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## **American Library Association Provides Funds for Derecho Recovery Efforts**

MARION - The American Library Association (ALA) has announced a commitment of \$10,000 in derecho recovery funds to the Marion Public Library to assist in meeting the needs of the community. The August 10<sup>th</sup> derecho impacted the City of Marion particularly hard, with the Library sustaining extensive interior and exterior damage, resulting in a permanent closure of the building.

The funds from ALA will be targeted towards technology, internet and printing services that would routinely be offered at the Marion Public Library. Marion Public Library Director, Hollie Trenary said “The need for library-related services is immediate, but these funds will also help us serve the long-term needs of our patrons and community members in Marion.” The Marion Public Library plans to provide internet access via community hotspots in locations hit the hardest by the derecho. With the beginning of the school year, these services are critical to the patrons and community members of Marion.

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the library’s role in enhancing learning and ensuring access to information for all. For more information, visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

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