



1415 W Melody Ln
Building C
Bisbee, Arizona 85603
<http://cochiselibrary.org>
520-432-8930

Cochise County Library District

"Public programs...personal service"

Minutes of the **October 19, 2022** meeting of
The Cochise County Library District Citizen Liaison Council

The meeting came to order at 1:06 pm online, in person and via Microsoft Teams.

Members and guests present: Cinda Combs (Bisbee's Copper Queen Library); Stephanie Fulton (Huachuca City Library); Diane Hildebrandt (Huachuca City Library); Michelle Leyvas (Willcox's Elsie S. Hogan Community Library); Karly Scarbrough (Sierra Vista Public Library)*; Abraham Villarreal (Douglas Public Library, Chair); Margaret White (Douglas Public Library); Amadee Ricketts (Cochise County Library District)

Absent: Benson Public Library, Tombstone City Library

** Karly Scarbrough was present for part of the meeting, but enough other libraries were present to make up a quorum throughout.*

Abe Villarreal asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 20, 2022. Amadee Ricketts made the motion and Cinda Combs seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Member reports:

Benson Public Library: No Benson representative was present, but Abe Villarreal shared an update they had submitted in advance:

June 3rd in Lions Park the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association put on a presentation for everyone to come down and be able to view the skies with the telescope they donated to us and a solar telescope they provided. Had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed their time. The Friends of the Library provided books to give away on viewing the stars and constellations.

Our Summer Reading Program was held in the library this year, had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed it. Was nice to see all the children and their parents in.

Lianna Contreras attended Pomerene School's literacy night and Tawn Tripp attended the Benson Primary school's literacy night. They were able to give away a book to every child and information about the data bases and how to obtain a library card were provided.

Arizona Workforce held a Resume/Job search class on October 19th.

Bisbee's Copper Queen Library: Cinda Combs shared news and highlights from Bisbee.

The Copper Queen Library has been very busy, with lots of programs and strong circulation. Cinda brought lots of flyers to share (attached), along with quarterly statistics for July-September 2022.

The library loaned 2,127 items to other libraries, and borrowed 1,471 on behalf of patrons, which indicates high demand for the collection.

Arizona PBS filmed an extensive segment about the main Copper Queen Library and the Annex, which should run on Arizona Illustrated in November.

The library also won best Attraction/Museum in the *Herald Review's* annual best-of feature.

Current and upcoming programs include:

- Youth Free Write (adapted from the very successful creative writing program for adults)
- Chess Club has expanded to include all ages, and an exhibition game is coming up in 10/22
- Pie and Sky collaboration with the Bisbee Science Lab – more than 100 people attended a recent event
- SEAGO is offering Medicare counseling at the library
- The Bisbee Community Chorus will sing from the balcony for an upcoming program
- Three-Sentence Horror Stories are back as a community showcase
- Welcome to the World of Reading kits for new parents, with indestructible baby books and early literacy information
- The library is working with the Fiber Arts Guild to offer Caring Kits with winter clothing items and health/hygiene supplies
- The library is also checking out pickleball and bocce ball equipment to encourage people to get active and use local facilities.

The Friends of the Library are offering limited edition copper library cards as a fundraiser celebrating the CQL's 140th birthday. The cards cost \$10 and are available at the checkout desk.



Douglas Public Library: Margaret White shared an update from Douglas.

She offered an update on the *Daily International* / *Douglas Dispatch* digitization project. Newspapers from 1926-1937 are up on the Arizona Memory Project now, and 1902-1929 are available via ImageHost, which operates like a digital microfilm reader. AMP is available from anywhere, and ImageHost is available in the library.

The library is working through storage and workflow issues with the goal of continuing the digitization in 10-year increments. The library has publisher permission to digitize the newspaper all the way to 2019.

All of the scanned papers have been digitized according to national standards, and are keyword searchable. This is a big step forward because the Douglas newspapers have never been indexed.

The library just received a large format (24" wide) printer that will allow users to print whole newsprint pages rather than just selections.

In other news, the library has been awarded a Solar Science Kit, which will be a great way to expand on the NASA / James Webb Space Telescope programs they have offered over the last year.

The library also received a Welcoming Library collection as part of a State Library project.

The library has been busy preparing for seasonal programs including the annual Halloween party, Senior Santa gift collection, etc. Thanks to Diana Manquero for all her great program ideas and energy.

