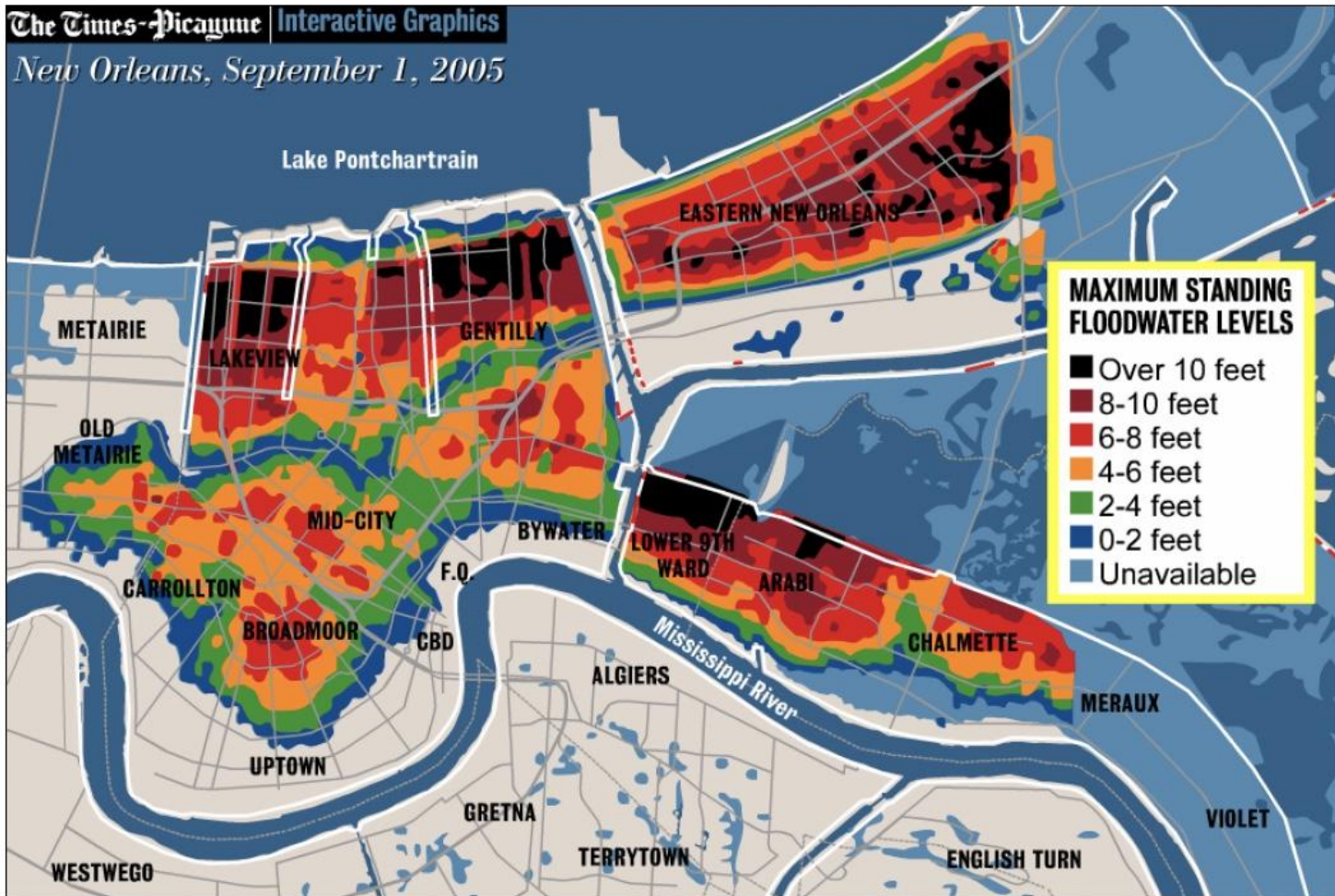


When, Not If



New Orleans, September 1, 2005



From <http://www.nola.com/katrina/graphics/flashflood.swf> courtesy of The Times-Picayune (New Orleans).



During Hurricane Katrina, the floodwall and levee on the 17th Street Canal collapsed without being overtopped. It was one of about 50 breaches in the flood protection system that was supposed to repel "the most severe storm" that could be expected in the area. (Army Corps of Engineers photo) Credit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers







↑ LaPlace
← New Orleans

EAST

INTERSTATE
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EAST
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NO RIGHT TURN

DO NOT ENTER

ONEWAY

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Ida's History

Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 2021

Depression

Storm

Hurricane

Cat 3+

Aug. 29
Landfall as
150 mph Cat. 4

Aug. 29
Strengthens Into
Major Hurricane

Aug. 27
Becomes a
Hurricane

Aug. 26
Tropical Storm
Ida Forms

Sept. 1
Ida's Remnants and a Front
Cause Major Flooding





All St. Charles Parish Library branches closed until further notice

🕒 September 11, 2021 👤 Monique Roth 📁 Featured, St. Charles Parish



The second floor of the West Regional Library in Luling sustained significant damage in Hurricane Ida.

What's Changed Since Katrina?

