

Today's Presenters



Jacquie Brinkley, NorthNet Library System, System Coordinator



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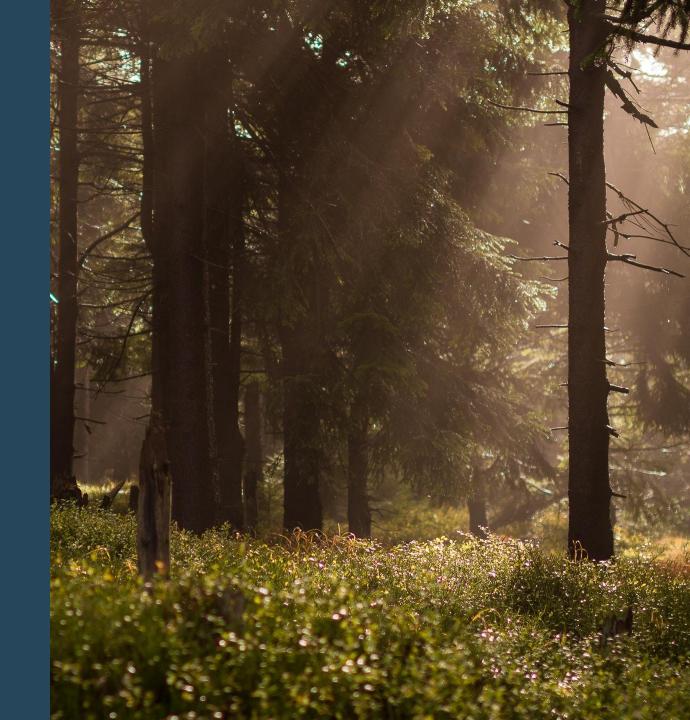


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Common Knowledge,
Founder & Executive
Director



Agenda

- Recent experiences
- NorthNet's preparedness efforts and key insights
- Panel discussion
- Questions and comments
- Goals for future preparedness efforts





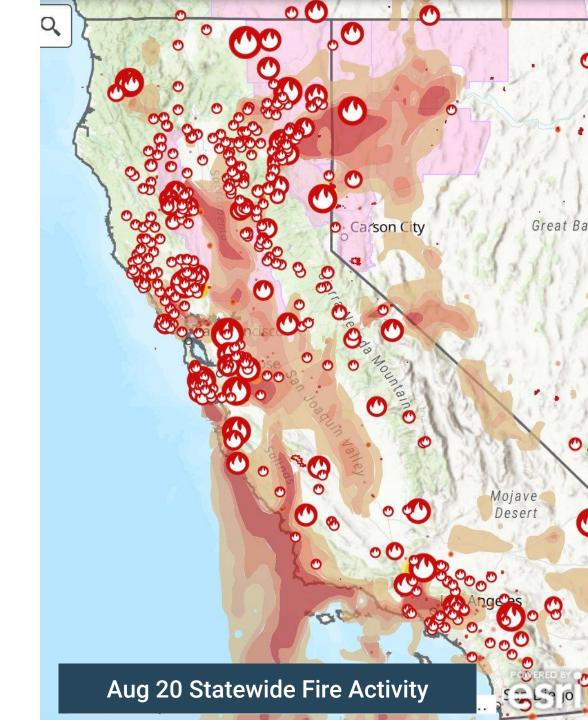
Library Starting Points

Poll #1

 How has your community been affected by recent wildfires?

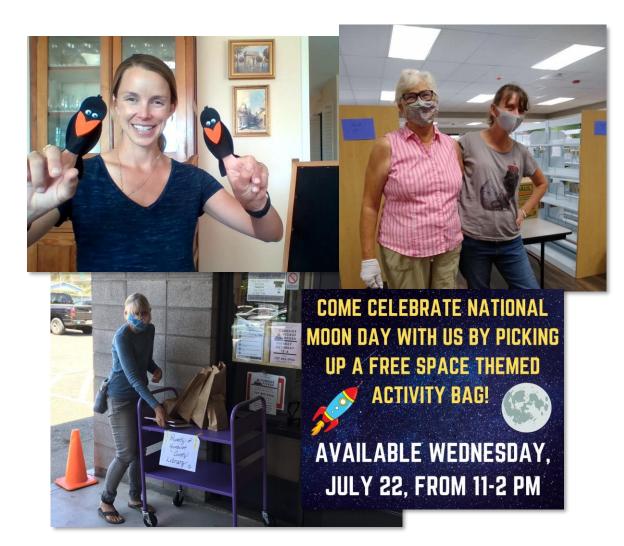
We're all impacted differently

- Many communities throughout the state have been affected by recent wildfires
- Every library has been impacted by COVID-19



