# Preparing a Network of Libraries and Librarians Working in Information Management for Emergencies and Disasters in the United States

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### Introduction

### Question:

Why should librarians be involved in emergency and disaster management?

# Background

MLA 2005 Symposium



Hurricane Katrina 2005



NLM's Long Range Plan 2006-2016 meetings in 2005

# Disaster and Emergency Management for Information Professionals

CONCEPTS & TERMINOLOGY

INFORMATION BEHAVIORS

**ORGANIZATIONS** 

INFORMATION SYSTEMS & RESOURCES



Future Librarian/ Information Professional

ROLES

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

**PLANNING** 

**FUTURE TRENDS** 



# Disaster Information Specialization Program

 Partnership between the National Library of Medicine and the Medical Library Association

 Target Audiences: Practicing librarians and disaster workforce



# Disaster Information Specialization Program (cont.)

### Basic Level (15 contact hours, 5 required courses)

- Disaster Health Information Sources: The Basics, OR Resources for Disaster Preparedness and Response, OR Roadmap to Disaster Health Resources and Tools
- U.S. Response to Disasters and Public Health Emergencies
- Information Roles in Disaster Management
- IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction. FEMA Emergency Management Institute
- IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100.
   FEMA Emergency Management Institute



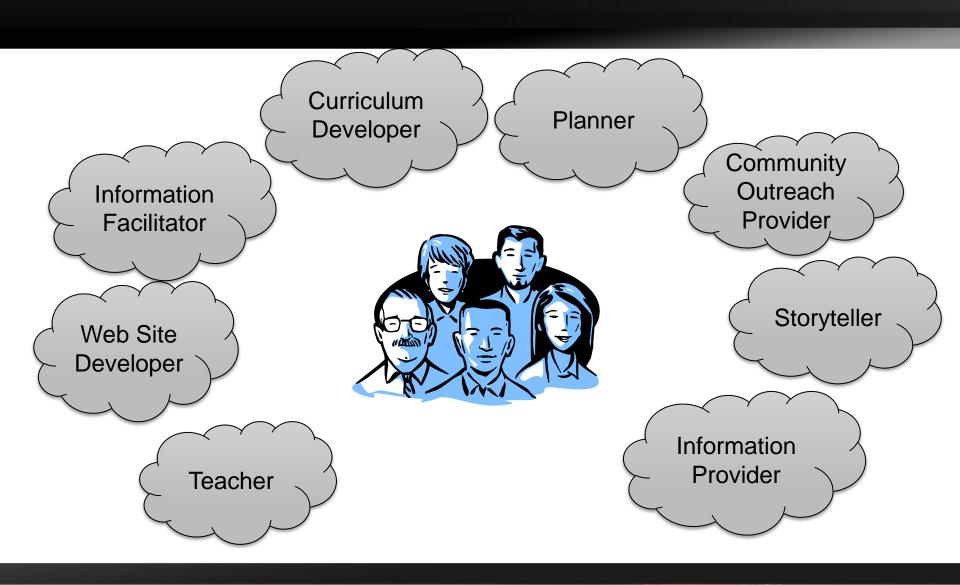
# Disaster Information Specialization Program (cont.)

### Advanced Level (Additional 12 contact hours)

- Health and Disasters: Understanding the International Context
- A Seat at the Table: Working with Local Responders
- Ethical and Legal Aspects of Disaster Response

....and other courses from diversified sources

### Roles: What We Have Learned



### U.S. Networks of Libraries

#### Federal

National Library of Medicine (NN/LM & DIMRC)

#### State

- State Libraries
- State Library Associations

#### Local

- Medical Libraries
- Public Libraries
- School Libraries
- Academic Libraries
- Other Information Agencies

## Summary

We are preparing a workforce that is ready to engage in **collaborative** initiatives through graduate and continuing education.