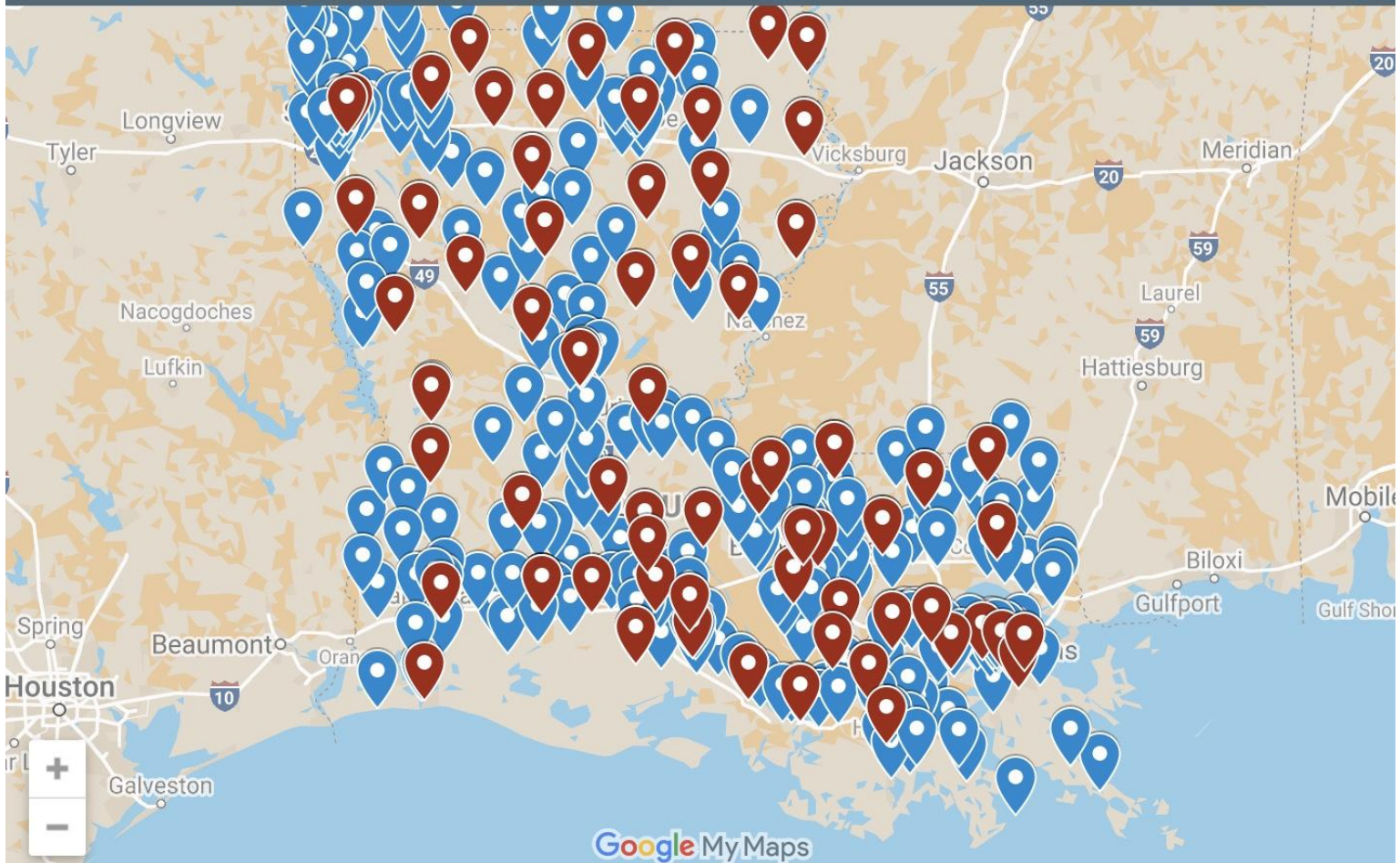
- ❖ Social Media
- ❖ Ubiquity of Smart Phones
- ❖ Disaster Fatigue
- ❖ Remote work (Thanks Covid!)
- ❖ Local news availability
- ❖ Acknowledgement of Libraries as essential during disaster



Louisiana Public Libraries - Open Status, Wireless info, by location



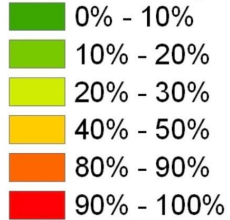
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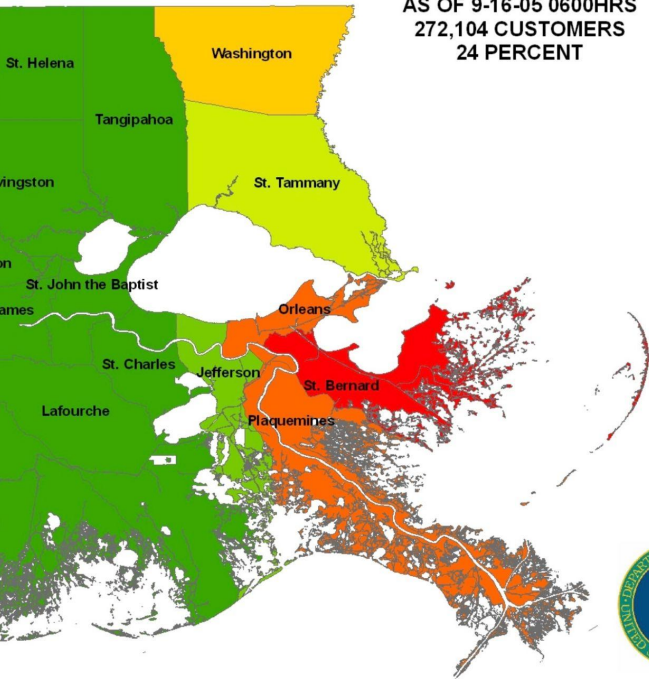
What Hasn't Changed Since Katrina?

