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CLAIRE'S DAY GRANT RECEPTION

Grant Reception to be held Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Barnes & Noble on Monroe St.

As a part of its Authors School Visit program, Claire's Day connects authors and illustrators to local schools as a way to enhance students' literary experience. On Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., representatives from schools electing to have an author visit will attend a reception at Barnes & Noble on Monroe Street to receive their School Visit Program Grant. Schools have the option of selecting a cash grant to help cover costs associated with the school visit or a donation of books by the featured authors and illustrators. This grant is made possible by charitable gifts from Claire's Day donors.

This year's grant recipients include:

Anthony Wayne Local Schools: Monclova Elementary

Defiance: Defiance Elementary

Maumee: Fort Miami Elementary, Wayne Trail Elementary, Fairfield Elementary

Northwood

Perrysburg: Fort Meigs Elementary, Toth Elementary

Rossford

Springfield Local Schools: Halloway Elementary

Swanton: Park Elementary

Toledo: Queen of the Apostles School, Bennett Venture Academy, Grove Patterson Academy, Rosary Cathedral School, Gesu School

School visits include entertaining, experiential, educational presentations and storytelling that encourage students to use their imaginations, enjoy literature, and 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.

Authors and illustrators participating in the Claire's Day free family book festival include: Rhonda Gowler Greene, Lisa Wheeler, Marilyn Weymouth Seguin, Elizabeth Raum, Mark Crilley, Cinda Williams Chima, Bruce Langton, John Manders, Betsy Snyder, Kristin Wolden Nitz, and Valiska Gregory.

Claire's Day is the largest free family book festival in Northwest Ohio, held annually in honor of Claire Lynsey Rubini, who died suddenly July 6, 2000, as a result of a heart condition. Author and illustrator school visits take place during the week of May 13-17, leading up to the free Claire's Day family book festival on May 18, 2013.

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

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