Challenges and opportunities

- Despite these challenges, libraries are finding new ways to creatively deliver services and support their communities
- Libraries are also reflecting on their own disaster preparedness



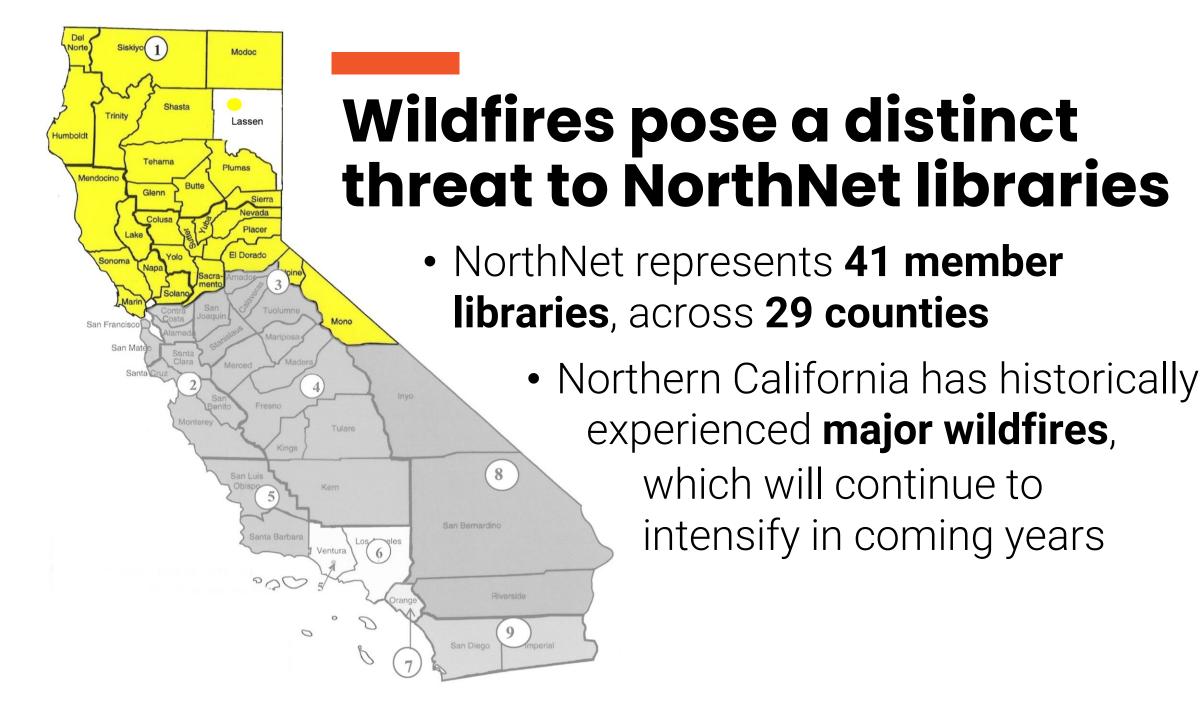


Library Starting Points

Poll #2

 How prepared is your library to respond to a disaster?

NORTHNET'S PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS

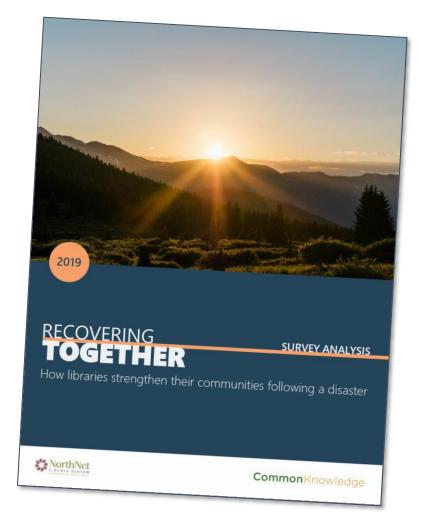


Adopting a regionwide approach

 For the past year and a half, NLS has been leading a regionwide preparedness effort called

Recovering Together to:

- o Share insights from NLS libraries
- Increase connections between library staff members
- Improve access to disaster recovery tools and resources



