

Young and Finch give children 'The Gift'

Kathy Young had always had an interest in writing children's stories.

"I would write stories and put them away in a drawer," Young said. "I have always been a fan of children's literature."

Young's children, Chase and Janie, found her manuscripts which had been tucked away and gave her the encouragement she needed to take it a step farther.

"It was Janie who urged me to read my stories to her class," said Young.

And after getting started, Young continued to write and has now published her first book, "The Gift."

Young's book came together with the help of her friend and illustrator Pamela Finch.

"It's great for us to be able to work together on this project because we have become friends over the years through our children," said Young.

Finch has three daughters, Allison, Caitlin and Molly Grace.

"We have the same aspirations in life and this book is a collaboration of our friendship," Young said.

The book tells of a secret family recipe and how it is handed down through the years.

"This book emphasizes tradition and culture," said Young. "It also teaches families about the importance of family time."

Not only does Young want the book to stress the importance of family, but Finch noted the book's importance in developing children's imaginations.

"I wanted this book to be a source of inspiration for children to create images in their own minds," Finch said. "I hope this book shows that creativity has no boundaries."

Young and Finch will be at Main Street Books on Saturday for a book signing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Following the signing the book will be available at Main Street Books and Giggles children's store.



Kathy Young, left, and Pamela Finch's book "The Gift" will be available at Main Street Books and Giggles children's store.



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