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Readings, Signings, and Unveilings

Columbus Author and Cincinnati Illustrator Will Participate in Claire's Day

Mount Pleasant, SC (May 6, 2010) –Author Carole Gerber and illustrator Christina Wald, creators of the **Sylvan Dell** title, **"Little Red Bat,"** will participate in the Claire's Day Book Festival May 14 - 15. The talented duo will be reading, signing, and unveiling **"Little Red Bat."**

To kick off the festivities, the Main Library in Toledo, Ohio will host an author/illustrator cocktail reception on Friday, May 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. where Gerber and Wald will sign copies of "Little Red Bat." In addition, the Toledo-Lucas County Library will unveil a painting from, "Little Red Bat," which they will add to their children's book art collection. Tickets for the reception are 65 dollars per person, and all proceeds will help support Claire's Day and other literacy programs in the area.

Claire's Day activities will begin Saturday morning at 9:30 in the Maumee Library Auditorium. The activities and entertainment include signings and readings by authors and illustrators from around the Midwest, story time by local storytellers, book related hands-on activities, and the presentation of C.A.R.E Awards (given to children nominated as the most improved readers in their school).

Claire's Day is held every year in honor of Claire Lynsey Rubini who died at age 10 of a misdiagnosed heart condition. Because reading was one of Claire's favorite hobbies, her parents created a day in her name that would inspire children and families to read. This year will mark the 9th Claire's Day.

For more information regarding Claire's Day activities, visit:
http://www.claresday.org/claresday/?id=6783_2691_4466_9582

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