**Whatever the Weather**

**A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books (Toddler – Early Elementary)**

* = toddler choices

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### Picture Books and Beginning Readers

**All Types of Weather:**

- **Blue Sky** by Audrey Wood*
- **Carl’s Nose** by Karen Schmidt

- **Cloudette** by Tom Lichtenheld
  An underdog tale, with petite cumulus Cloudette in the starring role. Cloudette is eager to carry out all the important cloud tasks, from growing gardens and creating rainbows to gifting children with the ever-anticipated snow days off from school. Overlooked by more large and powerful clouds, Cloudette feels unimportant until she is approached by an anxious, parched frog whose pond has evaporated until a puddle. Cloudette gathers up her strength to “let it pour” in this empowering tale that doubles as an introduction to the importance of our fluffy, sky dwelling friends. (For ages 3-7).

- **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett (ages 5+)
- **Frog and Toad All Year** by Arnold Lobel

- **Groundhog Weather School** by Jean Holub (ages 5+)
  This solid scientific introduction to weather concepts gets a kick of merriment when the setting is a “groundhog weather school.” Readers learn along with the groundhog pupils as they participate in lessons on seasons, hibernation, forecasting, shadows, and of course, everything groundhog. Perfect for grades k-3, this fact-and pun-filled text is complemented by colorful illustrations brimming with charisma and character.

- **Have You Ever Seen a Duck in a Raincoat?** by Etta Kanner
- **Hello, Sun!** by Dayle Ann Dodds*
- **If Frogs Made Weather** by Marion Dane Bauer

- **Inside, Outside** by Lizi Boyd
  Lizi Boyd’s “Inside Outside” is a beautifully engineered look at the concept of outside and inside and the boundaries between. Cleverly placed die-cuts provide connections between the rooms in a young boy’s house and the goings-on his back yard. One example: The little boy builds a snowman family with his dog, and one of the snowmen appears as a painting on the boy’s easel on the next page. As the wordless story cycles through a year, children ages 4-8 will
appreciate the abundant visual details that reinforce the indoors/outdoors concept while also exploring weather and the four seasons. Whether experienced as a lap-sit story or independent “read,” this concept book rewards careful observation with a veritable kaleidoscope of cheerful discoveries.

**Un-brella** by Scott Fransen

**Rain**

*Are You Ready to Play Outside?* (beginning reader) by Mo Wilems  
*Barn Storm* (beginning reader) by Charles Ghigna  
*Big Brown Bear Goes to Town* by David McPhail  
*The Big Storm: A Very Soggy Counting Book* by Nancy Tafuri*  
*Catty Jane who Hated the Rain* by Valeri Gorbachev  
*Chicky Chicky Chook Chook* by Kathy MacLennon*  
*Dinosaur Thunder* by Marion Dane Bauer*  
*Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind* (beginning reader) by Cynthia Rylant  
*Just a Big Storm* by Mercer Mayer  
*Listen to the Rain* by Bill Martin  
*Little Cloud* by Eric Carle*  
*Mr. Gumpy’s Motor Car* by John Burningham

**Mudkin** by Stephen Gammell  
An ebullient mud sprite (who resembles a ginger root with an onion head) crowns a delighted girl queen of a kingdom of marvelous mud. A creative, nearly wordless, ode to both mud and imagination.

*Mushroom in the Rain* by Mirra Ginsburg*  
*My Side of the Car* by Kate Feiffer  
*Peach Heaven* by Choi Yangsook (ages 6+)

**Rain!** by Linda Ashman  
A curmudgeonly old gentleman and a cheerful little boy intersect on a rainy day in this sweet yet subtle story about perspective. Arriving at a coffee shop after a day spent griping about the rain our grumpy antihero scowls at the little boy in the green raincoat and froggy hat who is enjoying a hot chocolate and cookie with mom. The little boy has had a great day of puddle splashing, and his enthusiastic and persistent attempts to cheer up the soggy old fellow at the next table eventually pay off. With minimal wording and inviting, splashy illustrations, Ashman’s wonderful story shows how a small moment of genuine connection can transform a person’s day. (Ages 3-7).

**Rain School** by James Rumford  
*Rainy Day* by Patricia Lakin  
*Split! Splat!* by Amy Gibson*  
*Thunder-Boomer* by Shutta Crum  
*Waiting Out the Storm* by JoAnn Macken
Snow

The Ant and the Grasshopper by Amy Lowry Poole (ages 5+)
Annie and Snowball and the Wintry Freeze (beginning reader) by Cynthia Rylant
Cold Snap by Eileen Spinelli
My Friend Rabbit and the Snow Geese (beginning reader) by Eric Rohmann

No Two Alike by Keith Baker*
Set on a snowy, tranquil day, this minimally-worded concept book teaches about the uniqueness of every creature and object, from snowflakes to cardinals to country roads. The brief rhyme and cheerful yet serene full-page illustration celebrate nature and individuality. Two sprightly cardinal friends cavort across each page. Share this book with toddlers and preschoolers; the large format makes this a perfect choice for group sharing.

Snow Wonder (beginning reader) by Charles Ghigna
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats*
A Snowy Day in Bugland (beginning reader) by David Carter
Winter is for Snow by Robert Neubecker

Sunny/ Hot Days:

Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day (beginning reader) by Jean Van Leeuwen
Brownie & Pearl Take a Dip by Cynthia Rylant*
Come on Rain by Karen Hesse
Happy Dog Sizzles! by Lisa Grubb
Heat Wave by Eileen Spinelli (ages 6+)
Lila and the Secret of Rain by David Conway
Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up her Wash by Sarah Weeks
One Hot Summer Day by Nina Crews*
Think Cool Thoughts by Elizabeth Perry (ages 6+)
Thirsty Thursday by Phyllis Root*
Wet Dog! by Elise Broach
Zoomer’s Summer Snowstorm by Ned Young

Windy Weather:

Flora’s Very Windy Day by Jeanne Birdsall

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
A sprightly man made of vibrant leaves and acorn eyes pops against the solid colored backgrounds in this ode to nature collage. Leaf man is discovered by a
child in a leaf pile, but then he drifts skyward in the autumn wind, leaving the unseen narrator to ponder his destination. Leaf man drifts by cows in a field, a fish on the river, a flock of geese, and a grouping of butterflies, all constructed of hyper-saturated leaves. The photographic end pages identify a flurry of seeds and leaves, adding a scientific layer to this dreamy tale. This simple yet ponderous story encourages young readers to make their own leaf-art creations.

The Longest Night by Marion Dane Bauer
Rough Weather Ahead for Walter the Farting Dog by William Kotzwinkle
Super Duck by Jez Alborough
Whoosh! by Sally Derby
Whose Hat Is It? (beginning reader) by Valeri Gorbachev
The Wind Blew by Pat Hutchins

Non-Fiction

Being Safe with Weather by Susan Kesserling
How’s the Weather? (series) by Pebble Plus Publishers*
Ice is Nice: All About the North and South Poles (beginning reader) by Bonnie Worth
The Magic School Bus Rides the Wind (beginning reader) by Anne Capeci
Our Four Seasons (series) by Lightning Bolt Books
Rain/Wind (beginning readers) by Marion Dane Bauer
Snowy Weather Days by Katie Marisco
Storms (beginning reader) by Miriam Goin
Weather Basics (series) by Pebble Plus Publishers*
Weather Watch (series) by Child’s World
What’s the Weather Like? (series) by Lightning Books

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