

Books to Weather the Storms

As our community deals with the devastating aftermath of the March 2 tornadoes, we know that children may have trouble understanding what happened. Reading books together can help start a conversation about the events of that day and may reassure your child. These books are available for free check-out with your New Albany-Floyd County Public Library card (available for free to residents of Floyd, Clark, and Harrison Counties). The NAEYC also has a number of resources for helping children cope with disasters that they have experienced or seen through the media:

http://www.naeyc.org/newsroom/Resources_on_coping_with_disasters

Windsongs and Rainbows

YP AL

Albert, Burton

A rainstorm comes gently, grows in strength, and gives way to the sun.

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1993.

Clifford and the Big Storm

YP BR

Bridwell, Norman

Clifford and Emily Elizabeth experience a hurricane while staying at the seashore.

New York: Scholastic, c1995.

Outside, Inside

YP CR

Crimi, Carolyn

During a storm, Molly notices different things outside her window and inside her house.

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1995

Ella Sets Sail

YP DA

D'Amico, Carmela

When Ella the elephant goes to the carnival and loses her lucky hat in a storm, she learns a valuable lesson about the real meaning of luck.

New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2008

Sing, Sophie!

YP DO

Dodds, Dayle Ann

Although no one else in her family likes her loud voice, Sophie's singing soothes her baby brother during a thunderstorm.

Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, c1997.

A Twisted Tale

YP FI

Fisher, Carolyn

After a tornado hits Bailey Tarbell's family farm all the animals are mixed up and it takes some creative thinking for Bailey to get things straightened out--almost!

New York: Knopf, c2002.

Mr. Bear to the Rescue

YP GL

Glori, Debi

Mr. Bear helps his neighbors weather a fierce rain storm.

New York: Orchard Books, 2000.

There Goes Lowell's Party!

YP HE

Hershenhorn, Esther

Lowell refuses to believe that a brewing storm will keep his resourceful Ozark relatives from celebrating his birthday. Includes a list of rain-related proverbs.

New York: Holiday House, c1998.

The Dog who Belonged to No One

YP HE

Hest, Amy

The hard-working daughter of two bakers and a perfectly nice stray dog live lonely lives in the same town, until they meet one very stormy day.

New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2008.

Toot and Puddle: You Are My Sunshine

YP HO

Hobbie, Holly

Puddle cannot make his friend Toot stop moping until a huge thunderstorm clears the air.

Boston: Little, Brown, 1999.

Bearcub and Mama

YP JE

Jennings, Sharon

Bearcub follows his mama wherever she goes. By Mama's side, he discovers how to catch a fish and dig for grubs. With Mama's help, he learns to climb a tree and find honey. One day, Bearcub is exploring the high country when the sky darkens and a storm blows in. But this time, Mama is not there. Frightened and alone, Bearcub must rely on himself -- and all that his mama has taught him -- to weather the fierce winter storm.

Toronto : Kids Can Press, c2005

Harry's Stormy Night

YP LE

Leavy, Una

When a big storm knocks out their electricity, Harry's family sings and tells stories by candlelight.

New York: M.K. McElderry Books, 1995.

Batter Up, Wombat

YP LE

Lester, Helen

An Australian wombat joins the Champs baseball team, and even though he is disastrously ignorant about the game, his innate talents save everyone when a tornado suddenly strikes.

Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

Otis and the Tornado

YP LO

Long, Loren

When a tornado threatens the farm, Otis the tractor must try to save the animals, including the unfriendly bull.

New York: Philomel Books, c2011.

One Lucky Girl

YP LY

Lyon, George Ella

Even though their trailer is destroyed by a tornado, a young boy's family is grateful because they find his baby sister alive.

New York: DK Pub., 2000.

Just a Thunderstorm

YP MA

Mayer, Mercer

A thunderstorm turns out not to be so bad after all.

Racine, Wis.: Golden Books, 2003, c1993.

The Searcher and Old Tree

YP MC

McPhail, David

A raccoon forages for food at night and at dawn returns to its home in a strong, old tree, which safely shelters the raccoon through wild winds and ferocious rain so that it can go out searching for food again.

Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, c2008.

Thunder Cake

YP PO

Polacco, Patricia

Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.

New York : Philomel Books, c1990.

Walter Was Worried

YP SE

Seeger, Laura

Children's faces, depicted with letters of the alphabet, react to the onset of a storm and its aftermath in this picture book, accompanied by simple alliterative text.

New Milford, Conn. : Roaring Brook Press, 2005

Spike and Cubby's Ice Cream Island Adventure YP SE

Sellers, Heather

Two dogs, Spike and Cubby, get caught in a storm while trying to sail to their dream destination--the grand opening of Ice Cream Island.

New York: H. Holt, 2004

Farmer Brown Goes Round and Round YP SL

Sloat, Teri

A twister strikes Farmer Brown's farm and mixes the animals all up, so that the cows oinked, sheep clucked, hens brayed, and his hound neighed.

New York: DK Pub., c1999.

The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book YP TA

Tafari, Nancy

Ten animals find shelter in a hill hollow one by one, but when the storm is over, a rumbling tells them there is still danger afoot.

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2009.

