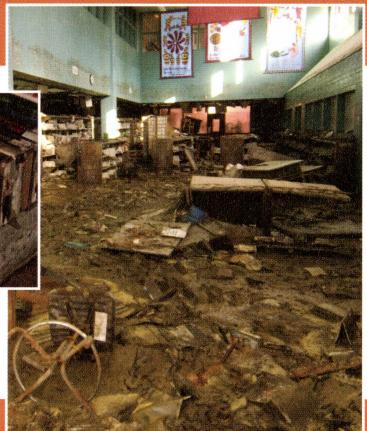


KATRINA'S DAMAGE

- Levee breaks inundated 80% of New Orleans—an area equal to 7 Manhattan Islands.
- 8 of 13 libraries were ruined.
- Nearly half of all books and other materials were destroyed.
- Initially 90% of library staff were laid off.
- Total damage exceeds \$21 million.



After the Flood: Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in the Lower 9th Ward (right), Alvar Library (above)

REBUILDING PROGRESS



- 2 ruined branches have been renovated; damage to another is being repaired.
- 6 temporary branches have been set up with help from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Open locations total 12 (6 permanent, 6 temporary) plus 3 bookmobiles.
- Staff has risen to 104; pre-Katrina, NOPL employed 216.
- Archives & Special Collections survived in their basement location; planning is under way to find a safer home.

NOPL Board Chairman Irvin Mayfield welcomes the Children's Bookmobile.

PLANS AND PRIORITIES 2007

Our goal is to “build back better,” not merely “return to normal.”

By autumn, NOPL will have a master plan to guide our rebuilding. The working projection is \$35 million to build better branches—and more funds to improve and expand the Main Library.

MEANWHILE, OUR IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES:

- Extend service to recovering areas via temporary branches and bookmobiles.
- Update and rebuild our collection: Donations have enabled growth to 56% of pre-Katrina size. Temporary branches, although small, have shelves to fill!
- Fund and complete immediately needed repairs at our open locations.
- Safeguard Archives & Special Collections.



The renovated Alvar Library

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VOLUNTEER Whether you live in New Orleans or are visiting, you may be able to help; let us know.

SPREAD THE WORD "Building back better" will require several years and help from many friends. Please tell other lovers of books and learning about our campaign.

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