

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

October's Topic: Natural Disasters

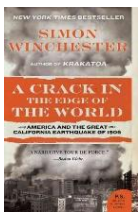
Meeting Date: Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to natural disasters. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

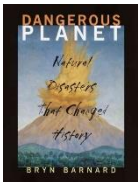
Books:



[A Crack in the Edge of the World: America and the Great California Earthquake of 1906](#) by **Simon Winchester** – 979.4 WIN

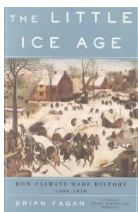
- Large Print and on CD via Evergreen Indiana*

An informative exploration of earthquake places with a particular focus on the San Francisco disaster of 1906, describing how it affected more than two hundred miles of California, triggered a vast firestorm, and destroyed the gold-rush capital.



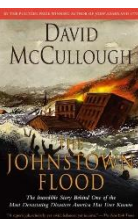
[Dangerous Planet: Natural Disasters That Changed History](#) by **Bryn Barnard** – J363.34 BAR

Describes specific occurrences of natural disasters such as meteor impacts, landslides, typhoons, volcanic eruptions, and earthquakes, and their impact on human history.



[The Little Ice Age: How Climate Made History, 1300-1850](#) by **Brian Fagan** – 551.694 FAG

A new perspective on familiar events in history describes how a 500-year change in climate that lasted from A.D. 1300 until 1850 shaped modern European history.

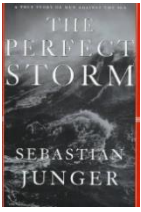


[The Johnstown Flood](#) by **David McCullough** – 974.877 MCC

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- eAudiobook via <https://cidc.overdrive.com>*

Draws from letters, diaries, historical records, and interviews with survivors to provide an account of the 1889 flood that killed over two thousand people in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

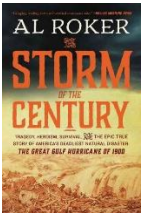


[The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea](#) by Sebastian Junger – 974.45

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Presents a vivid account of a history-making storm that hit the New England coast in October 1991 and the lives it changed, weaving together the history of the fishing industry, the science of storms, and personal accounts.



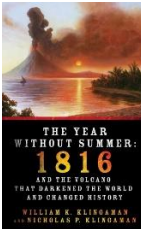
[The Storm of the Century: Tragedy, Heroism, Survival, and the Epic True Story of America's Deadliest Natural Disaster: The Great Gulf Hurricane of 1900](#) by Al Roker

– 976.4139 ROK

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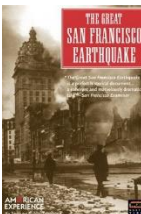
In this gripping narrative history, the beloved NBC weather personality vividly brings to life the Great Gulf Hurricane of 1900, the deadliest natural disaster in American history. On the afternoon of September 8, 1900, 200-mile-per-hour winds and fifteen-foot waves slammed into Galveston, the prosperous and growing port city on Texas's Gulf Coast. By dawn the next day, when the storm had passed, the city that existed just hours before was gone. Shattered, grief-stricken survivors emerged to witness a level of destruction never before seen: 8,000 corpses littered the streets and were buried under the massive wreckage.



[The Year Without Summer: 1816 and the Volcano that Darkened the World and Changed History](#) by William K. Klingaman and Nicholas P. Klingaman – 551.21 KLI

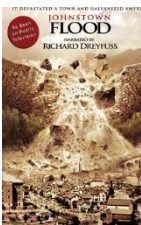
As a result of a volcanic eruption in Indonesia in 1815, weather patterns were disrupted worldwide for months, producing excessive rain, frost, and snowfall across much of the northeastern United States, Canada, and Europe in the summer of 1816.... *The Year Without Summer* examines not only the climate change engendered by the eruption, but its effects on politics, the economy, the arts, and social structure.

Documentaries:



[American Experience: The Great San Francisco Earthquake](#) – available on www.hoopladigital.com*

In April 1906, San Francisco was destroyed by earthquake and fire. Thousands were killed, and tens of thousands were left homeless. But three years later the city had been rebuilt from the ashes. This film looks at the destruction and rebirth of San Francisco, and how it became a part of American folklore.



[Johnstown Flood](#) – available on www.hoopladigital.com*

Narrated by Richard Dreyfuss, *Johnstown Flood* tells the true story of one of the worst disasters in American history. On a stormy day in May of 1889, the South Fork Dam explodes. An entire lake is unleashed as a roaring 45-foot wall of water into the heavily populated valley below. The disaster claimed the lives of more than 2,200 people as the rushing tidal wave and debris tore through the town of Johnstown, crashed into the indestructible stone railroad bridge, and flooded the valley.

Podcasts:



[Year Without Summer](#) – Stuff You Missed in History Class

<http://tinyurl.com/y8kq6et8>

In 1816, a volcano eruption in Sumbawa, Indonesia, along with several other factors, created an unusual -- and catastrophic -- series of weather events.

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