



Claire's Day Author Submission Guidelines

Participation in Claire's Day festivities is typically by invitation only. Should you wish to be considered by the committee, please read the following prior to contacting the organization:

Claire's Day is Northwest Ohio's largest children's book festival, occurring annually on the third Saturday of May at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Maumee branch, 501 River Rd., Maumee, Ohio. Participating authors and illustrators must have written/illustrated children's books, ranging from picture books to young adult (YA).

The selection committee typically selects authors and illustrators a year in advance.

Requirements of Claire's Day participating authors and illustrators:

Books must be available to Barnes & Noble, our official bookseller, through regular distribution procedures which include;

- The book must be 100% returnable
- The book must be available for a full discount (at least a standard 40% trade discount)
- Have an ISBN and a bar code

Self-published titles, including works published through a vanity or joint venture press, a subsidy publisher, a print-on-demand service, or by the author of the book, are occasionally, but infrequently, accepted.

In that the Claire's Day festival experience for authors and illustrators involves participating in school visits and the Claire's Night Gala, the following are expectations of the organization, and what is typically provided to participants:

Participating authors and illustrators must be available for school visit(s) the day(s) prior to Claire's Day, therefore the expectation is that author/illustrator conducts school visits regularly and has excellent presentation skills. Schools that choose to host participating authors/illustrators pay an agreed upon honorarium for a full day school visit.

Participation in the Claire's Night Gala, typically held on the evening prior to Claire's Day at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Main Library, 325 Michigan St., Toledo, OH 43604 is mandatory. The fun evening includes complimentary food and beverage. Authors/illustrators are expected to sign books for a period during the event.

Claire's Day involvement includes being present at Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 a.m., available for book signing (table/chair provided) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and providing a 30 minute presentation/demonstration/workshop during the day. Coffee and pastries are available in the morning, and a room is available for breaks, with lunch provided.

Claire's Day Inc. will provide a complimentary hotel room at a partner hotel on Friday evening only. Discounted room rate will be available for additional nights. Due to limited funds, travel expenses will not be paid for, including meals or mileage. Claire's Day Inc. does not pay an honorarium for participation in Claire's Night/Day festivities.

For consideration by the Author Selection committee, please email contact@clairesday.org.