- Loss of electricity and internet
- Need to evacuate
- Need for information
- Massive, multi- community disasters

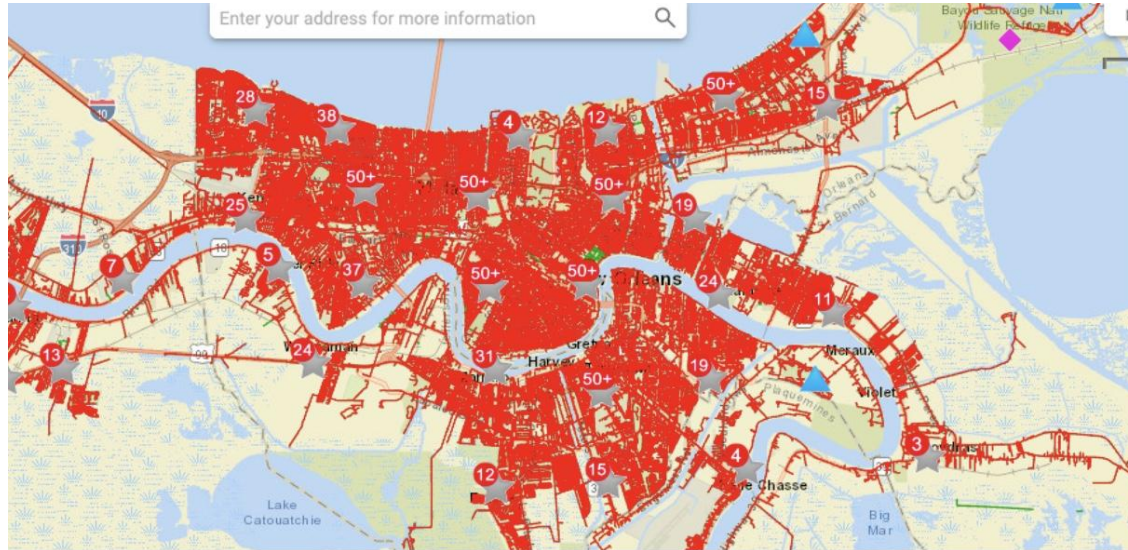
SIANA ELECTRIC OUTAGE Percent Customers W/O Power by County



TOTAL OUTAGE AS OF 9-16-05 0600HRS
272,104 CUSTOMERS
24 PERCENT



All of New Orleans without power after Hurricane Ida leaves 'catastrophic transmission damage'



Baltimore Bets on a New Type of First Responder: The Librarian

After a devastating shooting in a public space, officials embarked on a plan to train city employees — and residents — in alleviating grief and trauma. The work starts this summer, at the library.

By J. Brian Charles • Aug 6, 2021



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bc of austerity, libraries are often considered one of the last public spaces, putting them at the frontline of public need...but for some reason the answer is always “make librarians [first responders, social workers, teachers, job counselors]” and not **FUND MORE SERVICES**

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Free online library account for those displaced by Hurricane Ida

Special to Gannett

Published 9:21 a.m. ET Aug. 31, 2021



Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative

If you are displaced by Hurricane Ida, Okaloosa County libraries want to help. Take a break from weather watching with instant online library access. Register for a 14-day free courtesy account offered to storm visitors from Louisiana and Mississippi. Download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines to distract and relax your mind. Register now at [Read Okaloosa.org](http://ReadOkaloosa.org). Staying longer? Visit an Okaloosa Cooperative member library for more services and continued access. You can contact the Destin Library at 850-837-8572 or library@cityofdestin.com for more information. *[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]*

HURRICANE IDA UPDATES

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Additional libraries will be open for computer/Wi-Fi access, phone charging, and air conditioning

Tomorrow, three libraries will be open for computer/Wi-Fi access, phone charging, and air conditioning:

- Algiers Regional Library from 10am – 5pm ([map](#))
- Central City Library from 10am – 5pm ([map](#))
- Keller Library & Community Center from 10am – 5pm ([map](#))

Libraries as

- physical and mental refuge
- one of the last free spaces to exist
- symbols of hope and rebirth
- provider of electricity and internet
- workspace and classroom

Librarians as information providers

- At shelters
- At rest areas & pop-up spaces
- On the ground (primitive/analog)
- As part of the emergency response team

What are your ideas?