Circulation has been busy, with lots of materials coming and going between libraries. Circulation has not quite bounced back to pre-COVID levels but is well on its way.

The library received funding to continue its hotspot lending program. They offer 50 hotspots, and all of them are checked out all the time.

Huachuca City Library: Diane Hildebrandt shared news from Huachuca City.

(Diane also requested more children's books for the Free Book Box the Friends maintain in Whetstone; Amadee will send some from the District.)

Diane started with an update from the Friends of the Library. The Christmas in July gift basket raffle was a big success again this year, and the Friends will also be part of the annual Creepy Candy Crawl, a trunk-or-treat event for kids and families.

Planning is also underway for the Polar Express event on Friday, December 9; it should be fun and well attended.

The Friends are still working on securing 501c3 status for their group. They have run into a variety of hurdles, but still intend to become an official nonprofit as soon as possible.

Diane also shared library updates on behalf of library manager Stephanie Fulton, who was not able to attend.

The library has been offering a wide assortment of programs including class visits to the library. Some homeschooling families sit in on class visits, too.

The library has also been offering free book coupons for new patrons, encouraging them to visit the monthly Friends book sales. This has been very popular.

The Spotlight on Speakers series is back this fall; Diane appeared at a recent session as a local author, and more than 15 people attended.

The library has been working to add a privacy pod to accommodate telehealth visits at the library, in cooperation with the Benson hospital, but assembling the pod has turned out to be extremely difficult.

The library is still offering English and Spanish stories by phone using Dial-a-Story.

Willcox's Elsie S. Hogan Library: Michelle Leyvas shared an update from Willcox.

New programming person Deana Gaona has been doing a great job. Her first-ever summer reading program was extremely successful, with more kids and families attending events than in past years.

The library used ARPA funds to expand wifi access to several new locations, and add benches and a sign to make accessing library wifi more user-friendly.

The library has also added Wonderbooks and STEAM kits through State Library grant programs, and both have been very popular. Upcoming projects include a storywalk in Keillor Park, and a Welcome to the Library program for Willcox students in grades 1-3.

Sierra Vista Public Library: Karly Scarbrough joined the meeting briefly to provide an update from Sierra Vista.

Karly noted that library director Emily Duchon is on leave, so she met with staff member Erica Merritt to find out about happenings at the library.

The library is still working to add a book vending machine at the mall in Sierra Vista, which will check out materials using RFID (radio frequency identification) technology. SV library staff are working with the vendor and the Library District's systems librarian to implement the project, and library staff hope to add more vending machines around town if the first one is successful.

Karly mentioned that she is currently the only member of the city's Library Commission; if you know Sierra Vista residents who might like to serve, please encourage them to apply.

(Karly had to leave the meeting after sharing her update.)

Director's Report:

Amadee Ricketts offered a brief update from the Library District, including statistics from the 2021/22 fiscal year (attached), and an update on the Library District move, which was finally completed in June.

Amadee thanked all of the libraries and county residents for their patience with the moving project.

Call to the public: No members of the public attended.

For the good of the order: No one in attendance had topics to add.

The next official meeting date will be the third Wednesday in April (2023), which is April 19.
The meeting format will be in-person or hybrid and location (if applicable) will be determined at least a month ahead of the meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amadee Ricketts

CQ LIBRARY STATS

JULY—SEPTEMBER 2022

TOTAL CHECKOUTS

ADULT BOOKS: 4,265

KID BOOKS: 1,339

AUDIO CD: 714

DVD: 6,572

ANNEX: 1,587



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

JUVENILE LIBRARY:

FICTION: 381

GRAPHIC NOVELS: 331

NONFICTION: 230

YOUNG ADULT: 110

PRESCHOOL LIBRARY:

BOARD BOOKS: 36

EARLY READERS: 63

EASY BOOKS: 235

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS: 579 PARTICIPANTS

CHILDREN VISITS: 1902

TOOLS: 18

ITEMS ADDED: 681

BOOKS: 176

KIDS BOOKS: 119

DVD: 369



INTERLIBRARY LOANS

LENT: 2127 | BORROWED: 1471

USERS ADDED

99

ADULT: 86

KIDS: 13



PROGRAM ATTENDEES:

YouTube Channel: 187 views

Virtual Program Attendance: 349

Take & Make Kits: 500

Kanopy Video Streams: 828

LIBRARY OF THINGS: 355

Internet Hotspots: 268

Sports Equipment: 11

Seeds: 166

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY 140TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE COPPER CARD LIMITED EDITION \$10



CELEBRATE THE CQL'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A LIMITED EDITION, COPPER PATRON CARD! AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK. FUNDRAISER FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE CQL! \$10 | SUPPLIES LIMITED.



COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY

6 MAIN STREET, BISBEE, AZ 85603 • 520.432.4232 • WWW.COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM • ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

GET ACTIVE

WITH YOUR COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY CARD

CHECK OUT PICKLEBALL & BOCCEBALL
SETS TO USE IN BISBEE'S
BEAUTIFUL CITY PARKS



The Copper Queen Library of Things is an ever-growing collection of useful items that patrons can use to enhance their lives. From internet hotspots and seeds to wildlife cameras to tools, the Copper Queen Library has something for everyone! Come check us out.

Need to repair your bicycle or add air to your tires?
Check out our Bike Repair Station @ the Annex!



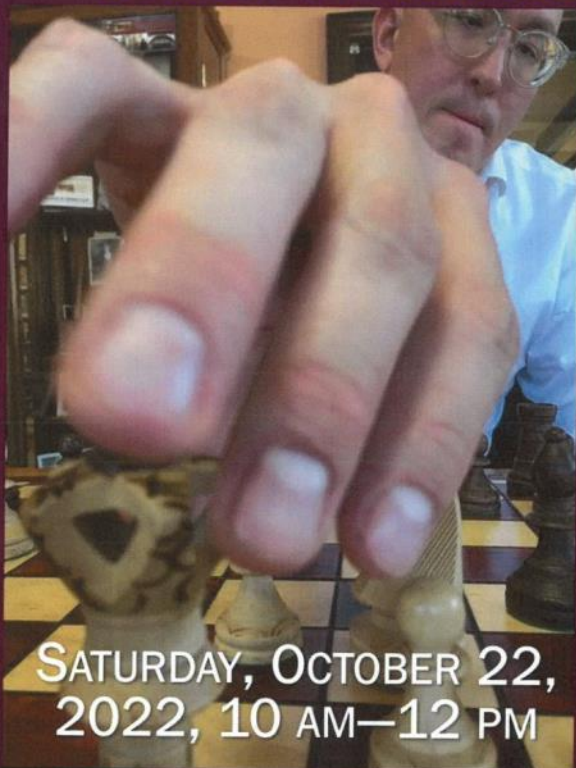
CQL
copperqueenlibrary.com



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM

Simultaneous Chess Exhibition with Nick Mueller



What is a simultaneous chess exhibition? In a simultaneous chess exhibition, also known as a *simul*, one player plays multiple games against multiple players at the same time. The experienced player giving the simul will have the white pieces on each board. There are no clocks or time limit in a simul.

NICK MUELLER is an English professor, tech writer, and leads the Copper Queen Library's Chess Club.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22,
2022, 10 AM—12 PM



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM

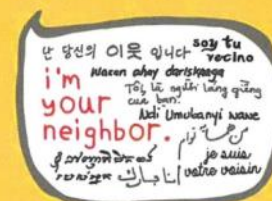
6 MAIN STREET, BISBEE, AZ 85603 • 520.432.4232 • WWW.COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM • ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

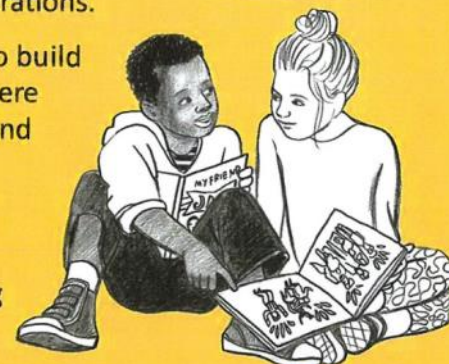
Copper Queen Library Presents **welcoming library**

meet your neighbors by sharing books
Set in our immigrant communities.

The Copper Queen Library's new collection of children's books from **I'm Your Neighbor** offers a unique opportunity for Bisbee families to explore the experiences of immigrant families and their new generations.

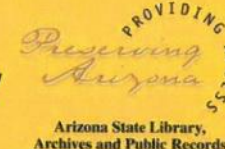


I'm Your Neighbor strives to build a stronger America, one where immigrants are welcomed and where first-through-third-generation Americans truly belong.