Storm is Coming! YP TE

Tekavec, Heather

The animals misunderstand the farmer's "Storm" warning and expect someone scary and mean.

New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, c2002.

Mechanimals YP TO

Tougas, Chris

"There was a farmer who had lots of animals... that got swept away by a tornado. The twister left behind a mountain of scrap metal and machine parts. And a very sad farmer.

Victoria, B.C.: Orca Book Publishers, c2007.

Twisters!

Penner, Lucille.

YE PE

Describes how tornadoes and hurricanes form and the damage they do

New York: Random House, c1996.

Tornadoes

Wendorff, Anne.

YE WE

Simple text and full color photographs introduce beginning readers to the characteristics of tornadoes. Developed by literacy experts for students in kindergarten through third grade"

Minneapolis, MN: Bellwether Media, 2009.

The Bravest of Us All

Arnold, Marsha.

Y ARNOLD

Ruby Jane thinks that her sister Velma Jean is the bravest person in her family, but when a tornado comes; Ruby Jane shows that she is very brave herself.

New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Twister

Beard, Darleen.

Y BEARD

Two children experience a tornado.

New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, c1999.

Tornado

Byars, Betsy

Y BYARS

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

New York: HarperCollins, 1996.

The Talent Show

Gutman, Dan.

Y GUTMAN

After a devastating tornado destroys much of Cape Bluff, Kansas, residents come together as a community to put on a talent show as a fund-raiser.

New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.

The Storm

Harshman, Marc.

Y HARSHMAN

Though confined to a wheelchair, Jonathan faces the terror of a tornado all by himself and saves the lives of the horses on the family farm.

New York: Cobblehill Books/Dutton, c1995.

Isabella's Above Ground Pool

Mead, Alice.

Y MEAD

Nine-year-old Isabella's motto is "I won't share 'cuz it's not fair," until a tornado destroys a neighbor's house and she realizes that the money she has earned to buy a swimming pool might be put to a better use.

New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006.

Non-Fiction

Inside Tornadoes

Carson, Mary Kay.

Y551.553 CARSON

Tornadoes are the most violent storms on the planet-as these dramatic photographs and gatefolds vividly reveal. Young readers will get the inside scoop on tornadoes in this electrifying volume, filled with powerful before-and-after images of storm sites. They'll discover what makes a tornado, where they strike, and what scientists discover as they risk their lives driving equipment as close as possible to these storms. With first-person accounts of historic storms, fascinating facts on climate change and its potential effect on tornadoes, and hands-on activities, this book will fascinate curious readers.

New York: Sterling; Lewes: GMC Distribution [distributor], c2010.

Tornadoes: Disaster and Survival

Ceban, Bonnie.

Y551.553 C387T

Explores the causes of tornadoes, how victims survive their ordeals, and how scientists use state-of-the-art technology to stay one step ahead of disaster.

Aldershot, Hants, UK; Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, c2005

Tornado!

Fradin, Judith.

Y551.553 FRADIN

Contains first-hand accounts of tornadoes in the United States, explains why and how tornadoes happen, and discusses ways to stay safe.

Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, c2011.

Tornadoes!

Gibbons, Gail.

Y551.553 G441T

Describes what tornadoes are, how they form, the scale used for classifying them, and what to do in case one approaches.

New York: Holiday House, c2009.

Storm Chaser

Gustaitis, Joseph.

Y551.55 GUSTAITIS

Learn about storm chasers, people that follow tornadoes to learn more about them.

New York: Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, c2011.

Storm Chaser

Heinrichs, Ann.

Y551.55 HEINRICHS

Presents an introduction to storm chasing, discussing what storm chasers do, their training, the types of jobs they have, the equipment they use, and how to prepare for a career in the field.

Ann Arbor, Mich.: Cherry Lake Pub., c2009

How to Survive a Tornado

Martin, Michael.

Y613.69 MARTIN

"Briefly presents specific survival strategies that can be used in a tornado"--Provided by publisher

Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, c2009.

Saving Animals After Tornadoes

Pearson, Stephen.

Y636.08 RESCUING

The Super Outbreak of 2011 was a series of more than 300 powerful tornadoes that struck in 15 different states over several days in April of 2011. One of the most destructive natural disasters in U.S. history, the tornado outbreak killed more than 340 people and flattened thousands of buildings. Many pets, farm animals, and wild animals were injured or left stranded without food or water. Could rescue workers save the animals and reunite pets with their owners? In *Saving Animals after Tornadoes*, kids will discover the inspiring stories of rescue organizations like the Alabama Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, whose volunteers brought injured pets to animal shelters for veterinary care, and the Alabama Wildlife Center, whose rescue teams saved baby birds with broken wings and damaged feathers.

New York, NY: Bearport Pub., 2012.

Tornado Alert!

Scavuzzo, Wendy.

Y 551.553 S288T

Explains what a tornado is, how it forms, the devastation it can cause, and what scientists are doing today to keep people safe.

New York: Crabtree Pub., c2004

Erased by a Tornado

Rudolph, Jessica.

Y551.553 RUDOLPH

Survivors of tornadoes share stories of the catastrophic danger they faced. Also discover what causes these natural disasters, where they occur, and how to stay safe if one is heading your way.

New York, N.Y.: Bearport Pub., c2010

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