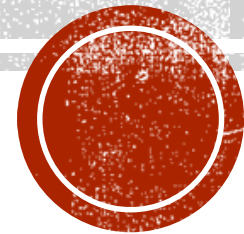


# ***I SURVIVED*** **CHALLENGE**

Henry Waldinger Memorial Library

March 2016



# *I SURVIVED* CHALLENGE

- Purpose: To generate excitement for the release of the newest *I Survived* title.
- Children in grades 3-6
- No previous knowledge of the books necessary
- Consisted of two teams competing in “Survival Challenges” based on survival skills
- Free time before and after the challenge to look at exploration table and book display.



THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SERIES

# I SURVIVED

THE SHARK ATTACKS OF 1916

by Lauren  
Tarshis

 SCHOLASTIC



# **SURVIVAL SKILLS: NEVER SWIM ALONE & STAY STILL**

- Choose a partner.
- Balance a basket on your head and place hands behind back. Stay as still as possible as your partner fills the bowl with plastic eggs one at a time. See how many you can balance before it falls.



# SURVIVAL SKILL:

## KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE SHARK AT ALL TIMES

Teams have 5 minutes to go around the Children's Room and look for hidden pictures of sharks and hit them with their "shark tranquilizer." The team that spots and tranquilizes the most sharks wins the challenge and earns 20 points for their team.



# I SURVIVED

HURRICANE  
KATRINA, 2005



by Lauren  
Tarshis

SCHOLASTIC



# **SURVIVAL SKILL: BE PREPARED. HAVE AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT PACKED AND READY TO GO IN CASE OF LOSS OF POWER OR EVACUATION**

Using the Emergency Kit Check List, find all the items on the list and pack them into the duffle bag. The team that finds all the items on the list and packs them the fastest will earn 20 points.



# I SURVIVED

THE SINKING OF  
THE TITANIC, 1912

by Lauren  
Tarshis

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# SURVIVAL SKILL: GET TO A LIFEBOAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Using one piece of tin foil, make a lifeboat. Place the lifeboat in the water and place pennies in it one at a time. See how many pennies it holds before it sinks. You will earn 1 point for every penny your boat holds.



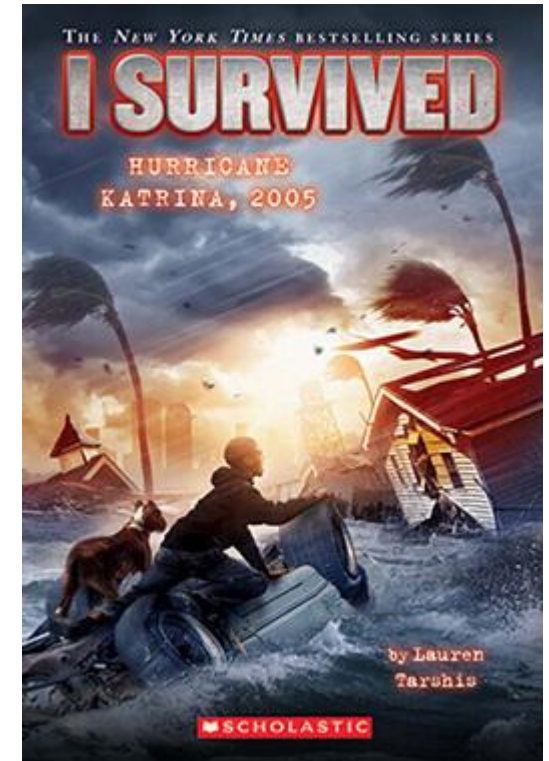
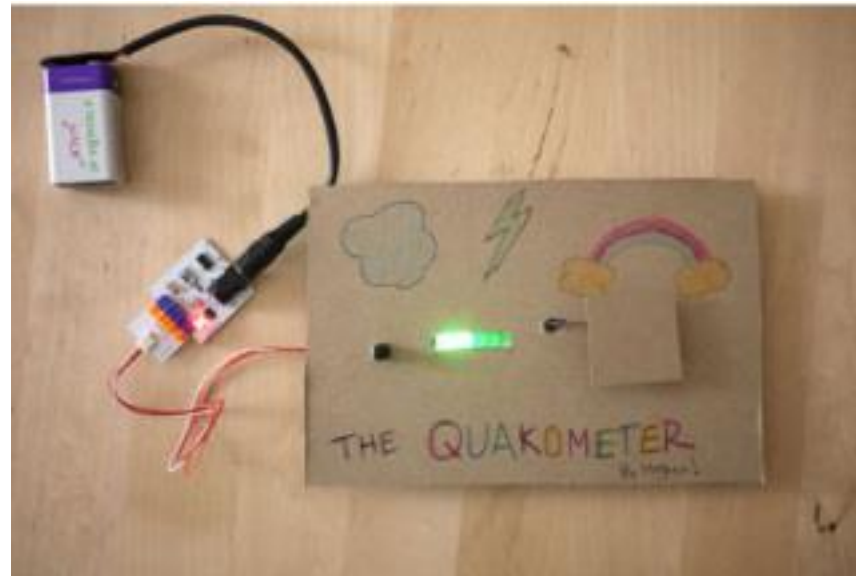
# EXPLORATION TABLE

- Participants were given time before and after the challenges to spend time independently, doing hands-on activities at the exploration table and exploring other books of possible interest.
- Included activities focused on other books in the series.