New Recovering Together website

- NorthNet's new preparedness website is now live at LibraryRecovery.org
- Articles and blog posts feature planning guidance and examples from other NLS libraries



Regionwide buddy system



Peer Support

People who understand regional issues and the local library landscape



Planning

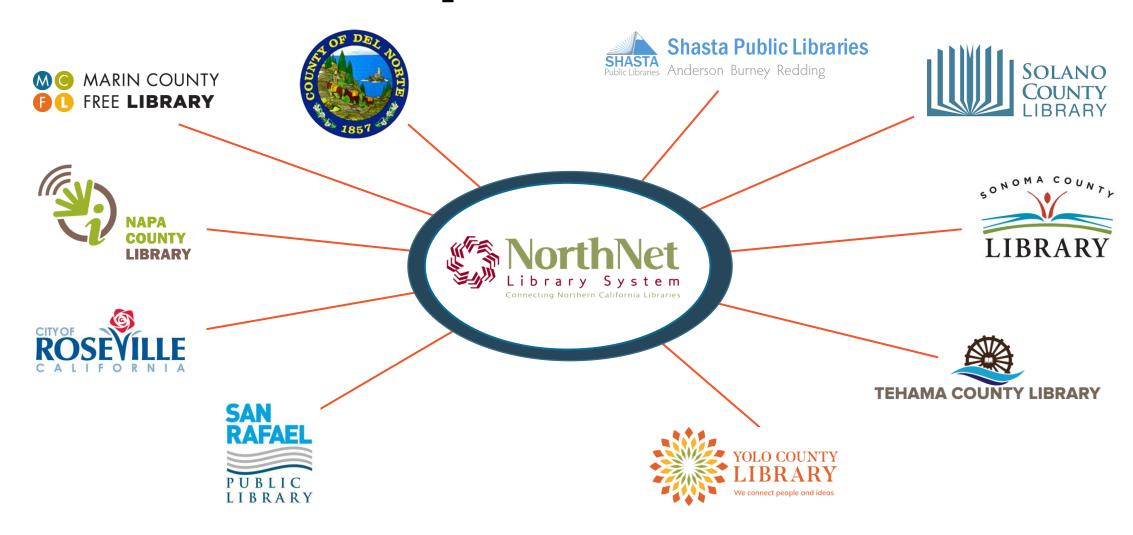
Encouraging greater sharing and collaboration in disaster preparedness



Assistance

Help coordinating support from the broader library community during a disaster

Disaster Preparedness Cohort



Preparedness Insights

- The Recovering Together project has yielded many insights about how to improve library disaster preparedness
- A few key learnings include the need to:

Plan and prepare

- Shift away from planning for compliance and toward community preparedness
- Plans should provide a
 road map for not only how
 to respond to a disaster but
 also how to prepare



Plans that go "beyond the binder"

- Effective plans consider the role of:
 - Library culture
 - Relationships with your city, county and partner organizations
 - Engagement with the broader library community







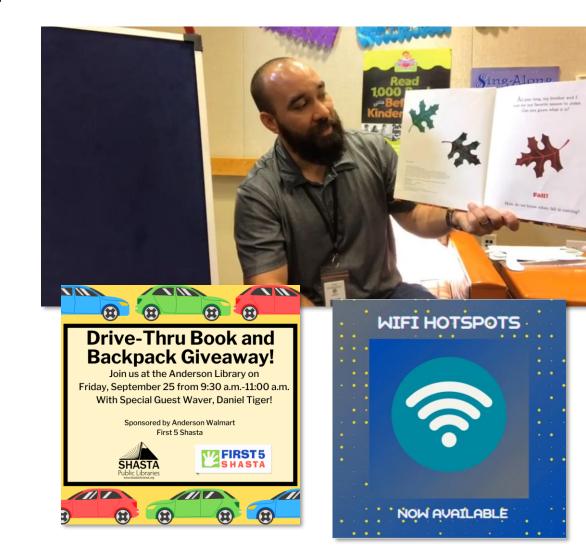
Make preparedness a shared responsibility

- Planning often falls on a small number of people
- Staff awareness of planning efforts is poor
- All staff members and volunteers have a role to play during a disaster and the recovery phase



Build on recent experiences

- Between COVID-19, wildfires and other disasters, libraries are learning a great deal
- Plans should incorporate what is being learned:
 - Online programming
 - o Contact-less pickup
 - Support for students and families
 - o New partnerships, etc.





