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A MESSAGE FROM HEATHER



Whether you received new reading material over the holidays or recently found something at the library, winter is a great time to curl up in a comfy chair with a good book and a steaming cup of something delicious. I'm current reading *The Warrior Heir* by 2013 Claire's Day author Cinda Williams Chima. I lose myself in her fantastical yet believable world, becoming captivated by the characters, mourning alongside them, cheering them on, and enjoying the ride.

When was the last time you became absorbed in a book so good that you couldn't tear yourself away? What book was it, and what was it about the storytelling that had this effect on you? How did you feel when you finished it? We are inspired by stories from people who love reading as much as we do, so please share your stories on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/claairesday.

Happy reading!

Heather Gallant
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCHOOL VISITS

Sharing Stories & Inspiring Creativity

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hirty school reps from Toledo, Maumee, and Perrysburg gathered at the Main Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library on November 12 to select a Claire's Day author or illustrator to visit their classrooms, share stories, and inspire the next generation of creative minds.

The Claire's Day Author Visit program has been in place for eight years. Each May, during the week leading up to the Claire's Day family book festival, the Claire's Day authors and illustrators visit classrooms around the region as a way to enhance the students' literary experience.

These visits include entertaining, experiential, educational presentations and story telling that encourage students to use their imagination, enjoy literature, and to pursue reading as a regular activity. Since the authors and illustrators describe their creative writing process and the process of publishing a children's book, students also get an understanding of how a book arrives completed in their hands. In 2012, an estimated 10,000 students participated in authors' visits at 19 schools.

Between November and May, schools have the opportunity to integrate the creative works of the visiting author or illustrator into the curriculum. Claire's Day offers free ideas for these fun enrichment activities at www.claairesday.org/blog.

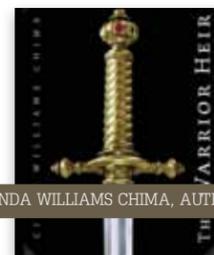
If you are interested in booking an author visit, you're in luck! While all of the Friday visits are booked for Friday, May 17, we do still have some author visits available for schools earlier in that week. There are also several grants still available for schools, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact us at schools@claairesday.org for more information!

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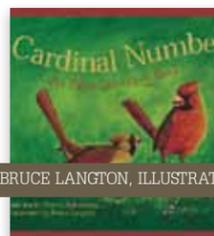
Read more about the details involved in hosting a special guest at your school by visiting www.claairesday.org/for-schools.

A GOOD READ

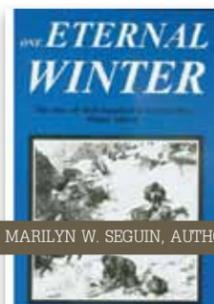
Check out these 2013 Claire's Day authors at your local library.



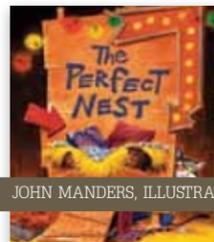
CINDA WILLIAMS CHIMA, AUTHOR



BRUCE LANGTON, ILLUSTRATOR



MARILYN W. SEGUIN, AUTHOR



JOHN MANDERS, ILLUSTRATOR



BETSY SNYDER, AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

For a complete list of authors and illustrators see back of newsletter.



Schedule of Events

2013

February

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Books Grant Reception for Schools receiving Claire's Day grants.

6:00 - 7:00 pm
Barnes & Noble
Monroe St., Toledo

May

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Claire's Night Fundraiser and Author Meet and Greet

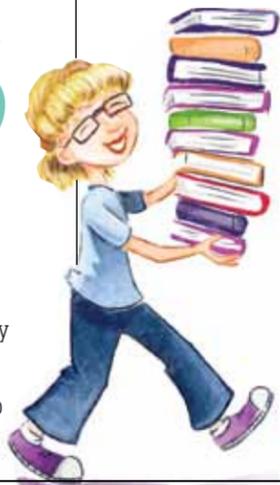
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Toledo Lucas-County Public Library
Main Library
Michigan St., Toledo

May

18

Claire's Day Family Book Festival and C.A.R.E. Awards

9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Toledo Lucas-County Public Library
Maumee Branch
River Rd., Maumee



For more information about any of our special events call 567.712.1180 or visit www.claresday.org.

C.A.R.E. Awards, Calling All Educators!

Nominations for Claire's Awards for Reading Excellence (C.A.R.E.

Awards) are quickly approaching.

The C.A.R.E Awards recognize students who demonstrate marked improvement in their reading skills over the course of the school year. Any school can nominate one most-improved reader from each homeroom or reading class in grades one through eight.

The awardees receive a special C.A.R.E. Award Certificate at the Claire's Day Family Book Festival on May 18, 2013, in front of an audience of their family and friends. They each also get to choose a book written or illustrated by a participating Claire's Day author or illustrator to take home. If they like, they can meet the author or illustrator of their book and get it signed.

Nominations are open between March 15-April 15, 2013, and the nomination process is simple: visit www.claresday.org/care for complete information. Questions? Contact schools@clairesday.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to all of our supporters of Purple Thursday, our first Barnes & Noble Book Fair on December 13, 2012. We met lots of supporters and new friends and had a great time spreading the word about Claire's Day. 100% of the proceeds go directly back to our programming, including books for C.A.R.E. Award recipients. A very special "thank you" to guest author Paul Orshoski for providing for a public reading and book signing. We hope this got you excited for 11 more authors and illustrators at Claire's Day in May!

Claire's Day founder, Brad Rubini was featured in a thoughtful article in *The International Dyslexia Association Northern Ohio Branch's Fall 2012 newsletter*. Visit our blog to learn how Brad developed a love of reading in spite of struggling with dyslexia, and how his challenges helped him forge a special bond with his daughter, Claire.

Claire's Day is quickly approaching; show your support by becoming a corporate sponsor or individual donor. Big or small, monetary or in-kind, your contributions make Claire's Day a success. For more information visit www.claresday.org/sponsors.

Do you want to get involved with Claire's Day? We're looking for volunteers for the Claire's Day Book Festival on May 18. Morning and afternoon shifts are available in a variety of areas, from the craft tent to author hospitality, crowd control and more. Interested? Sign up at www.claresday.org/get-involved.

Save the date for Claire's Night - Thursday, May 16! You will be the first to meet our guest authors and illustrators and have a chance to mix & mingle with other Claire's Day supporters. Bid on some fantastic silent auction items, view our latest contribution to the Toledo Lucas-County Public Library's art collection from one of our guest illustrators, and enjoy some tasty treats and libations. Don't miss out!

12th annual
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Authors & Illustrators!

The 12th annual Claire's Day Children's Book Festival will feature 11 authors and illustrators, all newcomers to the Claire's Day family.

For details about each one, including the titles of their books, visit their website or head on over to clairesday.org!

Cinda Williams Chima
www.cindachima.com

Mark Crilley
www.markcrilley.com

Rhonda Gowler Greene
www.rhondagowlergreene.com

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www.valiskagregory.com

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www.brucelangton.com

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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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