



# Disaster Preparedness and Response in the FDLP- Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

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# This presentation will focus on:

- GPO efforts
- Regional efforts
- Affected libraries
- Lessons learned

# GPO Efforts

## 2017 Hurricane Season

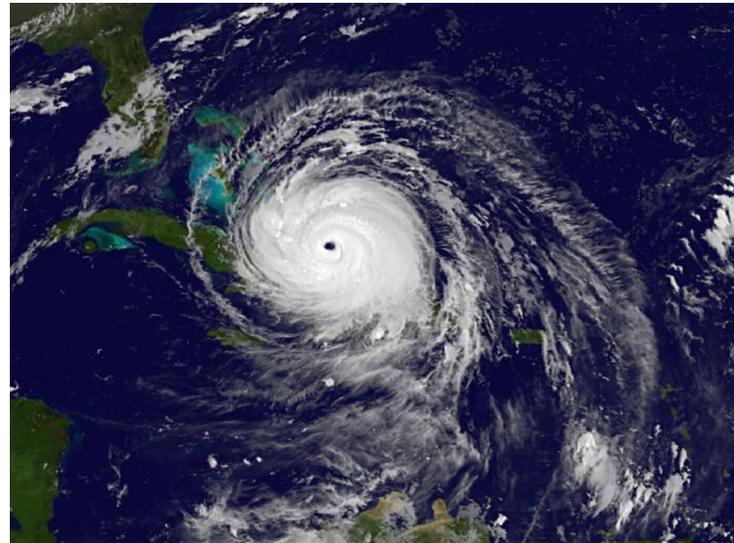
### Harvey



- Large state
- Only parts affected
- Other states also affected
- Held shipments
- Communication with Regionals and affected libraries

# GPO Efforts 2017 Hurricane Season

## Irma

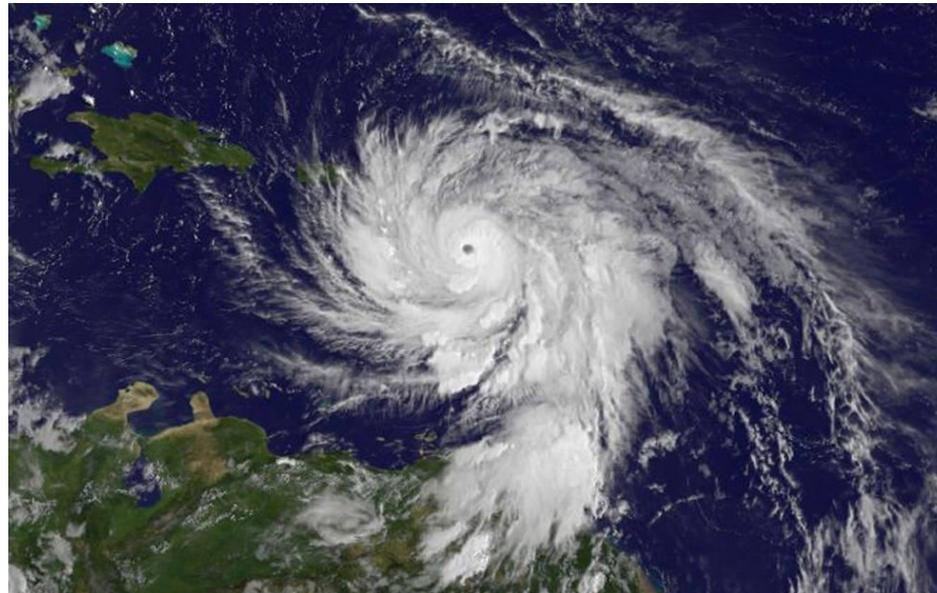


- Suspended shipments sooner
- Disaster Response Plan

# GPO Efforts 2017 Hurricane Season

## Maria

- Continue to develop and fine tune Disaster Response Plan





# Disaster Response Plan

- Immediate Needs
  - Suspending shipments
  - Communication plan (both before and after)
  - *What to do if....*
  - Public Access
- Long-term
  - Work with community
  - Preparing for disasters
  - Damage assessment
  - Needs and Offers
  - Policies



## Texas Regional/State Efforts

- Texas Regionals not in direct path of Harvey
- Communication through TX-FED and HANDI
- Disaster management and recovery resources
  - Joint statement TSLAC and TLA
  - Coordinating offers of help, grants, funds for libraries
  - Specific resources for libraries, archives, and cultural institutions
  - Other state-wide efforts: records management and general reference



## The Fort Lauderdale Experience

- Fortunately, we didn't experience much.
- Time and Priorities – Too Little and Too Many.
- Reviewing the Disaster Plan – If you don't have one, get one.
- Rescue and Salvage – Collection Development in Reverse.



## Lessons Learned

- Have procedures in place
  - GPO
  - Libraries
  - Regions
- Begin the Process Early
- Communicate



# Resources

- [Nothing Ever Happens Until it Does](#)
- [Be Prepared/ Estar Listo](#)
- [FEMA's Disaster Assistance Improvement Program \(DAIP\) Overview](#)
- *What to do if....*



## Questions?

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