

Author blooms young

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AUBURN — Finnoula Louise has always had a love of books and reading and drawing.

At the tender age of 5, she posed a serious question to her mother, who is a book publisher.

“She has always liked books since she was very young,” her mother, Stephanie Cahill, said. “She asked me if she could have a book in the library so her friends could read it.”

From there Finnoula was encouraged to put her thoughts and ideas down on paper, and what came of that was her first picture book for children, “Aminals’ Animals” which was published in March.

“She did the drawings,” Cahill, who hails from Califon, N.J., said. “And she is just learning to write, so she dictated what she wanted the book to say. But everything, every word in the book came from her ideas.”

Finnoula paid a visit to Downtown Books and Coffee in Auburn Saturday to share and sign copies of her book. The store, which is celebrating its one year anniversary, will host several other authors.

Store owner John Colvin said that he and his staff are pleased to be able to have special events like Finnoula's visit to help celebrate.

Now 6 years old, Finnoula is proud to have her first book in print and she already has a second book ready to go.

Finnoula second work, “Cookies Cookies: A Year of Holiday Treats,” will be out in November.

This book is a work of recipes for gluten-free cookies and other treats. Cahill said that this is a topic that her family can relate well to, as Finnoula has celiac disease and has to look for gluten free alternatives.

Cahill said she is proud of her daughter and that her book has been well received and she hopes that it can serve as an inspiration for other children.

“Now there are so many other distractions,” Cahill said. “I hope that her book can inspire other kids to take a real interest in reading and writing and even to write their own books too.”

