When Hurricane Irma hit, Florida libraries responded.

Comfort Stations

Provided water, snacks, air conditioning and other amenities

Emergency Information Resource

Provided information on road closures, weather updates, shelter information, safety tips and emergency numbers

Red Cross Aid Stations

Relief Centers

Served as distribution centers for donations and food assistance benefits

Call Centers

Used research skills at emergency call centers

Application Centers

Assisted community members in filling out disaster aid applications

Community Partners

Assisted local Emergency Management

Tech Spots

Provided Internet & Wi-Fi access

Program Hubs

Planned programs to keep kids busy during the day

Charging Stations

Disaster Resource for Kids

Provided children's books to help adults discuss disasters with kids

Safety Checks

Called people registered on the Special Needs Registry to provide updates

Multilingual Resource

Provided emergency information in multiple languages

Therapy Dogs

Government Resource

Provided drones to help assess damage

Suspended Fines

Pop-Up Libraries

Moved books outside of the library to provide them to patrons

Adult Daycare

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