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Sources

Just about every state has had unusual weather the past few years. All of us in Oklahoma are especially aware of the destruction of tornadoes. It seemed to be the topic quite often of a lot of newspaper articles and television news stories so I decided to do a display on weather and natural disasters.

I cut some pictures out of an old National Geographic magazine and printed off some colored copies of photos on the Internet. I always list pertinent internet sites regarding the subject matter in my displays so patrons can see what a wealth of information can be obtained electronically. Using the format from a picture on a Smithsonian document I made a large angry thunderhead, lightning bolts and all, to pull them to the display. The cloud was made with cloth glued to foamboard. The lightning bolts were made of scraps of gold foil. The background mountains were black posterboard and cloth with a city skyline at night as the theme was put in the foreground to complete the scene.

I believe I would use fewer books if I use this display again in the future. I thought it looked a little crowded and the lower background couldn't be seen.

I just went on our electronic card catalog and looked up some books on the subject of volcanoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and floods that was available in our department and used the most interesting ones.