PREPAREDNESS PANEL DISCUSSION

Today's Panelists



Jon Haupt
Branch Manager at the
Healdsburg Regional Library and
Sonoma County Wine Library



Irma Morales
Youth Services Supervisor
at the Camarillo Library



Sarah Solis
Facilities Manager at the
San Diego County Library



- How has your library's approach to wildfire preparedness changed over the past few years? What have you learned?
- As other libraries prepare for the next wildfire, what is something that you would want them to know?



 How can libraries leverage what they are learning during COVID-19 to help prepare for wildfires, particularly as it relates to changes in service delivery, communication, etc.?



 What guidance would you have for libraries that may want to provide services at alternate locations during a disaster?



















 How have Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Library encouraged communitywide preparedness?



Sonoma County Library and the Department Of Emergency Management presents

Emergency Preparedness:



SONOMA READY!

Emergency Kits and Go Bags

Learn about emergency kits and what items are important to have ready at all times.

January 6 Monday

Petaluma Library 6:30-8:00pm

January 29 Wednesday

Windsor Library 6:30-8:00pm

February 19 Wednesday

Cloverdale Library 6:30-8:00pm

March 9 Monday

Guerneville Library 6:30-8:00pm

"Let's Get Sonoma Ready"







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For more information visit: sonomalibrary.org/emergency-preparedness

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Emergency Preparedness:





Family Planning (and your pets, too!)

Create a solid evacuation plan for you, the people you live with, and your pets.

January 13 Monday

Petaluma Library 6:30-8:00pm

February 5 Wednesday

Windsor Library 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday February 26

Cloverdale Library 6:30-8:00pm

March 16 Monday

Guerneville Library 6:30-8:00pm

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Sources of information and community support

Many have said the biggest indicator of how well you survive a disaster is what you knew, when you knew it, and how well you knew your neighbors.

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Petaluma Library 6:30-8:00pm

