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# Area author to host storytime

## Young's 'The Gift' is mother-daughter tale

From staff reports

Hattiesburg author Kathy Chase Young will host storytime at the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal and Forrest County at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Her children's book "The Gift" was illustrated by Pamela P. Finch of Hattiesburg.

The story of "The Gift" begins in a Southern kitchen on a bright October afternoon with a mother

and daughter working together to bake the family's favorite chocolate cake.

Quiet moments in their household are rare and Janie is very excited about the special time with her mother.

Conversation begins and warms the afternoon with memories about the cake and its history within the family.

Through these shared memories, Mother explains that keeping the recipe secret is a way to have something unique and special to give to other people. The cake has become "a gift."

At the end of the afternoon, not only does Janie begin to understand the importance of this recipe, but her mother realizes how precious a gift her own family is.

Young teaches 4-year-old kindergarten at First Presbyterian Church and is an adjunct professor at the University of Southern Mississippi in the Family and Consumer Science department.

Books are available at Main Street Books and Giggles Children's Boutique in Hattiesburg.