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The Role of Librarians and Information Literacy Experts in the Time of Crisis

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What is disaster

Types of disaster effecting libraries

Earthquake, its effects on libraries &examples

Tsunami / Flood, its effects on libraries &examples

Fire disaster, its effects on libraries &examples

War, its effects on libraries &examples

Disaster management

Preventive measures from disasters for libraries

Conclusion

The Disaster Management Act 2005 given the definition of disaster as Disaster means a catastrophe, mishap, calamity in any area arising from natural or manmade causes which results in loss of life and destruction of property or degradation of environment.

Types of disasters which generally effect libraries are :



Earthquake



Tsunami/Flood



Fire

War destruction of libraries



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Earthquake

Shaking of the surface of the earth caused by sudden movement in the earth crust

❑ Effect of Earthquake in Libraries :

- Building collapse
- Burying of books among debris
- Falling of the books from the shelves
- Restoration of service takes longer time



Tsunami / Flood

Series of waves in a water body caused by the displacement of a large volume of water

❑ Effect of Tsunami / Flood in Libraries :

- Damage all types of library materials & resources
- Mainly damage the digital documents
- Damage can range from dampness to completely soaked or submerged items.



Fire

It is another disaster faced by libraries. It can happen due to negligence, short circuit caused by loose or faulty wiring and switches.

❑ Effect of Fire Disaster in Libraries :

- Library materials including paper, film and wood. All these materials are inflammable.
- Turn the books and other resources to ashes.
- Heat damage the digital content like CDs, DVD, microform, etc.



Disaster Management

United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in their hand-book on terminology explain



disaster management as “The organization, planning and application of measures preparing for responding and initial recovery from disasters.

Preventive measures from disasters for libraries

A disaster management plan should be adopted by each library for prevention from any disaster. The components of the plan are :

1. Assigning responsibility
2. Identification and assessment of potential hazards.
3. Setting up liaisons with local emergency agencies
4. Establishment of goals and tasks for team members
5. Financial assessment
6. Document of the plan
7. Ease of Implementation
8. Maintaining the plan

Media and Information Literacy (MIL)

Understanding Propaganda in the Digital World

LEARNING COMPETENCIES

Learners will be able to...

- . Define propaganda**
- . Discuss the characteristics of propaganda materials**
- . Explain the need to be aware and understand propaganda materials**
- . Identify propaganda materials that are spread on social media**
- . Evaluate the dangers of propaganda to a democratic country**

WHAT IS PROPAGANDA?



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- **ideas or statements** that are often **false/erroneous** or **embellished/exaggerated** and that are spread in order to help a cause, a political leader, a government, etc/
- ***“It influences people’s opinions, sentiments and beliefs”.***

(<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/propaganda>)

WHAT IS **PROPAGANDA**?



- **Information**, especially of a **biased** or **misleading** nature, used to **promote a political cause or point of view**

(<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/propaganda>)

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WHY BE AWARE OF **PROPAGANDA**?



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- **Propaganda** manipulates and diverts you from **logical analysis of issues**.
- **Propaganda** hides the truth.
- By understanding **propaganda**, you will be able to **protect yourself** from deceitful tactics.

HOW TO SPOT **PROPAGANDA**?



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Propaganda...

- **attacks a person** instead of a principle or issue
- **suppresses evidence** that does not support its cause

HOW TO SPOT **PROPAGANDA?**



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Propaganda...

- **relies on emotion** instead of logical evidence
- introduces **irrelevant** or **unproved evidence**

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Propaganda...

- **distorts and oversimplify evidence**
- **shows internal inconsistency after examining facts**

PROPAGANDA IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Propaganda materials are...

- now in digital form
- posted, shared, liked, commented, and debated on social media particularly on **Facebook**



- No to **propaganda** in **Facebook!**
- ***Yes in debating issues using logical arguments.***
- Yes to respecting each other over issues with disagreement.



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Conclusion

A disaster affects a library in many ways. It damages the building, the furniture, the equipment and shelving. Further, it damages the collection which has been developed over several years.

However, the affects of the disaster can often mitigate or avoided together by a comprehensive, systematic, disaster –preparedness programme.

**“IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PLAN,
THEN YOU ARE PLANNING TO
FAIL!!”**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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