Build community belonging with books.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

HEALTH & HYGIENE CARING KITS

Provided by the Copper Queen Library

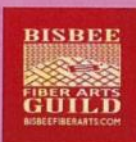


The Copper Queen Library has FREE caring kits for those patrons in need.

Kits include winter clothing items (gloves, socks, hat, & scarf) and health and hygiene products, including tooth brush and paste, a first-aid kit, cough drops and lip baum.

If you or somebody you know would like a Caring Kit, please stop by the Copper Queen Library.

Hats and scarves knitted & provided by the Bisbee Fiber Arts Guild.



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF READING FAMILY STARTER KIT

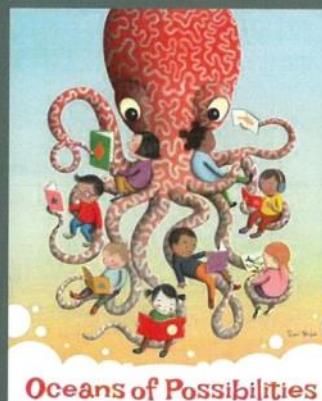
Attention new parents! The Copper Queen Library has a gift for you and your family ... our Welcome to the World of Reading Family Starter Kit ... to encourage you to start reading to your newborn from Day 1. Stop by the CQL or Annex to pick one up today!

Reading aloud to your baby has many benefits:

It teaches your baby about communication
It introduces concepts such as numbers, letters, colors and shapes in a fun way
It builds listening, memory and vocabulary skills
And, it gives babies information about the world around them!

Your starter kit includes :

- A canvas book bag
- An inspiring reading poster
- A finger puppet for story time
- An "indestructible" book built for the way babies read—with their hands and mouths - provided by the Bisbee Foundation
- Early literacy information from Easterseals Blake Foundation



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PRESENTS

3-SENTENCE HORROR STORY COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

The Copper Queen Library's 3-Sentence Horror Story Community Showcase is back this October for Chapter 2.

The challenge? Create a spine-chilling horror tale with just three sentences.

Submit your story at copperqueenlibrary.com, or drop it off at the front desk. Submitted stories will be displayed all month long at the CQL and online.



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM

FOURTH RAIL SCRABBLE CLUB

WITH HARRY WOLTERS

STARTS OCTOBER 14, 2-4:30 PM
SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!



The Fourth Rail Scrabble Club meets on the Third Floor Balcony and Reading Room, on the Second Friday of each month, 2-4:30 PM. Come meet fellow wordsmiths, make new friends, and play one of the greatest games ever created, Scrabble!



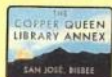
A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM

6 MAIN STREET, BISBEE, AZ 85603 • 520.432.4232 • WWW.COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM • ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

CQ LIBRARY ANNEX WEEKLY PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

519 W MELODY LANE | SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOOD



WEDNESDAYS

10:30—11:30 AM

519 Melody Lane | CQ Library Annex, San Jose, Bisbee



The San Jose Annex's Little Book Club is for parents and caregivers and their children (ages birth to five). Enjoy an hour of reading, singing, doing crafts and creative movements. Snacks will be provided! And remember to check out some books to take home!

DIAL-A-STORY

520-346-6123

The Copper Queen Library is pleased to offer our patrons Dial-A-Story, a free & fun way for your child to listen to exciting stories. Stories are pre-recorded and can be accessed by phone 24 hours a day & 7 days a week.

English & Spanish stories available

New stories are added weekly

Call 520-346-6123 to hear a story!



COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY & COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY ANNEX
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM



THURSDAYS

10:30—11:30 AM

519 Melody Lane | CQ Library Annex, San Jose, Bisbee

STEAM AHEAD! KID'S CLUB



EXPERIENTIAL EXPLORATION
COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY
THE 1929 ANNEX, BISBEE, AZ

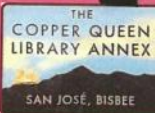
Join the Copper Queen Library Annex for our multi-age interactive STEAM Club where parents/caregivers and their children will read stories and do projects related to science, technology, engineering, art and math. Subjects will include Our Senses, Counting and Comparing, Geometry and Attributes, Sorting and Classifying, and Patterning and Sequencing. This Club is designed to give parents/caregivers tips for supporting their children's math and science development at home.