February 12 Wednesday

Windsor Library 6:30-8:00pm

March 4 Wednesday

Cloverdale Library 6:30-8:00pm

March 23 Monday

Guerneville Library 6:30-8:00pm

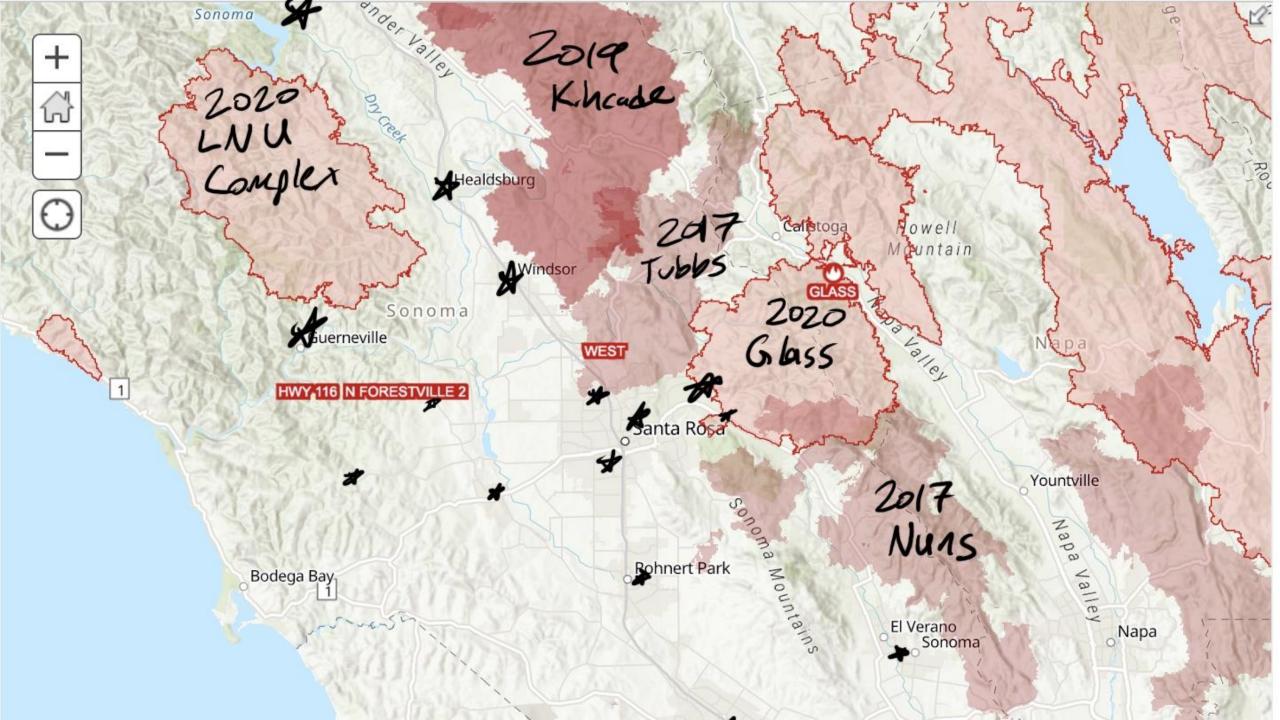
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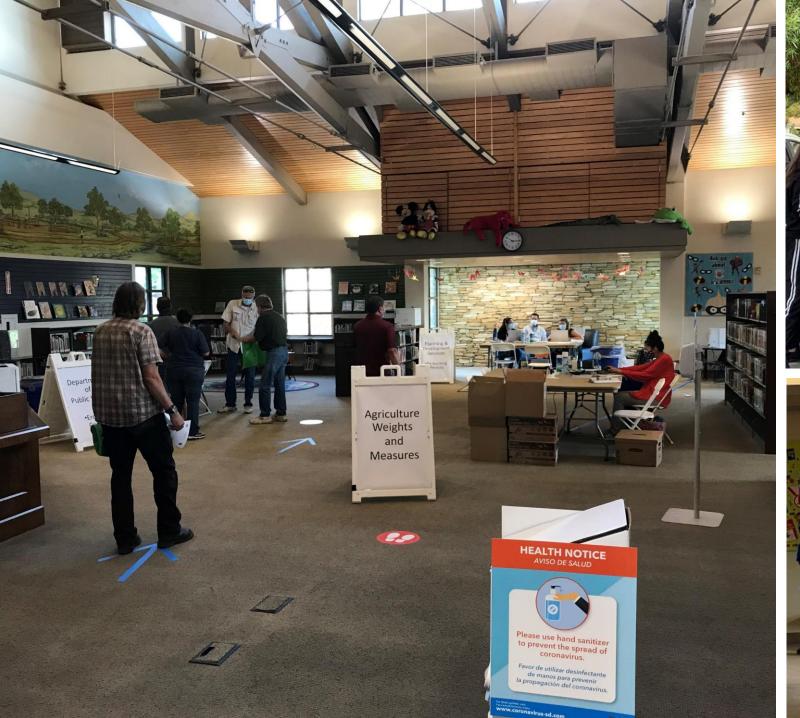




- What role has the library played in recent wildfire recovery efforts?
- How have you coordinated with the county to provide support?













 What advice do you have for libraries that are looking to **engage** staff, volunteers and community partners in the planning process?



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Library preparedness goals

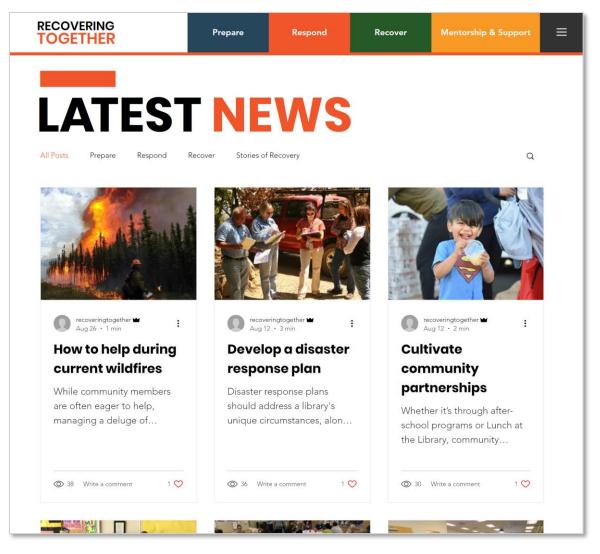
- Remove silos and broaden the conversation
- Strengthen relationships
- Share resources and insights
 - If your library or network is interested in collaborating with NLS, please contact Jacquie Brinkley at brinkley@plpinfo.org



Todd Deck, Tehama County Librarian

Contribute your stories and resources

- LibraryRecovery.org is a resource for the entire library community and a way to highlight library preparedness efforts
- Share your stories or links by emailing wcooley@ckgroup.org



Thank You!



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