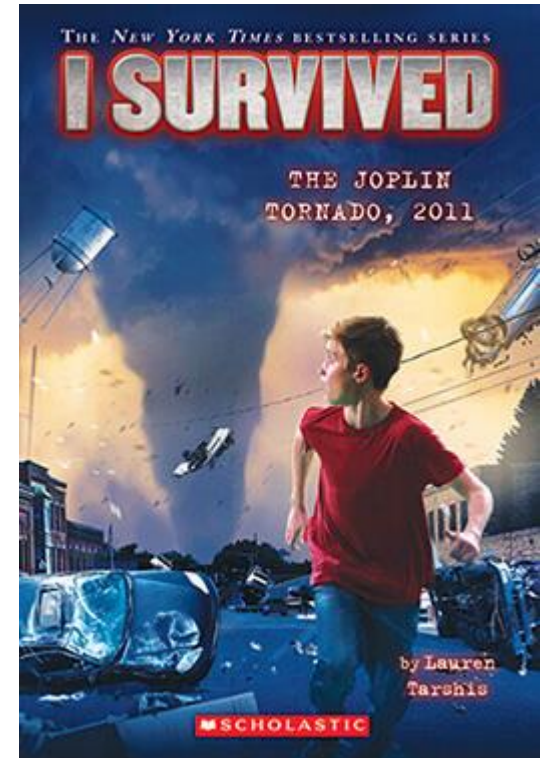
# LITTLEBITS QUAKOMETER

- <http://littlebits.cc/lessons/quake-machine-beta>
- Build the quakometer ahead of time and have a container with small objects to test. Which objects fall fastest? Why? What about their size/shape/weight/material might make them fall faster or stay up longer?

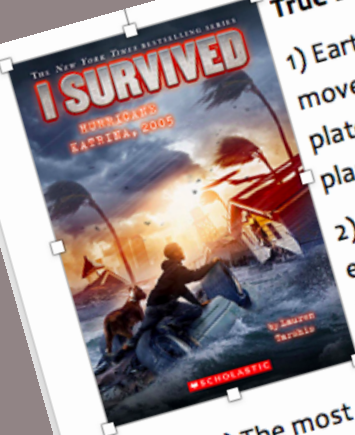


# TORNADO IN A BOTTLE

- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/makeatornado.html>
- Made two tornados in bottles/jars. Participants could test them out.
- Provided instructions sheet for them to make them at home.



# TRUE FACT SHEETS



## True Earthquake Facts:

- 1) Earthquakes are caused by movement of the earth's tectonic plates – gigantic pieces of the planet's rocky crust.
- 2) Eighty percent of the world's earthquakes happen in an area of the Pacific Ocean nicknamed the "ring of fire."
- 3) The most earthquake-prone state in the United States is Alaska.
- 4) It is important in earthquake prone countries such as Japan to build houses and buildings that react well to earthquakes.
- 5) Seismometers are used to measure the magnitude of earthquakes. You are unlikely to feel a magnitude 3 earthquake but a magnitude 6 earthquake could potentially cause large damage.



## True Tornado Facts:

- 1) Half of all US tornadoes hit in the central plains; the area from northern Texas to North Dakota, which is often called Tornado Alley.
- 2) An average of 1,000 tornadoes touch down in the United States every year.
- 3) Most tornadoes last only a few minutes. The most severe tornadoes can last over an hour.
- 4) Tornadoes have touched down in every part of the world except Antarctica, but the majority of them happen in the United States.
- 5) Tornadoes that form over a body of water are called waterspouts.



# I SURVIVED READ-ALIKES BOOK LIST

## I Survived Read-alikes



### **Disaster Strikes by Marlene Kennedy**

The world is a dangerous place. Volcanoes erupt. Earthquakes rumble. Blizzards freeze. You're invited to come along on action-packed adventures, where ordinary kids find themselves in extraordinary situations that test their strength, smarts, and courage.



### **Worst-case Scenario Ultimate Adventure by Various Authors**

An interactive adventure like no other! This series consists of choose-you-own-adventure style books about survival in worst-case scenarios. Readers choose what path the characters should take. Their survival is in your hands!



### **Island Trilogy by Gordon Korman**

This trilogy follows a group of six children stranded on a deserted island as they embark on a quest for survival that tests their limits. No food. No shelter. No rules. They're on their own. Or are they?



### **Into the Volcano by Don Wood**

Two brothers are facing an erupting volcano, and their expedition team has turned their three-day vacation hike into a wildly dangerous battle against the overwhelming forces of nature. Will they escape... alive?



### **What Was the Battle of Gettysburg? by Jim O'Connor**

"Four score and seven years ago..." begins Abraham Lincoln's beautiful speech commemorating the three-day battle that turned the tide of the Civil War. The South had been winning up to this point. So how did Union troops stop General Robert E. Lee's invasion of the North? Try this, or any book in the What Was series!



### **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Haunted by his parents' divorce and the secret that caused it, thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, must draw on his untested skill and strength to survive.



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- <http://tweenlibrarian.blogspot.com/2015/08/fabulous-fridays-i-survived-program.html> - I Survived program from “Tween You & Me” blog
- <http://isurvived.scholastic.com/#> - Scholastic’s I Survived website. Contains an online Survival Skills quiz and other fun resources for kids and educators.
- <http://www.keepingitsimplecrafts.com/2015/09/boy-birthday-party-idea-natural.html> - Keeping it Simple blog has many ideas for “disaster” party activities including volcano and earthquake activities.



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