		No damage--no power		
	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

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	Grand Lake	Open with full service				
	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)
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
	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	

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	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
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.

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	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		
Lafourche	Martha Utley Mem. - Thibodaux*	Open				
	Bayou Blue	Open				
	Chackbay	Open				
	Cut Off-Galliano	Open		Window broke		
	Golden Meadow	Open	Destroyed--roof blown off	More extensive roof damage--lost computer server		New building currently open. Grand opening ceremony will be January 14, 2006
	Gheens	Open				
	Larose	Open				
	Lockport	Open				
	Raceland	Open				
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.

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	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	Open, January 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.
	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	Open January 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.
	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.

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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	
St. Bernard	Chalmette*	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--underwater		Total collection lost	
	Ducros Museum	Closed indefinitely	Destroyed--underwater		Total collection lost	
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				
	Pontchartrain	Closed permanently	Catastrophic structural & flood damage		Partial	10/7--Will not be reopened here or at another location
	Slidell	Open	Minor roof leak			

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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				
	Grand Caillou	Closed indefinitely		Destroyed	Total collection lost	Closed indefinitely
	Montegut	Open				
	North	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

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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
NOTE: * = Headquarters/Main						