

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN LIBRARIES DURING 2005-2020:
AN OVERVIEW BASED ON THE EMERALD DATABASE**

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The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) describes that library disasters are serious problems faced by the libraries in the world. There are different types of disasters taking place in the world and libraries are no exceptions. The objective of this study is to identify the categories of disasters faced by libraries globally during the period 2005-2020. Data were collected from the publications appeared during the period 2005 to 2020 and available in the Emerald database. Out of a total of 1,717 journal articles published, 47 topic related articles were selected for consideration. Advanced search techniques were used to select the most related journal articles. Keywords were used to select the related journal articles and MS Excel was used to tabulate the search results. After identifying the themes, the identified disasters can be categorized as natural disasters, man-made disasters, and hybrid disasters. The most prevalent type of disaster faced by libraries was natural disasters (72%). It consisted of tsunami 22%, hurricane 22%, flood 14%, and earthquake 14%. Man-made and hybrid disaster types have affected libraries at a similar rate (14%) including a mobile library accident and COVID 19 pandemic. According to the results, tsunami and hurricanes were the main disasters which caused catastrophic loss of life and property in libraries. There were only two articles available related to COVID-19 pandemic as a disaster type in libraries. In order to draw general conclusions about the occurrence based on type of disasters, publications selected from a single database or a single publisher is not adequate and hence, it is recommended to expand this study to cover more sources of literature.

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