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It's nearly here – the 12th annual Claire's Day family book festival on May 18, 2013, at the Maumee branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library! There are many things that we can't wait to share with you this year, but if we had to pick a few, they would include:

The prolific and gifted authors and illustrators of Claire's Day. Isn't it wonderful to have such incredible talent right here in the Midwest? Throughout the day, they'll be providing interactive, educational presentations about their books and area of expertise as well as book signings inside the library.

The musical stylings of Wilson Lake and the Rock Bass. This band has it all – toe-tapping jams that will bring you to your feet, opportunities for audience participation, and an all-around good feeling. We are thrilled to have them back to perform for you during the lunch hour.

Claire's Awards for Reading Excellence, which recognize the area's most improved readers during ceremonies throughout the day. This year, we expect to honor more than 400 youth.

Sales of books by the visiting authors and illustrators, Claire's Day t-shirts and tote bags, and refreshments prepared by the Washington Local School District's culinary arts students.

Hands-on activities that can't be missed!

Having the opportunity to honor the memory of Claire Lynsey Rubini in a special tribute to her love of reading, storytelling, music, encouraging others to read and simply having fun with friends.

Does it get any better than this? See you there!

Heather Gallant

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLAIRE'S DAY AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS

Meet Them in Person

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e know you can't wait to meet the talented and dynamic authors and illustrators at the free Claire's Day family book festival on May 18, 2013! We put together this exclusive issue of our Chapters newsletter to help you learn a bit more about each of them. There are more details online at www.claresday.org/authorsillustrators. Come meet them in person in less than a month!



Mark Criley
Author & Illustrator

In 1998, *Entertainment Weekly* magazine chose Mark one of "100 most creative people in entertainment" for his comic book creations.

His series, "Miki Falls", is on the American Library Association list of recommended graphic novels and has been optioned for film development by Brad Pitt.



Bruce Langton
Illustrator

An award-winning contemporary artist, Bruce is known internationally for his illustration of books and collector plates and creation

of more than 100 limited edition prints. Aligned with his artistic interest in nature, he has raised thousands of dollars for environmental conservation.



Rhonda Gowler Greene
Author

A former preschool teacher, Rhonda has published more than 20 children's books and has with five more currently in the works. Her February release, *No Pirates Allowed!*

Said Library Lou is sure to get kids excited about the treasures of reading.



John Manders
Illustrator

John studied children's illustration at the Pittsburgh Institute of Art. His work is featured in more than 30 children's books and numerous children's magazines. In May

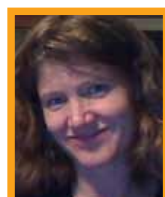
2006, the Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association named him an Outstanding Illustrator/Author.



Valiska Gregory
Author

Valiska is an award-winning author whose work received a Parents' Choice Award. She was recognized in the American Booksellers' Pick of Lists, and

was featured on national television. She writes for *Publishers Weekly* and founded the Butler Children's Literature Conference.



Kristin Nitz
Author

Kristin writes books for youth in middle grades and was recently nominated for a 2009/10 Georgia Children's Book award and a Kentucky

Bluegrass Award (grades 3-5). Her recent novels, *Defending Irene* and *Saving the Griffin* are both set in Italy.



Elizabeth Raum

Author

Elizabeth's experience as a teacher and librarian helped prepare her for the challenges of writing books. She is our most prolific author this

year, having written or contributed to over 75 picture books and nonfiction books on topics as diverse as dragons, storm-chasing, the history of toilets, and influential people like Mae Jamison, Louis Armstrong, Abraham Lincoln, and Alice Paul.



Betsy Snyder

Author & Illustrator

Betsy has worked in the field of children's books for more than 10 years and has written and illustrated a number of them. Betsy is also an artist at American Greetings. Her work

has won numerous awards, including a spot on the weekly Indie Bestseller list and a place in the Society of Illustrators' The Original Art 2012 exhibition. Her latest book, *I Haiku You*, was selected as a New Classic by Scholastic Parent & Child.



Lisa Wheeler

Author

Although it took her nearly four years to sell her first children's book in 1995, Lisa's writing career has blossomed since then. She has written nearly

30 children's books, including the very popular Dino-Sports series that features dinosaurs playing various team sports to rhyming verse. She was recently recognized with a Parent's Choice Recommended Award.



Cinda Williams Chima

Author

Cinda is an award winning New York Times and USA Today bestselling young adult author. She is known for her *Heir Chronicles* fantasy

series and best-selling young adult high fantasy *Seven Realms* series. Chima received the 2008 Lit Award for Fiction from the Cleveland Lit and was named a *Cleveland Magazine* Interesting Person in 2009.

Read more about the 2013 Claire's Day Authors & Illustrators by visiting our website: www.claresday.org/authorsillustrators.



CLAIRE'S DAY

BOOK FESTIVAL • MAY 18

9:00am - 5:00pm

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library - Maumee Branch

Free Admission

The big day is almost here! The Claire's Day Event Schedule is online at www.claresday.org/bookfestival and will include:

- Interactive presentations and book signings by ten Midwestern children's book authors and illustrators
- Claire's Awards for Reading Excellence (C.A.R.E. Awards) presented throughout the day to 400 children in grades 1-8 who are deemed the most improved readers in their class
- Surprise celebrity readers
- Creation Station for hands-on activities based on books by the featured authors and illustrators
- Teen Tent for youth self-expression and hands-on activities
- Lunchtime entertainment by Wilson Lake and the Rock Bass
- Refreshments prepared and sold by Washington Local School culinary students
- Books, t-shirt, and tote bag sales

CLAIRE'S NIGHT

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7:00pm - 10:00pm

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library - Main Branch

\$65 per person

Please support Claire's Night by joining us for our "fun night out for grown-ups" featuring:

- First chance meet & greet Claire's Day Authors & Illustrators
- The unveiling of an art piece by Claire's Day Illustrator Bruce Langton, to be displayed in the Toledo-Lucas County Library
- A silent auction
- Hors d'oeuvres and festive beverages
- Book sales and signings
- Parking is free in the underground parking area
- Purchase tickets online at www.claresday.org/night



Toledo Rotary Foundation Awards Grant

On March 1, 2013, the Toledo Rotary Foundation awarded a grant of \$5,000 to expand the Claire's Day School Visit Program to five new Toledo Public Schools. The Claire's Day Authors School Visit Program connects Midwestern authors and illustrators to local schools as a way to enhance the students' literary experience. The grant will help cover the cost of the author's and illustrator's honorarium for five Toledo Public Schools that have not previously participated in this program: Beverly Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Keyser Elementary, Reynolds Elementary, and Walbridge Elementary. It will also provide \$195 worth of books to each school to introduce the students to the author's or illustrator's books prior to the visit. We are thrilled to be able to expand the Author School Visit Program into these Toledo Public Schools for the first time!

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OUR MISSION

The Claire's Day Inc. mission is to honor Claire Lynsey Rubini by inspiring children and families to be lifelong readers through exposure to a variety of literary opportunities and experiences.

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