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## Okaloosa Libraries Extend Fee-Free Service to Hurricane Evacuees

Displaced persons from hurricane-impacted areas can find solace and assistance at Okaloosa public libraries. The six member libraries of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative have waived residency requirements to offer fee-free accounts to evacuees of Hurricane Michael.

Libraries provide critical recovery support through Internet access to FEMA, insurance claims, emergency management updates, and assistance resources. Library specialists will aid in researching and connecting evacuees with the information they need. Low-cost and/or free printing and faxing services are available. For emotional respite, libraries provide a calm environment and the opportunity for a level of normalcy in disrupted lives.

The member libraries of the Cooperative are located in Crestview, Destin, Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville and Valparaiso. Locations, contact information and operating hours are listed at <http://ReadOkaloosa.org>

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