



Chasing clouds: or how to research the weather in a research library collection

Researching Environmental Histories

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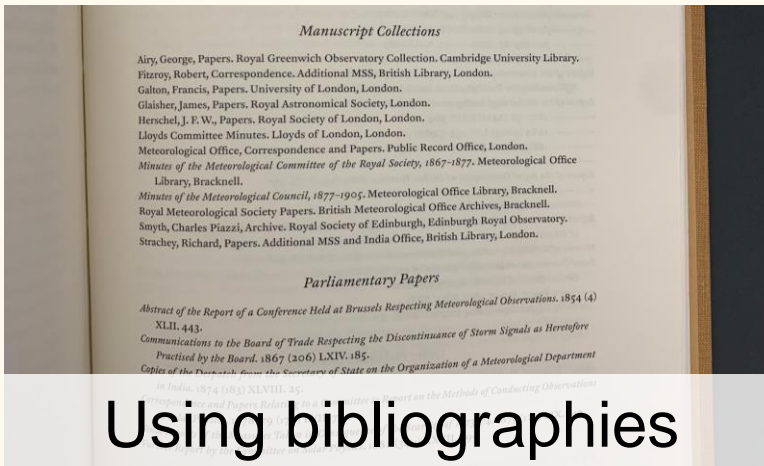


Literature review

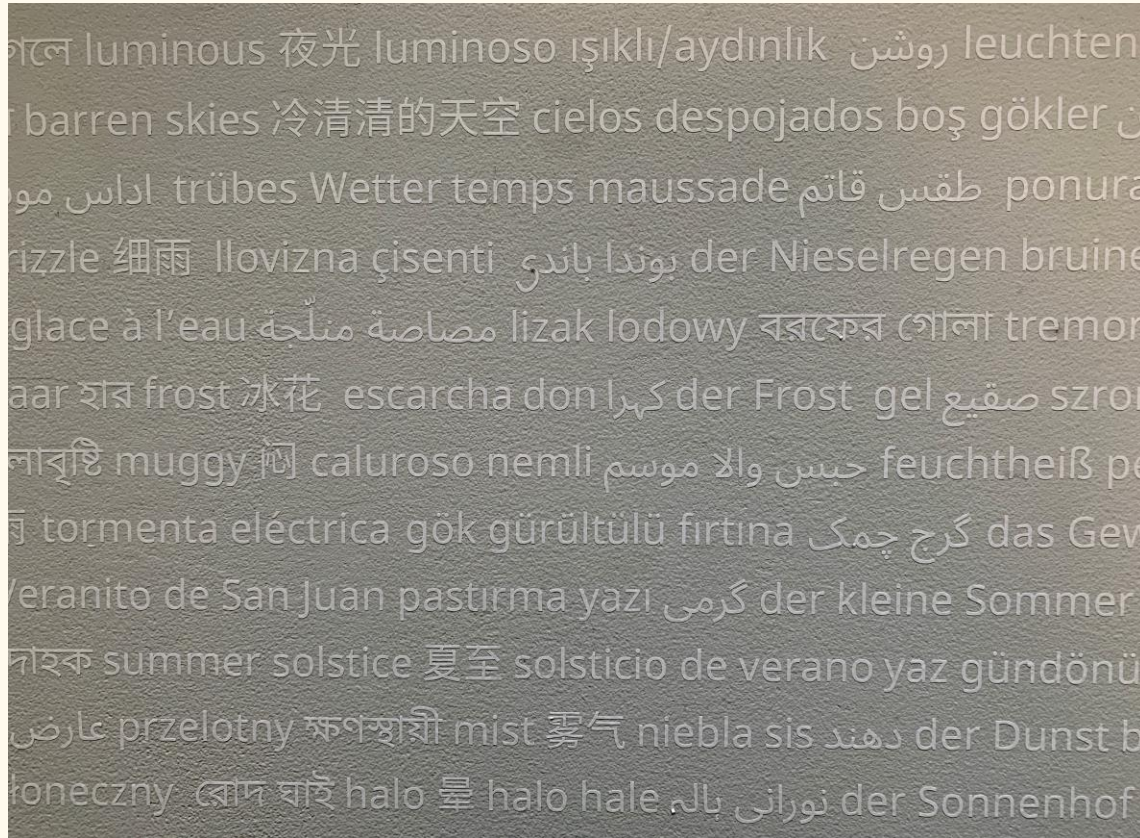
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MARK	TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE ADDED
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather, climate, culture / edited by Sarah Strauss and Ben Orlove.	(no author)	24-01-2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Predicting the weather : Victorians and the science of meteorology / Katharine Anderson.	Anderson, Katharine.	24-01-2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	A cultural history of climate / Wolfgang Behringer ; translated by Patrick Camiller.	Behringer, Wolfgang.	24-01-2023
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate in motion [electronic resource] : science, empire, and the problem of scale / Deborah R. Coen.	Coen, Deborah R., author.	24-01-2023
<input type="checkbox"/>	Storm watchers: the turbulent history of weather prediction from Franklin's kite to El Niño / John D. Cox.	Cox, John D., 1943-	24.01.2023
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Vladimir Jankovic, 1961-	Jankovic, Vladimir,	1961-