PRESCHOOL MOVEMENT CLASS

YOGA
HIP-HOP
MODERN DANCE
CIRCUS ARTS
JAZZ
& MORE!

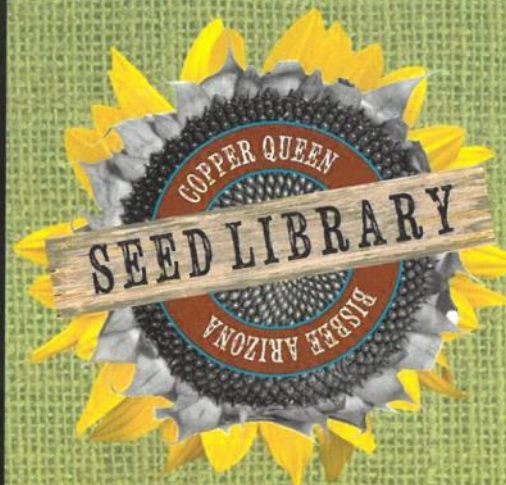
THURSDAYS

1-2 PM



Join us each Thursday from 1-2 PM at the CQ Library Annex in San Jose for our new Kids Movement Class. Parents and children will learn basic movement techniques from a variety of instructors!

This program will be held outdoors in the Ramada located at the Annex at 519 W. Melody Lane. Open to kids of all abilities, up to 8 years old.



CQL
copperqueenlibrary.com



The goal of the Copper Queen Seed Library is to form and encourage a learning community centered around the saving and sharing of seeds in our unique desert climate.

To borrow seeds from the CQ Seed Library, all you need is your Copper Queen Library card! You can check out up to 10 seed packs per month. Seed packs contain enough seeds to grow at least five to ten plants.

To keep our Seed Library sustainable, we encourage our patrons to harvest some seeds from their plants and to return them back to the Copper Queen Library.

B



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Wildlife Camera Program

Join a growing network of wildlife cameras and help observe presence, absence, and seasonal movements of species in the Sky Islands of the U.S. and Mexico.



The Copper Queen Library is partnering with Sky Island FotoFauna to offer patrons the opportunity to participate in a citizen science project to help photograph and document wildlife in our own unique sky islands.

Participants will receive a camera kit with instructions on where and how to set up the camera. Kits are checked out for one month, after which, participants then submit an online monthly FotoFauna checklist of the species they observe. For more information, please stop by the CQL, or visit skyislandalliance.org



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COPPER QUEEN TOOL LIBRARY @ THE CQ LIBRARY ANNEX



Our Tool Library offers free checkout of home and garden tools and more with your Copper Queen Library Card.

This program eliminates cost-related barriers to home improvements and encourages community sharing.

HOW IT WORKS

Patrons must be at least 18 years old to utilize the tool library.

Only patrons may use tools : Patrons may not permit any other person to use items that the patron has checked out.

Patron must sign a Tool Library Policy and Waiver Form.

Tools must be checked out from and returned to the CQ Library Annex during regular operating hours.

Tools may be checked out for 7 days and may be renewed.

All tools must be returned clean and in the same condition as they were issued,

LOCATION

CQ Library Annex

519 W. Melody Lane
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-5381 | ext. 1011

HOURS

Wed / Thurs—10 AM—3 PM

Friday—Noon—5 PM



Scan the QR Code to access the Tool Library in the Online Catalog.



A COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM | ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE
6 MAIN STREET | BISBEE, AZ | 520-432-4232 | COPPERQUEENLIBRARY.COM

COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

1 Headquarters move



45,043

Items transferred between
Cochise County libraries



427,339

Physical items checked out countywide

132,008

Children's items checked out countywide



74,404

Ebook and digital audio checkouts

annual highlights 2021/22

BUSY BRANCHES

The rural branch libraries in Bowie, Elfrida, Portal, Sunizona, and Sunsites checked out 37,474 physical items and 4,187 digital titles between July 2021 and June 2022. The branch libraries hosted 12,118 visits from the public, and provided 23,280 computer and wifi sessions during the year.



BIG CHANGES

After years of planning, Library District staff moved from Old Bisbee to Melody Lane in November 2021. Library collections were moved in May 2022, and new shelving was installed in June.

MORE TO COME

Library District staff are excited to take on new projects now that the headquarters move is complete. Look for fun new programs and continuing improvements at the branches in the coming year.



See more from your library at cochiselibrary.org