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AUTHORS ANNOUNCED FOR 12th ANNUAL CLAIRE'S DAY EVENT

Author Selection Gala to be held on Monday, November 12, 2012 at the Main Library

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. These 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.

On Monday, November 12, 2012, school representatives will gather in the children's section of the Toledo-Lucas County Main Library to participate in a lottery that determines which of these authors and illustrators will visit their school in the spring.

Claire's Day is the largest free family book festival in Northwest Ohio, held annually in honor of Claire's 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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