List creation (catalogues, reference software)



“Word clouds” – thinking about search terminology



related terms, synonyms, translations

- Weather
- [QC980-999]
- BT Meteorology
 - SA subdivision **Climate** under names of countries, cities, etc.
 - NT Atmospheric pressure
 - Cold waves (Meteorology)
 - Crime and weather
 - Droughts
 - Fire weather
 - Fronts (Meteorology)
 - Global Weather Experiment Project
 - Humidity
 - Long-range weather forecasts
 - Precipitation (Meteorology)
 - Storms
 - Sultriness
 - Visibility
 - Weather singularities

broader terms, narrower terms

Using subject headings


The climate of London, : deduced from meteorological observations, made at different places in the neighbourhood of the metropolis. / By Luke Howard. ...

Howard, Luke, 1772-1864.

More information about this author [here](#)

BOOK | published by W. Phillips; sold also by J. and A. Arch; Baldwin, Cradock, and Joy, and W. Bent; and J. Hatchard | 1818-20.

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Subject Meteorology -- Observations.
Meteorology -- England.
London (England) -- Climate.

Medical climatology -- Congresses.
Winds -- Great Britain -- Congresses.
England -- Climate -- Congresses.

Weather-lore.
Folklore of agriculture.

Weather in literature.

Astrology -- Early works to 1800.
Meteorology -- Early works to 1800.

Weather forecasting -- Early works to 1800.
Lightning protection.

Almanacs.
Astronomy.
Weather.

Weather -- Montgomeryshire -- Folklore.
Folklore -- Montgomeryshire.
Proverbs -- Montgomeryshire.



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Thinking beyond the book

313 P. 68⁴⁵ New York 32
18 May 1871

My dear daughter,

Thank you for your sweet letter which came to me at Grosvenor. I hope you will have succeeded in nursing up your mother & persuading her not to worry about the madness of our friends - or then I hope you will have succeeded in nursing us yourself & getting rid of this horrid cough which I have heard about though you do not mention it yourself - It won't do. At your age it is nothing less than dangerous. I hope you have summer-garden weather there at Grosvenor. Here it is very nice, not warm but lovely clear and sunny & enjoyable & occasionally there is the golden touch of a little real warmth to bask in. Both yesterday & the Sunday before we have walked in Central park & nothing in the way of a park could be prettier - it really is lovely in its blossoms & fresh greenery & gay with crowds of people who are very strictly proper to the walks. They are really the proper - P.P.T.G. principally no doubt, but C.T.D. are there too, I suppose, though Sunday best clothes make them not easy to distinguish. On the whole a very well dressed & well fed set of people. Two walks we went yesterday & today & today as a Sunday concert so we went also the Sunday before. I usually one drinks



What other collections does the institution you're researching at hold e.g. **archives, artworks, objects?**

How are these collections organised and catalogued?

Is there a library/collection staff member who can give you more information?



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