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Library initiative on disaster readiness will begin August 10

The Middle Country Public Library and the Allstate Foundation will host a Town Hall-style meeting and launch what they call the "Catastrophe Readiness Clearinghouse, Readiness Begins With Me" initiative at 9:30 am August 10 at the Centereach branch.

The program is designed to provide the tools to empower individuals, families and businesses to plan for potentially catastrophic events by taking positive action in advance of an emergency. It will include an interactive website, multimedia resource collection and series of educational programs and training opportunities to be held throughout the year.

Next week's forum will be attended by a variety of area disaster experts from the Red Cross, Long Island Power Authority, Suffolk Fire Rescue and Emergency Services and several other agencies. For details, one may call the library at 585-9393, extension 224.