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The screenshot shows the 'Books & Authors' website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: HOME, MEET THE EDITORS, HELP, and BOOK CLUBS. Below this is a search bar with a 'Search' button and a 'Title' input field. A secondary navigation bar includes: BROWSE TITLES, BROWSE AUTHORS, BROWSE GENRES, WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?, and EXPLORE. The main content area features a 'Book Club: Reading Maniacs!' section. It includes a description: 'Attention, 2nd and 3rd graders! Do you like to read? Do you like to talk about books and hear about new books? Do you like to play games? Join our reading discussion book club every other month and become a Reading Maniac!'. Below the description are 'Upcoming meeting dates': December 12, 2009 (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.) and February 13, 2010 (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.). The 'Book Club Owner' is listed as 'Your Children's Librarian' and the 'Age Group' is 'Children'. A 'Suggested Similar Titles' section displays a grid of book covers with their titles and publication years: 'Mercy Watson to the Rescue (2006)', 'Mercy Watson Fights Crime (2006)', 'Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (2006)', 'Mercy Watson Princess in Disguise (2007)', 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! (2003)', 'Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! (2006)', 'Paddle-to-the-Sea (1941)', 'The Adventures of Captain Underpants: An Epic Novel (1997)', 'The Lump of Coal (2008)', and 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures (2007)'.

The screenshot shows a detailed view of a book record. The title is '1. The Mercy Watson collection, Vol. 1' by DiCamillo, Kate. The publisher is 'Listening Library, 2006'. There is a link for 'Click Here for Item Availability' and a 'Target Audience Note: For ages 4-8'. The record also lists 'Number of Items Available: 1 (of 1)', 'ISBN: 9780739353301 (sound recording | OverDrive Audio Book)', 'Number of Items Owned: 1', and 'Current Holds: 0'. A summary describes the book: 'Summary: Mercy Watson to the rescue: After Mercy the pig struggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. Mercy Watson goes for a ride: Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.' At the bottom, there are links for 'Where is it?', 'Full Display', and 'Place Request'. A table at the very bottom has columns for 'Item Availability', 'Call Number', and 'Shelf Location'.

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