



## **Recommended Reading**

### **Rain, Rain, Go Away!**

**Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain** / By Ramón Carmona. New York: Puffin Books: 1981. Call No. 030747 Kids  
Young Ki - pat, an African cattleman, must assist the rains in coming to end a terrible drought. This cumulative rhyme about how he does so is beautifully illustrated and sure to dazzle young readers. Gr. 1 - 4.

**Cloudy with a chance of meatballs** / By Judi Barrett. New York: Antheneum Books: 1978. Call No. 030754 Kids  
This classic account of what would happen to the world if our food fell from the sky instead of rain is full of imaginative situations and unpredictable consequences. Not one to miss! Gr. K - 3.

**Come on, rain** / By Karen Hess. New York: Scholastic Books: 1999. Call No. 030745 Kids  
Young Tess very much wants it to rain in the sweltering city where she lives so she can put on her swimsuit and dance...and the clouds do not disappoint her. Neither will Karen Hess' book disappoint readers who understand that wishing can make things happen. Gr. 1 - 4.

**Ninth Ward** / By Jewell Parker Rhodes. New York: Little, Brown and Co.: 2010. Call No. 030888 Kids  
In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve - year - old Laneshia, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

**Precipitation** / By Frances Purslow. New York, NY: AV2: 2011. Call No. 030902 Kids  
'Precipitation,' a book for children aged 4 - 10, is part of the Science Matters series and guides young readers through the many forms of water, and how they impact life on Earth.

**Rain** / By Manya Stojic. New York: Crown: 2000. Call No. 030850 Kids  
The animals of the African savanna use their senses to predict and then enjoy the rain. Gr. Preschool - 1

**Rain music** / By Melanie McAllister. Mustang, Okla.: Tate Publishing: 2009. Call No. 030862 Kids  
Have you ever stopped and listened to the rain? Do you hear the music it makes? Marcus didn't hear it until his mother showed him how to listen for it. Discover in Rain Music that bad weather doesn't always mean an end to the fun, but can mean the beginning of a new musical adventure. Author Melanie McAllister's melodious book will inspire children to listen to the beautiful sounds the next time a storm comes by. Gr. 2 - 5

**Rain play** / By Cynthia Cotten. New York: Henry Holt and Company: 2008. Call No. 030838 Kids  
Most people leave the park when rain begins to fall, while others enjoy the sights, sounds, and feel of the cool water - - until thunder and lightning come near. Illustrated by Javaka Steptoe.

**Salvage the bones: a novel** / By Jesmyn Ward. New York: Bloomsbury: 2011. Call No. 030934 Kids  
Enduring a hardscrabble existence as the children of alcoholic and absent parents, four siblings from a coastal Mississippi town prepare their meager stores for the arrival of Hurricane Katrina while struggling with such challenges as a teen pregnancy and a dying litter of prize pups. For high schoolers and older.

**Sora and the cloud = Sora to kumo** / By Felicia Hoshino. San Francisco: Immedium: 2011. Call No. 030935 Kids  
A young boy climbs up a tree and into a waiting cloud, which takes him on a whirling adventure in the sky. Ages 3 and up.

**Storm boy** / By Paul Owen Lewis. Hillsboro, Or. : Beyond Words Pub.: 1995. Call No. 201658 Kids  
A story drawn from Haida Indian literary tradition in which a boy falls from his canoe into a world of eighteen - foot tall human - like creatures who welcome him and eventually return him to his village.

**A storm called Katrina** / By Myron Uhlberg. Atlanta, Ga.: Peachtree: 2011. Call No. 030924 Kids  
When flood waters submerge their New Orleans neighborhood in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a young cornet player and his parents evacuate their home and struggle to survive and stay together.

**Time to sleep** / By Denise Fleming. New York: Henry Holt: 1997. Call No. 281381  
A chill is in the air and Bear knows it is time for her winter nap, but she must first tell Snail. And Snail must tell Skunk. And Skunk must tell Turtle. Each animal who tries to put off going to sleep just a little longer sees, smells, hears, or tastes the signs of the impending season. A perfect bedtime story. Gr. Preschool - 2.

**Weather & climate change** / By Laura Howell. [United States]: Usborne Pub Ltd.: 2008. Call No. 030863 Kids  
A comprehensive introduction to the one of the most important and topical subjects today. Gr 3 - 6. Purchased with funds from a generous grant from Friends of the UW Madison Libraries.

**Who likes rain?** / By Herbert Yee Wong. New York: H. Holt: 2007. Call No. 030855 Kids  
With spring come April showers. It's time to put on a raincoat, grab an umbrella, and head outdoors. The worms like rain, and so do the fish and frogs. But what about the cat and dog? In this lyrical picture book, one spunky little girl discovers just who likes rain—and who doesn't—as she explores the rainy - day habits of the world around her.