Ventura County Library
Hill Rd. Branch
Opening Day Celebration
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017
Thomas Fire begins Monday night Dec. 4, 2017
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AFTERTHATH

When six degrees of separation become one with the Thomas Fire

California Wildfires Story Project
A partnership of the California State Library, StoryCenter and the County Libraries of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino

Wilder than Wild
Fire, Forests, and the Future

Free Film Screening
Friday, June 22, 6 pm
E.P. Foster Library
51 East Main Street, Ventura

New hour long film by California Naturalists Michael Molsen and Stephen Rost takes us on a journey from the 2017 fire of the Santa Susana, to the wine country wildfires of 2017, which destroyed 9,900 buildings and killed 44 people. Along the way, we meet stakeholders, scientists, and innovative resource managers building consensus on how to restore and manage the lands we love and depend on.

Ventura Stories
Saturday, June 23, 12 noon - 5 pm
E.P. Foster Library
51 East Main Street, Ventura

The 2017 fires wrote a new chapter in the lives of millions of California residents. The scope, speed and ferocity of the 2017 fire season, for the residents of Ventura county, have drawn our attention to the need to be and stay aware of ways to prepare for and respond to the threat of wildfires and other disasters that will surely come in the years to come.

We invite you to come and share a 10 minute reflection and stories about your experience of the fires last year or in years before. You can come to be interviewed or bring a friend, family member or colleague to have a conversation about your experiences and the lessons learned from these events.

The interviews will be conducted using the Listening Station recording kit developed by StoryCenter organization based in Berkeley. Library staff and StoryCenter representatives will assist. Your recording will be stored as part of the California State Library collection. https://archive.org/details/storycenter

Sign up today!
storycenter.org/ventura-fire-stories-june2018
We’re a Library, It’s What We Do
ALL WEEK IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: WINTER CRAFTS, BOARD GAMES, LEGO LAB

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
- Video Games 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tech Lab
- Wiggly Storytime 10:30 am, Island Room
- Baby & Me Storytime 11:30 am + 12:30 pm, Island Room
- Family Movie (Goosebumps) 1:30 pm, Island Room
- Coding with Robots 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Tech Lab

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR READING ALL DAY!
Ask any staff member for help

WE HAVE MASKS
These N95 masks will best protect from smoke, ash, and harmful particulates.

Bilingual #ThomasFire Update for Thursday
Actualización bilingüe de #ThomasFire el jueves
Our community has been through a lot. Take care of you + yours. We're here to provide a safe space, access to info, books + more. Infographic from @nasponline via @sbunified. To learn more on helping children post disaster visit: bit.ly/2II5L9i 
#CAStorm #MontecitoFlood

Remain Calm and Reassuring
Children, especially young ones, take cues from their caregivers. While destruction is expected, extreme emphasize efforts to clean up quickly. This can cause children to assume friends will take care of them and over time will become independent. Use calm, soothing language to reassure children. 

Acknowledge and Normalize
Allow children to express their feelings and concerns about the disaster. Listen, empathize, and let them know that it's normal. Be attentive to, and obtain assistance if necessary, that the child (or anyone else) is in need. 

Emphasize Resiliency
Help children identify coping skills used in the past when scared or upset. 

Strengthen Peer Support
Children with strong emotional supports are better equipped to withstand the stress of a disaster. Especially among adolescents, peer relationships provide an important source of support. 

Take Care of Your Own Needs
You will be better able to help children if you take care of your own reactions as fully as possible. Talk about your reactions and provide information in a way that警 physical and mental health, and avoid using emergency situations as a coping mechanism.

Thur @ 6:30pm, Central Library continues its partnership coverage of the aftermath of #ThomasFire, #CAStorm + #MontecitoMudsides. Hear from geologists, engineers + others on current + future state of our landscape. Will be streamed on Library's Facebook > facebook.com/SantaBarbaraPu...
Volunteers worked on hundreds of photos, albums, and important documents at the Saving Memories From Mud event at Montecito Library.
Recovering from the Borderline Shooting and the Hill/Woolsey Fires

Heather Cousin, Library Services Director, City of Thousand Oaks

April 25, 2019
In just three days...
Local Assistance Centers
Flexibility is Key

**Pop-up Events**

**AT THE NEWBURY PARK LIBRARY**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**
- 11:15am - 12:05pm Parent & Child Together Class
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Board Games for School Age

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**
- 10:30am - 11:30am Toddler/Preschool Storytime Food/Thanksgiving Theme
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm Special "Dog Days" Read to a certified therapy dog

**Friday, November 16, 2018**
- 10:00am - 11:00am LEGO Play and RUBE
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Literary Potatoes

**Monday, November 19, 2018**
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm Movie: Incredibles 2

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm School Age Crafts

Additional pop-up events to be added when the Grant R. Brimhall Library re-opens.
What Happens After That?
WORKING TOGETHER DURING DISASTERS

San Diego County Libraries
Sarah Solis, Facilities Manager
April 25, 2019
SILVER LININGS OF DISASTERS
EARLY DETECTION – REACHING ACROSS DEPARTMENTS
JULY 2018: ALPINE (EAST SAN DIEGO), “WEST FIRE”

• Over 500 acres burnt
• 49 homes damaged/destroyed
• 40+ other structures/buildings
• During a heat wave – triple digits
• Moved in a matter of hours
ALPINE LIBRARY – LOCATION OF LAC
LAC SETUP – UNDER 24 HOURS

ALPINE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
FINAL THOUGHTS – DURING DISASTERS:

• Plan ahead – know who to call
  • Be open – whatever it takes!
  • Think outside the box
  • We serve the public – FIRST
THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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